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## **IMPORTANT 2009 DATES:**

Th	Jan 8	Board Meeting
Mo	Feb 2	Membership Meeting
Th	Mar 5	Board Meeting
Mo	April 6	Membership Meeting
Th	May 7	Board Meeting
Mo	June 1	Membership Meeting
Th	July 9	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 3	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 5	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 5	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 7	Membership Meeting

Membership meetings are held  
11:30 am—12:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the  
Firehouse Restaurant, Harrisburg, except on  
December 7.

## **THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*by Andy Hill*



There is snow on the ground, my kids are making their Christmas lists and another legislative session is drawing to a close. It has been an honor to be PAGR's president these last two years. From my perspective a lot has happened in the last two years but in some respects not much has changed. In other respects

everything has changed.

In July of 2007 the General Assembly passed Act 44, which would have tolled I-80 to provide funding for transportation; but 16months latter we are no closer to tolls on the road.

In the last legislative session they passed Continuing Education for engineers, land surveyors and geologists- we are still working on how to implement that

law; not unlike the two years that have been spent on Lobbyist Disclosure Regulations.

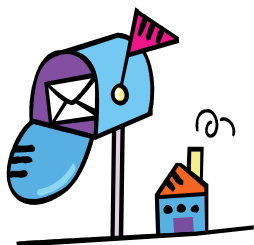
A lot has happened with those regulations, numerous meetings (thankfully others from PAGR attended), hours of discussion, and reams of paper written but we have little more clarity than when the process began. But I should not be surprised; I preach to my members that we have a system that is slow and deliberate.

But there are many things that have changed. We

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**Meeting Notice**

**Monday December 1, 2008**  
**4:00—6:00 pm**  
**McGrath's Pub**  
**Second Floor**  
**202 Locust Street • Harrisburg**



- We will be voting on 2009 Board of Directors
- We will be offering HOLIDAY CHEER (complimentary beer, wine & munchies)

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*\*must be voted on by membership*

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *by Andy Hilt*

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are now living in a Harrisburg without CBK, Senators Vince Fumo and Rodger Madigan and many others. I grew up outside of Philadelphia; so there was always Vince Fumo; I started in politics in the mid -1980's so for me there was always CBK. When I started with the Senate I worked for Senator Mellow in the mid 1990's and now I deal with transportation issues, so there was always Rodger Madigan.

But the biggest change for me will be Dan Surra not being here. I ran Dan's campaign in 1992. His victory that year is part of the reason that I ended up in Harrisburg. I remember leaving suburban Philadelphia and heading to very rural Elk County. That was quite an eye opener for me. As I look back on that campaign I feel old! When I showed up in St Mary's Dan had three young kids, Dan is now a grandfather and I have three kids about the same age that Dan's were in 1992. Where does the time go?

I would like to thank the members of the PAGR Board for running the organization these past two years. I also want to thank Christine Corrigan for really running the organization and more importantly for putting up with all the things that I complain about my volunteers doing (or not doing) that I turned around and did. Thank you for your support of PAGR and Happy Holidays! ☺

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