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IMPORTANT 2011 DATES:

Th	Jan 13	Board Meeting
Mo	Feb 7	Membership Meeting
Th	Mar 3	Board Meeting
Mo	April 4	Membership Meeting
Th	May 12	Board Meeting
Mo	June 6	Membership Meeting
Th	July 7	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 8	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 3	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 3	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 5	Membership Meeting

Membership meetings are held
11:30 am—12:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the
Firehouse Restaurant, Harrisburg, except on
December 5.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Brinda Carroll Penyak

Finding Consistency in a Time of Change

As we begin the new year, it's clear that 2011 will usher in significant change on many fronts. Change will come with a new Governor who brings a whole new administration, a change in party control in the House accompanied by new committee chairs, Senate leaders rising to fill positions left vacant by retiring members, and newly elected members of Congress heading to Washington expecting to be major catalysts in shaping policy.

Amidst all of this change, one point of consistency has been the support that PAGR offers to members, serving as the only association in Harrisburg for the single purpose of representing the interests of the lobbying community, encouraging

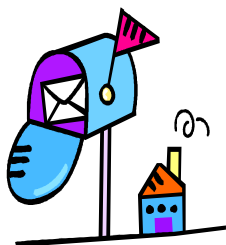
personal and professional conduct that meets the highest standards. During the past two years, Peter Calcara led the board in meeting significant challenges in assuring your interests were served, through direct participation in the regulatory

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comment process increasing registration fees, and implementation of the lobbying law. While I hope we, as a profession, are not unduly challenged in the next few months and years, Peter's example of leadership and professional representation will serve us well in our response, and I thank him for setting a great example.

Taking the reins of this organization is truly a privilege, and my hope as your president is for every member of the lobbying community to see as much value as I do in belonging to PAGR. PAGR has been around since 1991, formed by your colleagues to give a voice to all lobbyists on matters that affect our profession. PAGR has continued to expand its services to members through its communication of hot topics, membership

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Monday February 7, 2011
11:30 am —12:45 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
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Our Guest will be
Rep. Bryan Cutler
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profession. PAGR has continued to expand its services to members through its communication of hot topics, membership meetings featuring key Harrisburg insiders, expert testimony and commentary on lobbying registration, the law and regulations, and links to important resources where we can obtain lobbyist identification badges.

PAGR will soon expand member services once again to offer a new opportunity for an option to purchase group dental and vision benefits at a very competitive cost. These benefits are available only to PAGR members and their families, with participating providers throughout Pennsylvania, not just in the Harrisburg area. Please watch for additional information on this new benefit in the very near future.

As we all navigate the turbulent tides of our changing state government, PAGR members should find some comfort in knowing that your association will continue to engage on behalf of the lobbying community. I would encourage you to take a look at the PAGR website, if you haven't done so recently. Members are urged to participate in surveys seeking your input on our interaction with the lobbyist registration and reporting process, and to let your board know what types of programming would be helpful for your professional development. Consider joining a PAGR committee, and get more involved in planning events. Take some time to view the PAGR calendar, and plan to attend the membership meetings this year.

Whether you walk the halls of our state capitol daily, or only now and again, know that PAGR will continue to look out for your interests, as a government relations professional. I encourage you to make the best of your membership, and take advantage of all it has to offer. ☯

The mission statement of the Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations, Inc. (PAGR) is to promote the purpose and effectiveness of the lobbying profession consistent with the public interest. Further, association members encourage high standards of personal and professional conduct among all lobbyists. ☯