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**Lobbypalooza
2011**

**Thursday, September 8, 2011
Hilton Harrisburg
9:00 AM—5:00 PM**

Multiple sessions including,
but not limited to:

- *Fall Agendas from the House, Senate and Governors' office.*
 - *Redistricting*
- *PACs, Emerging Technologies - Do's & Don'ts*
- *Changes in Meetings/Webinars*
 - *Lobbying 101*
 - *Cocktail Networking hour*

Registration forms and more details will be posted on our website and sent to you this summer!

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Brinda Carroll Penyak



Our Little Corner of the World

PAGR was pleased to have Rep. Bryan Cutler join our membership luncheon recently to talk about his legislation, HB 103, which he drafted to address deliberate failure to comply with the registration and reporting requirements for lobbyists. At the time, his bill was moving rapidly through the House, and was expected to be voted within days of his presentation. PAGR members expressed concerns with specific provisions in his bill, and as a result of follow-up discussions between Representative Cutler, PAGR board members, and others in the lobbying community, a series of amendments has been drafted to address many of those issues. Rep. Cutler will be working with the Senate to amend the bills.

Coincidentally, many of the problems perceived with the bill relate directly to issues with the system we must use to register and report, and our speaker for the next PAGR member meeting was Carol Aichele, Secretary of the Commonwealth, who at the time of her presentation was awaiting Senate confirmation. Secretary Aichele welcomed the PAGR board request to work together in finding solutions to the difficulties experienced by lobbyists encountering system problems and technical issues that could result in their appearing to be non-compliant. PAGR is following up with Secretary Aichele to determine how best to move forward.

In case you haven't renewed your lobbyist badge and got stuck in that long front door line behind students of all ages, and other groups exercising their rights, you can find details on how to renew on the PAGR website. It's been a busy spring in the capitol, and I can't recall seeing the hallways so crowded in prior years. With the expected mid-June completion of the state budget process, I wonder whether this trend will continue. At least a source of nourishment is available in the capitol once again, for those

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11:30 am —12:45 pm

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We will announce the name as soon as
he is confirmed.

ALL MEMBERS ARE FREE!
ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$25.
PLEASE RSVP BY June 3 TO
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THANK YOU.

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days when you just can't leave, and the return of "Taco Tuesdays" is welcome news to many.

PAGR recently conveyed our thanks and best wishes to PAGR Treasurer Eric Kratz, who has left his lobbying job to become Policy Specialist at PA Department of Labor & Industry. We will miss Eric, and look forward to keeping in touch in his new capacity. Meanwhile, the PAGR Board has promoted Gabrielle Sedor from her Association Lobbyist position to Treasurer. PAGR now needs to replace that position. Anyone who is interested should contact Christine immediately.

See you in the hallways! ✦

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