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The NewsPAGR

Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations

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Save the Date



Election Results Party

Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Firehouse Restaurant

MISSION STATEMENT



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. ☺

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Peter Calcara



Lobbypalooza 2010 —Here's What You Missed!

PAGR's 2010 Lobbypalooza was another success. Though the number of attendees was down slightly from last year, all who attended agreed

the program was worthwhile. If you didn't attend, here is a quick look at what you missed.

We started the morning with a session on speed networking. While designed for newer lobbyists, the small group settings gave all participants an opportunity to get advice from colleagues or simply gain a potential future contact.

Next we heard from David Patti, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Business Council, who gave his usual insightful outlook on Congressional, gubernatorial, and state legislative races. Dave's one-man Lt. Governor debate alone was worth the price of admission to Lobbypalooza!!

Following up on last year's successful Social Networking 101 session, Abby Foster of Geisler Media and Issue Advocacy and Jeff Jubelirer of Jubelirer Strategies introduced some of us to the many new social media networking platforms and the importance

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of incorporating them into your overall advocacy efforts.

Our last, and perhaps most anticipated, session was a lobbying disclosure update provided by Michael Shields of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLP. As usual, Mike did a thorough job of updating us on the latest lobbying disclosure issues and campaign finance reform proposals under consideration in the state House and Congress. He also gave a great overview of the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia lobbying disclosure laws. His 25-page lobbying and campaign finance treatise is a keeper!

All in all the program was a great way to network with colleagues, build new relationships, and learn some new things about how to make our profession viable in the 21st century.

One final note, members are the lifeblood of any organization and staying relevant to your membership is critical to your success. To this end I am appointing a task force to review PAGR's bylaws and make recommendations as needed. As the only unified voice of the lobbying community in Harrisburg, PAGR must continue to have a presence on our behalf. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of your organization, drop me an email at palcara@picpa.org or contact Christine Corrigan at info@pagr.com.

Our next membership luncheon will be Monday, October 4, 2010 at the Firehouse. Our invited guests are the Lt. Governor candidates—Jim Cawley (R) and Rep. Scott Conklin (D). Hope to see you there! ☩

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN

Lobbypalooza
2010

ESPECIALLY:

Brian Barno • Fred Brown • Peter Calcara • Judy Eschberger • Abby Foster • Andy Hilt • Jeff Jubelirer • Larry Light • Kathy Mebus • Ted Mowatt • David Patti • Michael Shields • David Tive.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Dotto
PA INSTITUTE of CPA's

Lauren Gutshall
APSCUF

Lydia Hollinger
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COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ASSN of PA

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EQUITABLE GAS CO

Meeting Notice

Monday October 4, 2010
11:30 am—12:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
Third Floor
606 N. 2nd Street • Harrisburg

CONFIRMED Guest Speaker:

Rep. Scott Conklin

Democratic Nominee for
Lieutenant Governor



ALL MEMBERS ARE FREE!

*ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE
CHARGED \$25*

*PLEASE RSVP BY October 1 TO
717-540-4391 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
11:30 AM—12:30 PM
FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ELECTION RESULTS PARTY**
8 PM—11 PM
FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT, HARRISBURG
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
4:00 PM—6 PM
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