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# The NewsPAGR

**Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Brittany Mako



Happy New Year PAGR Members!

As we look to 2024, I want to remind everyone to renew their PAGR Membership, so we can continue to build upon our progress in programming and membership from last year. Please consider joining a committee –

Membership, Lobbypalooza, Public Policy – to help contribute to our growth. If there are lobbyists who you believe are good prospective PAGR members that you would like myself or another member of the board to reach out to, let us know, and we will do so.

In 2024 we hope to have a minimum of three in-person events, including Lobbypalooza and Capitol Happy Hours. We are looking to bring top speakers to our PAGR Membership Meetings from the Governor's office to key staffers and members of legislative leadership. Per usual, if you have suggestions for speakers, please let myself or Ted Mowatt our Programming Chair know.

I believe in the importance of PAGR now more than ever. We continue to fight for lobbying badges to grant us quicker access to the Capitol building and the ability to utilize our phones in the House Gallery. Our Public Policy Committee is constantly reviewing new legislation that would impact our industry. **Advocating on our behalf is vital to ensure we can effectively do our jobs.**

The 2024 session might be starting out slow, but the year surely has lots in store for us given the nature of Presidential Election cycles. I look forward to seeing you all in the Capitol, at fundraisers, and of course at PAGR events. While we may not all work on the same issues, we are all subject to the whim of the legislature!



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2024  
Membership Meetings  
via Zoom

Friday, February 2

Friday, April 5

Friday, June 7

Friday, October 4

Friday, December 6

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In-person events

Capitol Happy Hours  
Spring

Lobbypalooza 2024  
October 18

# New Members



**Dominic DiFrancesco, III**  
CROSSTATE CREDIT UNION  
ASSOCIATION

**Timothy Eller**  
COMMONWEALTH CHARTER ACADEMY

**Joseph Gerdes III**  
PA STATE ASSN of TWP SUPERVISORS

**Liesl Keener**  
PA FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

**Steven Lapetina**  
PA BAR ASSOCIATION

**Lauren Mishoe**  
PURSUIT ADVOCACY

**Brian Rengert**  
PA STATE ASSN of TWP SUPERVISORS



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**2024 PAGR Membership dues**  
Please pay by January 31.

Please pay \$195 online by credit card  
<https://www.pagr.org/Join-PAGR>  
or  
by check made payable to PAGR  
and send to  
PAGR  
PO Box 116, Harrisburg, PA 17109

## CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

### **Membership and Member Services**

**Committee** – shall be responsible for recruitment and retention of all classes and categories of members and the development and implementation of a program of benefits and services to the members.

**Nominating Committee** - shall nominate candidates for the required offices and directorships of the Association as provided in these Bylaws and report such nominations to the President at least ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting. Said nominations shall be voted upon at the Annual Meeting by active members as these Bylaws prescribe.

### **Professional Standards and Ethics**

**Committee** – shall be responsible for enforcing the Standards of Conduct, investigation any and all complaints filed against members for violations of the Standards, recommending sanctions against members found to have violated the Standards, and conducting professional development and continuing education programs for members and non-members.

**Program Committee** – shall be responsible for developing and running the programs at all regular meetings of the Association, at the Annual Meeting, at any special meetings and for any social events approved by the Board.

**Public Affairs Committee** – shall develop and implement a campaign to represent the Association to the general public and the state government through whatever means are proper and are approved by the Board, including press releases and press conferences, and testifying at public hearings when necessary.

*If you would like to participate, please reach out to Christine at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org).*

# Meeting Notice

**Friday, February 2**  
**11:30 am —12:30 pm**

**ZOOM**  
**PAGR Membership Meeting**

**Guest Speakers:**



**Chris Ramsey**  
*Legislator Director*  
*Senator Lisa Baker's office*

**Ryan Shovlin**  
*Executive Director*  
*Senate Judiciary Committee*

**PAGR MEMBERS ONLY**

*2024 dues must be received by January 31*  
*To attend.*

*Zoom link with RSVP will be sent next week.*  
*Thank you.*

# 2024 PAGR Board



## Officers

**President.....Brittany Mako**  
**Vice President.....Alex Halper**  
**Secretary.....Jim Willshier**  
**Treasurer.....Ted Mowatt**

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**Association.....Lisa Schaeffer**  
**Corporate.....Lisa Post**  
**Lawyer.....Judy Eschberger, Esq.**  
**Independent.....Mary Keenan**  
**At Large.....Amal Mahrouki**  
**At Large.....Mike Maguire**

**Immediate Past President**  
**Pete Trufahnstock**

**Executive Director**  
**Christine Corrigan**

# 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. ±*