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# The NewsPAGR

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Richards, S.R. Wojdak & Associates



### Happy Spring!

It's finally spring and the budget season in Harrisburg is well underway. There is much optimism throughout the Capitol that this year could finally be the year that we have a budget completed close to June 30 and with less contention. Whatever happens in the coming weeks it is sure to be an interesting time.

After several unanimous votes in the House and Senate, Governor Wolf signed HB 1175 into law on February 14. This is an issue that will affect everyone in lobbying community. Act 2 of 2018 requires all lobbyists to register with the Department of State electronically and increases the fines and penalties for failure to do so. Transparency and accountability for the lobbying profession are the driving forces behind this legislation. Many PAGR members have expressed concern that the Department of State's current electronic filing system is often inaccurate or does not reflect changes in registrations. PAGR is working with key legislative staffers and the Department of State to ensure that the lobbying community's concerns are heard and that new electronic filing system is as accurate and responsive as possible. We want to ensure that the Department of State is held to the same high standards to which the lobbying profession is held.

In Association news, I encourage you to register for the next Membership Meeting which will be held 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM on April 9 at the Firehouse Restaurant. There is no cost to PAGR members with registration and guests are \$30. This month we are



### 2018 DATES

Mo	April 9	Membership Meeting
Th	May 3	Board Meeting
Mo	June 4	Membership Meeting
Th	June 14	Capital Happy Hour
Th	July 12	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 6	Board Meeting
	Fall	Lobbypalooza 2018
Mo	Oct 1	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 1	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 3	Membership Meeting

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

**2018 NEW MEMBERS**

**Jared Gibbons**  
Appalachian Region  
Independent Power Producers  
Association

**Richard Gibbons**  
Pennsylvania Medical Society

**Rosemarie Halt**  
Maternity Care Coalition

**Joan Martin**  
Wojdak Government Relations

**Michael McGraw**  
PA PHCC

**Laura Ness**  
BAYADA Home Health Care

**Melonease Shaw**  
Maven Inc

**Welcome new members.**

**We truly believe PAGR will be  
better with you as a member  
and you will be better by being  
a PAGR member!**

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fortunate to have Mike Brunelle, Chief of Staff for Governor Wolf, as our speaker. Mr. Brunelle brings his considerable experience in state government and his unique perspective on the Wolf Administration to PAGR members and is a presentation that is sure to be highly informative.

I am happy to announce that we will host our fifth annual Capitol Happy Hour with House and Senate staffers on June 14. This has become a great event that allows us to connect socially with key staff people and our colleagues. More details, including sponsorship opportunities, will be forthcoming, so stay tuned

Lastly, Lobbypalooza will be returning in the fall of 2018. Your PAGR Board is discussing ideas for new program topics and the planning committee will be meeting shortly to nail down specifics for the day. This is always a much anticipated event and we expect to have more detailed information for you soon.

Again, I would like to stress that this is *your* association and we want to make sure that you are getting the most you can from your membership. If you have new program ideas, let us know. If you have ideas on legislation or initiatives you would like to see PAGR address, let us know. I look forward to seeing you on April 9.

# **Lobbypalooza 2018**

Lobbypalooza 2018 Planning Committee will be meeting soon. If you would like to be a part of the planning or have ideas for the program, contact Christine at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org). PAGR prides itself in offering informative and valuable programs that are unique to our membership. Help us continue this tradition with you input.



# 2018 Capitol Happy Hours

**ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

**Thursday June 14, 2018—5:00—7:00 PM**

**Entire Second Floor and exclusive use of the deck at  
Sturges Speakeasy  
400 Forster Street, Harrisburg**

**Want the chance to entertain House & Senate staffers in a fun and relaxed atmosphere?**

**Want to do it for one low, affordable price? Just \$250.**

**Become a SPONSOR of PAGR's Networking Happy Hour.**

Enjoy two (2) tickets to this special event, proper signage listing your company as a sponsor and the chance to arrive early and greet our legislative friends as they arrive. All for just \$250.

**SPONSORSHIP is the ONLY way Non-PAGR members can attend this event.**

**ATTENDEES: Not interested in Sponsorship, PAGR members only can attend for \$40 per person.**

**Please complete and return with payment this form before June 8, 2018**

NAME

COMPANY

EMAIL

PHONE

**Yes, I would like to sponsor PAGR's Capitol Happy Hour on June 14, 2018 for \$250.**

Credit card number

expiration date

security code

Billing address

Billing zip code

Questions can be directed to Christine Corrigan at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org) or 717.939.1900  
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**Meeting Notice**



**Monday April 9**  
**11:30 am — 12:30 pm**  
**Firehouse Restaurant**  
**Third Floor**  
**606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg**

**Speaker:**



**Mike Brunelle,**  
**Chief of Staff to Governor Wolf**

**Special Guests:**

**Greg Rudder**

**Chris Barber**

**YMCA**

**Colin Black**

**YMCA Youth Governor**

**ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2018 DUES ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$30.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY April 5 TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG. THANK YOU.**

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