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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Richards, S.R.Wojdak & Associates



Well, it's finally spring and the budget season in Pennsylvania is well underway!

During this time, PAGR is working hard to support its members in the lobbying profession by offering them a variety relevant programs and networking opportunities to design to help our members develop both professionally and personally. I highly recommend taking advantage of these opportunities by attending upcoming membership meetings and programs and by letting the PAGR Board know of any program ideas you or your organization would like PAGR to offer.

On that note, the next PAGR membership meeting will be held on April 3 at the Firehouse Restaurant. Lunch begins at 11:30 am, with the meeting beginning around noon. This month we are 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. Also joining us will be State YMCA CEO Greg Rudder and 2017 Youth Governor Lainey Newman to discuss the upcoming YMCA Youth Government model convention. This is a great organization and is the only student-led, student-run, mock government experience of its kind in Pennsylvania. Each year, the State YMCA teaches democracy to hundreds of middle and high school students through hands-on experiences in the chambers of the Pennsylvania Capitol. We look forward to hearing from them. As always, there is no cost for the lunch to PAGR members.

New on the PAGR website (www.pagr.org) is a new Internship tab. This new feature is designed to give PAGR members the ability to post their company's upcoming internships and browse the resumes of candidates interested in pursuing internships in the government relations field. Check the tab frequently as it will continue to develop over the next several months.

Lastly, Lobbypalooza will be returning in the fall of 2017. Your PAGR Board has been 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, the PAGR Board, what to make sure that you are getting the most you can from your membership. So, please, let us know how we can best serve you. 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 3!

2017 DATES

Mo	April 3	Membership Mtg
Th	May 4	Board Meeting
Mo	June 5	Membership Mtg
Th	June 15	Capitol Happy Hours
Th	July 6	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 7	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 2	Membership Mtg
FALL		Lobbypalooza
Th	Nov 2	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 4	Membership Mtg

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

2017 NEW MEMBERS

Sherry Bonawitz
Sunoco Logistics

Matthew Brouillette
The Commonwealth Partners

Joshua Eisner
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Nancy Harder
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Penn State University

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PA Bar Association

Tierra Pritchett
Health Partners Plans

Brittany Rieker
Capital Blue Cross

David Ruth
Northampton Community College

Donald Smith
Crisci Associates

Zane Swanger

David Thompson
PA Medical Society

got internship?

If you do, PAGR wants to promote it — for FREE!

As you know, PAGR has become your company's go-to when searching for the most qualified candidates for job openings. Well, now we plan to do it for interns and internship programs too!

Here's how's it work: Beginning April 1, login into our website (www.pagr.org) and click on the Internship tab. There you will be able to post information about the internships your company offers and/or the information of students looking to be placed in a government relations opportunity. PAGR will post it our our website and send it to our membership.

It's a win-win-win. Your company gets help in finding qualified candidates, the student gets real world experience and PAGR has found another way to assist our members and promote our profession. ☺



2017-18 Legislative directories are coming....
March 31

If you placed an order, I will deliver /send to you as soon as I get them. If you'd like me to bring them to our April 3rd meeting — let me know.

I have a few extras that I will sell for \$10 each. First come, first serve. info@pagr.org.



2017 Capitol Happy Hours

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Thursday June 15, 2017—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.

Please complete and return this form with payment . Check, visa or MasterCard accepted. Deadline is Friday, June 9, 2017

NAME

COMPANY

EMAIL

PHONE

Yes, I would like to sponsor PAGR's Capitol Happy Hour on June 15, 2017 for \$250.

Credit card number

expiration date

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Questions can be directed to Christine Corrigan at info@pagr.org or 717.939.1900
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Meeting Notice

Monday April 3
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
YMCA CEO
Lainey Newman
YMCA Youth Governor

PAGR will be making our annual \$2,000 donation to the YMCA's Youth & Government program.

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2017 DUES ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$25. PLEASE RSVP BY March 31 TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG. THANK YOU.

Thank you for your support!

PAGR is better by having YOU as a member and YOU are better by being a member of PAGR!

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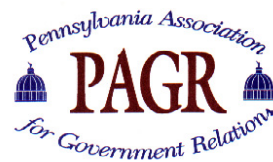
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