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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Justin Fleming



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your families and are gearing up for another year of lobbying and advocacy on behalf of your clients. It has been a pleasure serving as your president during the 2021-22 legislative session and while we didn't accomplish all of our goals, it

was not for lack of effort from the PAGR Board and staff. As you may know, I will embark on a new role next year as a member of the PA General Assembly, but I am grateful for my time on the PAGR Board and I will now advocate to leadership to restore the ability to use phones in the gallery and reinstate the previous policy on badges.

I'm proud of the work that we did to establish a "new normal" for our membership meetings and events in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our participation in membership meetings consistently exceeded 50 members and the programming committee presented great guests including legislative leaders and staff who offered valuable information that was useful to you as a GR professional. This all culminated in hosting Lobbypalooza in person (thanks to the PA Chamber for the great venue and hospitality) which was extremely well received by attendees. Additionally, in testimony to the PA House and Senate, PAGR did a great job of articulating the shortcomings of the lobbying disclosure bill package which blunted the momentum of the legislation.

Again, I challenge you members to continue to grow this organization and increase the membership of this great group! While my involvement is coming to an end, I am so encouraged by the direction of PAGR because of the wonderful new Board members and your next President Brittany Mako, who will be amazing. Please RSVP to our next membership meeting by contacting Christine at info@pagr.org. I look forward to seeing you all in a new capacity and wish you much success in the 2023-24 session. ✦

**Congrats
to our Justin!**

**PAGR's loss
is PA 105th's gain!**

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**

2023 PAGR Membership dues

Were sent this week via email & mail.

Please pay \$195 online by credit card link or
by check made payable to PAGR and sent to
PO Box 116, Harrisburg, PA 17109

New Members



Joe Cullen
Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance

Jake Felker
The Hospital & Healthsystem of PA

Julie Fitzpatrick
PA Downtown Center

Beth Gardner
Saxton & Stump

Rachel Goodgal
Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance

Emily Greene
Americans for Prosperity—PA

Grant Gulibon
PA Farm Bureau

Adam Hosey
Planned Parenthood Keystone

Anna King
PA Bar Association

Ashley Klingensmith
Americans for Prosperity—PA

Heidi Ryan
The Hospital & Healthsystem of PA

Melissa Shafer
St. Lukes University Health Network

Zakiya Stewart
Teach Plus

Bailey Thumm
PA Farm Bureau

Jeaneen Zappa
Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

After continued discussions and communications with our members, the PAGR board has come to the conclusion that approximately half of our members prefer meetings in person and approximately half our members prefer meeting virtually. So no definitive preference! To appeal to all, we have planned a schedule for 2023 which offers both options.

The plan is to hold all five membership meetings virtually. We have decided to offer these meetings on Fridays at lunch time instead of Mondays. Our attendance has nearly tripled while doing virtual meetings and the availability of speakers has significantly increased.

Because we recognize the importance of in-person networking, we will also be offering in-person events such as Capitol Happy Hours, Lobbypalooza and various pop-up training and social events.

Below is a list of the tentative dates of our membership meetings. We will certainly keep you posted on any changes/additions as soon as they are made.

Thank you for sticking with PAGR. Please send in your membership renewal today and recommend PAGR to a friend. ***Our voice gets louder and stronger with each member.***

**2023 Membership Meetings
11:30 am—12:30 pm**

Friday February 3

Friday April 14

Friday June 2

Friday October 13

Friday December 1

Meeting Notice

Friday December 9
11:30 am —12:30 pm

ZOOM

PAGR Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Rep. Jordan Harris (D-186)
House Democratic Whip



PAGR MEMBERS ONLY

*You must **RSVP** by **Wednesday December 7**
TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.
Meeting materials and meeting coordinates for
the meeting will be sent Wednesday .*

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for 2-year term*

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