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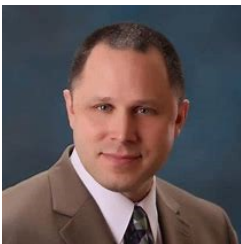
# The NewsPAGR

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Peter Trufahnestock, Columbia Gas



Dear PAGR Members:

As this unusual legislative session and even more unusual year comes to a close, I want to thank those of you who stood by PAGR throughout it all. For most of us, the best part of PAGR is networking with colleagues, along with hearing off-the-record remarks by important stakeholders at our regular luncheons. It is easy to think "hey, did I get my money's worth?" Well I, for one, think the answer is yes.

For just \$270 (\$195 membership fee plus \$75 Lobbyalooza cover charge), PAGR held several virtual events, including an election preview and a full day Lobbyalooza. PAGR also successfully negotiated with the Department of State to delay filing deadlines when no one was sure how they would get access to their office materials. When PAGR pushed legislative leaders to put committee amendments online, they responded by opening up the Capitol (not the result we wanted, but our pressure helped move things along).

Compare that to some associations that cost hundreds if not thousands of dollars. Just today I attended a single virtual event that cost \$300, on top of several thousand dollars worth of membership fees. Now, I realize I work for a big company, but PAGR is affordable by almost any measure. \$195 per year. Just \$22.50 per month if you attended Lobbyalooza, or \$16.25 per month for a regular membership. That's just a little bit more than an HBO streaming account!

So again, thanks to those who stuck with us. Hope to see you all at our virtual membership meeting December 7 and in person in 2021!



**2021**

### Membership Meetings

**Monday, February 8**

**Monday April 12**

**Monday June 7**

**Monday October 4**

**Monday December 6**

**Time and Location of  
Membership Meetings TBD**

**Capitol Happy Hour  
Summer, 2021**

**Lobbyalooza 2021  
Fall, 2021**

**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**

**2021 Dues invoices will be sent this week.  
Payment can be made by check or credit card.  
Please consider joining a committee and return payment  
by 01/31/2021.**

# Lobbypalooza 2020

PAGR's Annual Lobbying Skills Building Symposium was a bit different this year. No in-person event but still the high quality programming that you have come to expect. We had four informative sessions and an entertaining moderator in PAGR President Pete Trufahnestock.

Thank you members of the Leadership panel: Scott Sikorski, Mark Mekilo, Janelle Lynch and Ali Thomas. Thank you Zach Fuhman from the Department of State. Thank you Doug Furness, Melissa Bova, Michael Manzo and former PAGR President Gabby Sedor for the techniques of Lobbying in the Corona Era. Also, thank you to Michael Manzo and Brendan Schubert of Triad Strategies for their session on the RCAP process.

A big shout out to our PAGR Board of Directors and Lobbypalooza Planning Committee, especially Ted Mowatt and Judy Eschberger.

And finally, thank you to those companies who committed their sponsorship to our program:



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## 2020 NEW MEMBERS

**Eric Bugaile**  
Archer Public Affairs

**Alex Charlton**  
Exelon Corp

**Wayne Crawford**  
PA Association of Realtors

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**Amy Hill**  
Central PA Food Bank

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PA State System of Higher Education

**Melanie Horvath**  
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**Kimberly Ann Joyce**  
Aqua America

**Noah Logan**  
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**Andrea Mead**  
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**Ryan Prater**  
Central PA Food Bank

**Jesse Rodriguez**  
Excelon Corp

**Leeann Sherman**  
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Companies of PA

**Michael Smith**  
University of Pennsylvania

**Jarrett Smith**  
SEIU HCPA

**John Taylor**  
Archer Public Affairs

**Maggie Tracy**  
Bayada Home Health Care

**Mary Young**  
Association of Independent Colleges &  
Universities of PA

## Meeting Notice



**Monday December 7**  
**11:30 am — 12:30pm**  
**Zoom**

Please join your fellow  
PAGR members at our  
last meeting of the year.

Our Guest Speaker is:



**Rep. Kerry Benninghoff**  
**PA House Majority Leader**



**PLEASE RSVP BY December 2** to  
717-939-1900 or [info@PAGR.org](mailto:info@PAGR.org).  
On December 3rd, meeting materials and zoom  
coordinates will be sent to all who RSVP'd.  
Thank you.

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*Those names **BOLDED** need to be voted onto Board*

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