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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Justin Fleming, PA Partnerships for Children



Dear Members and Colleagues,

First, I am wishing all of you as well as your families and friends a very safe and happy Thanksgiving! While 2021 was not quite as limiting as the year 2020, it is still evident with the Delta variant and the figures related to COVID-19 case loads and hospitalizations that we are all still learning to live with this virus. With that in mind, PAGR is moving forward to plan events that appeal to a broad sector of our membership with both virtual (which have been very well attended) and in-person offerings for the coming year. The PAGR Board is still in the planning stages of what the 2022 events schedule will look like but keep watching out for the full details soon. Meanwhile, we do have a membership meeting virtually on December 6 at 11:30 a.m. and I urge you to RSVP to Christine with your attendance at info@pagr.org.

This was one of the busier fall legislative sessions that I can remember and as a reminder, PAGR member Judy Eschberger, Esq. and I got into the act with testimony before both a [House State Government Subcommittee](#) and the [Senate State Government Committee](#) discussing each chamber's vision for lobbying disclosure and reform. It was clear that our feedback was taken into consideration in the House as the State Government Committee recently held a voting meeting amending some of the bills in its lobbying reform package with some of our suggestions. We will continue working with members of the General Assembly to ensure that there is no undue encroachment on our constitutionally protected right to petition our government and advocate for all lobbyists.

With the work that we're doing and the ideas that we have, there is no better time to encourage colleagues to join PAGR. We were fortunate to hit our total membership goal last year, but as 2022 hopefully ushers in more of a sense of normalcy, we will have those opportunities to once again network with colleagues and build professional – and personal – relationships that will last a lifetime. To maintain the health of our organization, we need younger lobbyists in particular to infuse more energy and a fresh perspective into the organization. I hope you'll join me in bringing more people on board to build a stronger PAGR!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2022 PAGR Membership dues
will be sent this week via email.

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Calendar of Events

After numerous 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 2022 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, Lobbyalooza 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.***

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

Friday February 11

Friday April 8

Friday June 10

Friday October 7

Friday December 9

Meeting Notice

Monday December 6

11:30 am —12:30 pm

ZOOM

PAGR Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Treasurer Stacy Garrity



MEMBERS ONLY

You must RSVP by Friday December 3
TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.

Meeting materials and meeting coordinates for the meeting will be sent on the weekend prior.

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