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Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christina Mihalik, PA CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION



Uncertainty remains, but we do welcome 2016 with hope and positivity that party stakeholders will find a working solution to move the Commonwealth forward. As most of us are watching state developments, we want to bring to your attention a few matters that will directly affect the lobbying and government relations community.

A group of Senators have introduced legislation that will make how lobbyists interact with lawmakers more transparent. The six bill package would bring sweeping reform and require lobbyists to report anything of value given to lawmakers or state employees to increasing fines for lobbying law violations. Some other highlights include:

Require a biennial audit of the lobbying community that is currently commissioned by the Department of State to be made public.

Prohibit a lobbyist from owning, being a partner in, or serving as an officer or board member of any consulting firm which receives compensation for providing assistance with political campaigns. Also prohibits a lobbyist from working in a paid capacity for any political campaign.

The mission of the Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations (PAGR) is to promote the purpose and effectiveness of the lobbying profession consistent with the public interest. PAGR members encourage high standards of personal and professional conduct among all lobbyists. Just as transparency in the political process is important, we need to assure that those departments and agencies that govern our profession are efficient and held

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2016 DATES

Th	Jan 7	Board Meeting
Mo	Feb 1	Membership Meeting
Th	Feb 25	DOS Training
Th	Mar 3	Board Meeting
Mo	April 4	Membership Meeting
Th	May 5	Board Meeting
Mo	June 6	Membership Meeting
Th	July 7	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 8	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 3	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 3	Board Meeting
Tu	Nov 8	Election Night Party
Mo	Dec 5	Membership Meeting

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

2016 NEW MEMBERS

George Kenney
Temple University

Ronald G. Lench
Ron Lench

Maggie Livelsberger
United Way of PA

Paul J. Mathison
PJ Mathison

Michael Yantis
Highmark Inc

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accountable, so they too can meet today's open government demands.

The PAGR Policy Committee (Committee) will be examining the specifics of what the Senate's lobbying reform package entail and the impact it will have on PAGRs diverse membership. Meetings will also be scheduled with bill sponsors to discuss how we can collectively achieve the goal of more transparency without increasing the regulatory burden for the lobbying community. We welcome your feedback about these proposals. If you have comments about the bill package for the Committee to consider, please forward them to info@pagr.org.

Speaking of lobbying transparency and disclosure, please mark your calendars for an exclusive seminar with the Department of State (Department). Representatives from the Department will provide an "in the weeds" lobbying disclosure training for PAGR members on February 25 from 1-3 pm. Please bring your questions-and laptops! Our goal is to have an interactive session to benefit new and seasoned professionals, and the Department. Registration information can be found in the newsletter.

On behalf of the PAGR board, we look forward to seeing you at the February 1st membership meeting to kick off the new year. ☺



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PAGR members may bring one staff person that is not a registered lobbyist. All registered lobbyists who would like to attend must be or become a member of PAGR.

Pennsylvania Credit Union Association is located at 4309 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Please RSVP by February 18 to info@pagr.org

Meeting Notice

Monday February 1
11:30 am —12:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
Third Floor

606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg

Speaker: Secretary of State
Pedro Cortes



ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2016 DUES
ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE
CHARGED \$25.

PLEASE RSVP BY January 28 TO
717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.

MISSION STATEMENT



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Your 2016  **dues**
have been sent.

Encourage a co-worker to join too.

Please sign up for a committee
and return with payment
before January 31.

Thank you!

