# The NewsPAGR

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### by Christina Mihalik, PA CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION



The Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations (PAGR) promotes the purpose and effectiveness of the lobbying profession consistent with the public interest, and represents a diverse community of lobbying professionals. Firms, association, and businesses are just to name a few. The PAGR Policy Committee has been working extremely hard on the senate lobbying reform package to ensure our community has a favorable and transparent operating environment.

The Senate lobbying reform package will impact the majority of us, but to better position us on these proposals we request your input. PAGR members will be receiving a survey in the near future with a few questions relating to the bills and how they may affect your ability to represent your respective industry. Your feedback is valuable for this process as we want to eliminate the

chances of any unforeseeable consequences from these proposals.

PAGR supports the goal of transparency and believes lobbying reform should stick to disclosure, as the current act implies. The PAGR Policy Committee continues to work with bill sponsors and the committee to ensure the law sheds light on the activities as the public needs, and entitled, to know. It's also important to note, to achieve the desired cleansing effect the senate is seeking, campaign finance and spending reforms should be addressed if the ultimate goal is to achieve good policymaking. Members who have additional comments or concerns may contact Christine Corrigan, at info@pagr.org.

I would be remiss if I did not highlight the June 2 Capitol Happy Hours with Senate and House staff. Please join us for an evening of casual networking at the Sturges Speakeasy on June 2 from 5-7 pm. We anticipate a great turnout and thank the following sponsors to date for making the event possible: Broadband Cable Association of PA, Columbia Gas of PA/MD, First Energy, JAE Government Relations, The Hospital and Healthsystem Assn of PA, PA Bar Association, PA Chamber, PA Credit Union Association, PA Institute of CPA's, Pugliese Associates, Stevens & Lee, University of PA, Office of Government Affairs, Wanner Associates, Webber Associates and S. R. Wodjak and Associates. Sponsorships are still available at \$200, which includes two tickets and sign recognition at the event. The cost for PAGR members to attend is \$40.

On behalf of PAGR, I want to thank you for in advance for participating in the survey. I hope to see many of you at our June 6 membership meeting and the Capitol Happy Hours.

### **2016 DATES**

Th	June 2	Capitol Happy	
		Hours	
Мо	June 6	Membership Mtg	
Th	July 7	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
Th	Sept 8	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
Мо	Oct 3	Membership Mtg	
FALL		Lobbypalooza	
Th	Nov 3	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
Tu	Nov 8	Election Night	
		Party	
Мо	Dec 5	Membership Mtg	
Membership meetings are held			

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

# 2016 NEW MEMBERS



Alex Fabian
PA Institute of CPA's

# Lobbypalooza 2016

Is coming in the fall!

If you have program ideas, send them to Christine at info@pagr.org



Tuesday November 8th

Go Vote and then
Party with PAGR
8 pm—?
Firehouse Restaurant,
3rd Floor

# Capitol Happy Hour Sponsors

Thank you to all the Sponsors who are supporting our Capitol Happy Hours Events.

WE NEED YOU!

If you'd like your firms' name included in this list — contact Christine at info@pagr.org.

**Broadband Cable Association of PA** 

Columbia Gas of PA/MD

FirstEnergy Group

**JAE Government Relations** 

HAP

**PA Bar Association** 

PA Chamber of Business & Industry

**PA Credit Union Association** 

PA Institute of CPA's

**Pugliese Associates** 

Stevens & Lee

University of PA, Office of Government & Community Affairs

**Wanner Associates** 

Webber Associates

S.R. Wojdak & Associates

There is still room for YOU!



NAME

# 2016 Capitol Happy Hours

### **ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

Thursday June 2, 2016—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?

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. SPONSORSHIP is the ONLY way Non-PAGR members can attend this event.

ATTENDEES: Not interested in Sponsorship, PAGR Members can attend for \$40 per person.

Please complete and return this form with payment. Check, visa or MasterCard accepted. Deadline is May 27, 2016

COMPANY

EMAIL	PHONE		
$\square$ Yes, I would like to sponsor F	PAGR's Capitol Happy Hour on June	2, 2016 for <b>\$200</b> .	
☐ Yes, I would like to A	ATTEND PAGR's Capitol Happy Hou	r on June 2, 2016 for <b>\$40</b> .	
Credit card number	expiration date	security code	
Billing address	Billir	Billing zip code	

Questions can be directed to Christine Corrigan at info@pagr.org or 717.939.1900 PAGR—Post Office Box 116, Harrisburg, PA 17108 fax-717.939.7900

### Meeting Notice

### Monday June 6

11:30 am —12:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
Third Floor
606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg

### Speaker:



As soon as we have confirmed our next speaker, we will let you know.

Meanwhile, please RSVP because you will definitely be getting a FREE lunch.



ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2016
DUES ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF
MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$25.
PLEASE RSVP BY June 3 TO
717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.
THANK YOU.

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