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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Richards, S.R. Wojdak & Associates



Welcome to June and budget season, with all the uncertainty that accompanies this time of the year. Will Governor Wolf finally get a severance tax? Will actual revenue collections continue to be ahead of projections? Will we actually have an on-time budget this year? Get an early glimpse of what we may see this budget season by attending the next PAGR Membership Meeting Scheduled for Monday, June 4. The meet-

ing will feature House Democrat Whip, Mike Sturla who will bring the House Democrat Caucus perspective on the pending budget negotiations and what we can expect over the next few weeks. The lunch will begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting beginning around 12:00 PM. As always, PAGR members with paid dues are free of charge.

PAGR is actively working on HB 2337, Representative Pam Snyder's legislation to require anyone registered as a lobbyist to complete an unspecified training program in "ethics, discrimination, and harassment training as a condition of initial and continued registration." She is quoted as saying that because lobbyist are "tightly woven into the daily fabric of the Capitol and state government, they and their behavior, should not remain immune" from training.

States such as California, Illinois, Louisiana, and Maryland have either already adopted legislation or are in the process of considering legislation that would require lobbyist to complete sexual harassment training or face a penalty if in violation of sexual harassment code. We are working with Representative Snyder to figure out what this type of training would entail and ensure that the lobbying community is treated fairly. We also want it recognized that lobbyists have also been victims of sexual harassment.

Another date to remember is Thursday, June 14 when PAGR will again be hosting our annual Capitol Happy Hour where we will entertain House and Senate staffers in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. The event will be held on the second floor and deck of Sturges Speakeasy from 5:00-7:00

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2018 DATES

- Mo June 4 Membership Meeting
- Th June 14 Capital Happy Hour
- Fr July 13 Board Meeting
- Th Sept 6 Board Meeting
- Fr Sept 21 Lobbypalooza 2018
- Mo Oct 1 Membership Meeting
- Th Nov 1 Board Meeting
- Mo Dec 3 Membership Meeting

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

All PAGR members are free. Guests of PAGR members will be charged \$30.

An RSVP is required.



In order for PAGR to be successful, we need our members to be involved. The more active members we have in our organization, the more we can get done. Please consider joining a committee — if you are willing and able, please contact Christine at info@pagr.org.

Budget and Finance Committee –shall submit a proposed budget for the Association to the Board of Directors at its last meeting prior to the end of the fiscal year, and may perform such duties in connection with the finances of the Association as the Board may determine from time to time.

Membership and Member Services Committee – shall be responsible for recruitment and retention of all classes and categories of members and the development and implementation of a program of benefits and services to the members.

Nominating Committee - shall nominate candidates for the required offices and directorships of the Association as provided in these Bylaws and report such nominations to the President at least ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting. Said nominations shall be voted upon at the Annual Meeting by active members as these Bylaws prescribe.

Professional Standards and Ethics Committee – shall be responsible for enforcing the Standards of Conduct, investigation any and all complaints filed against members for violations of the Standards, recommending sanctions against members found to have violated the Standards, and conducting professional development and continuing education programs for members and non-members.

Program Committee – shall be responsible for developing and running the programs at all regular meetings of the Association, at the Annual Meeting, at any special meetings and for any social events approved by the Board.

Public Affairs Committee – shall develop and implement a campaign to represent the Association to the general public and the state government through whatever means are proper and are approved by the Board, including press releases and press conferences, and testifying at public hearings when necessary.

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PM. Sponsorships are available and event sponsors and two guests are welcomed free of charge. The cost for all other PAGR members is \$40 and includes food and beverages. Non-PAGR members can attend this event, but only by becoming a sponsor.

Committee has been meeting to discuss the day's agenda to ensure that we provide timely topics of discussion. We expect to have more detailed information for you soon. This is always a much anticipated event and we look forward to providing PAGR members with information they can use to advance our profession.

Finally elections to the PAGR Board will be held in December. If you are interested in holding a Board position please let us know. You are also encouraged consider joining one of PAGR's six membership committees: Nominating, Budget and Finance, Professional Standards, Programing, Public Affairs and Membership Committees.

I look forward to seeing you on June 4!

Lobbypalooza 2018

Friday, September 21, 2018

Hilton Harrisburg

Your Lobbypalooza 2018 Planning Committee has been working hard to plan the best program we can. If you would like to be a part of the planning or have ideas for the program, contact Christine at info@pagr.org. PAGR prides itself in offering informative and valuable programs that are unique to our membership. Help us continue this tradition with you input.



2018 Capitol Happy Hours

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Thursday June 14, 2018—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?

Want to do it for one low, affordable price? Just \$250.

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. All for just \$250.

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

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

Please complete and return with payment this form before June 8, 2018

NAME

COMPANY

EMAIL

PHONE

- Yes, I would like to sponsor PAGR's Capitol Happy Hour on June 14, 2018 for \$250.**
- Yes, I would like to attend PAGR's Capitol Happy Hour on June 14, 2018 for \$40**

Credit card number

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Meeting Notice



Monday June 4
11:30 am — 12:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
Third Floor
606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg

Speaker:



Representative Mike Sturla (D-96)

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2018 DUES ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$30.

You must RSVP BY June 1 TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG. THANK YOU.



If interested, contact Christine at info@pagr.org

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