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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Richards, S.R. Wojdak & Associates



It's fall once again in Harrisburg, and once again, we are in the midst of a protracted budget impasse. While it is anyone's guess how this year's stalemate will ultimately be resolved, it seems at the time of this writing, that all parties are serious about negotiating a final revenue package in the coming weeks. In the meantime, PAGR continues to create opportunities for its members to broaden their lobbying skills and expand their knowledge of the government relations profession.

With that in mind, we are very excited to bring you Lobbypalooza 2017 on Friday, October 13th at the Harrisburg Hilton.

This year's Lobbypalooza again promises to provide participants with insight to the latest legislative developments from senior House and Senate Leadership staff, forums on topical issues, Department of State compliance issues and a discussion on multi-level lobbying. The day begins with an 8:30 AM breakfast and is followed by a full day of valuable presentations. I encourage you to join us and consider one of the sponsorship opportunities. To register, please go to page three of this newsletter or www.pagr.org.

Additionally, I also encourage you to attend the next PAGR Membership meeting on October 2nd at the Firehouse Restaurant. Our guest will be Representative Mike Sturla. The lunch will begin at 11:30 AM with the membership meeting beginning at noon. As always, PAGR members with paid dues are free of charge.

As I have stressed in past issues of NewsPAGR, **this is your association and we, the PAGR Board, want to make sure that you are getting the most you can from your membership.** So, please, let us know how we can best serve you. If you have new program ideas, let us know. If you have ideas on legislation or initiatives you would like to see PAGR address, let us know. Additionally, please consider joining one of PAGR's six membership committees: Nominating, Budget and Finance, Professional Standards, Program, Public Affairs and Membership Committees.

I look forward to seeing you on October 2nd and October 13th. ±

2017 DATES

Mo	Oct 2	Membership Mtg
Fr	Oct 13	Lobbypalooza
Th	Nov 2	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 4	Membership Mtg

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

**Lobbypalooza will be held at the
Hilton, Harrisburg**

On June 15, 2017, PAGR hosted our **2017 Capitol Happy Hour** event at Sturges Speakeasy. PAGR invited PA House and Senate Committee Executive Directors and key staffers. PAGR members were joined by many staffers and enjoyed a couple of hours in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Thank you all who attended and thank you to all the sponsors who supported this event..

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Lobbypalooza 2017

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2017 on Friday October 13.*

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WE NEED YOU!

If you'd like to be on this list — please
contact Christine Corrigan at
info@pagr.org

Lobbypalooza 2017

Friday, October 13, 2017
Hilton Harrisburg

\$175/members
\$275/non-members*
*Includes 2017 PAGR membership

- 8:30—9:00 am **Registration, Breakfast**
- 9:00—10:30 am **What's Going On?:** Key policy makers from each Caucus speak about the Agenda. Q&A session, too.
Fall
SR's— Majority Leader office representative
SD— **Ron Jumper**, Democratic Leader's office
HR's—**Karen Coates**, Speaker's office
HD's— **Mike Schwoyer**, Democratic Leader's office
- 10:45 am —noon **50 Shades of Lobbying—Multi-state/Corporate v. Association**
Peter Trufahnestock, Columbia Gas of PA/MD,
Peter Calcara, Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's
TBD
- noon—12:40 pm **Lunch**
- 12:45 —1:05 pm **Surviving the Department of State**
Sherry Messimer, Commonwealth Compliance
Solutions
- 1:05 —2:45 pm **Into the Weeds:** Issues related to Medical Marijuana legalization.
Larry Clark, Department of State
Steve Schain, Montgomery County Attorney
Alex Halper, PA Chamber of Business and Industry
Andrew Blasco, PA Cannabis Coalition
John Martin, Pillar+Aught
- 3:00 —4:00 pm **Do's & Don'ts of Internship Programs**
Ted Mowatt, CAE, Wanner Associates
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Mike Cassidy, Temple University
Katie Rush, The Pennsylvania State University
Kathy Speaker MacNett, Esq., Skarlatos & Zonarich

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Speakers will be added to the line-up as they are confirmed.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CHECK ALL SESSIONS YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, COMPLETE THE INFO BELOW AND SEND WITH CHECK OR CREDIT CARD INFO BY October 9, 2017. PAGR's EIN # 25-1669383

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Meeting Notice

Monday October 2
11:30 am —12:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
Third Floor

606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg

Speaker:



Rep. Mike Sturla
Democratic Chairman,
Policy Committee

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2017 DUES ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$25. **PLEASE RSVP BY September 28** TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG. THANK YOU.

Thank you for your support!

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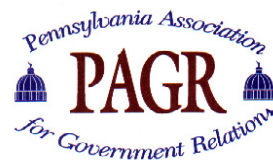
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