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# The NewsPAGR

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christina Mihalik, PA CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION



As we prepare for the budget season, and its uncertainty, I wanted to address a few things your Association is working on behalf of its members.

**PAGR is monitoring legislation** that will impact your ability to operate and represent your clients and members. Mandating electronic reporting, campaign finance measures, and the financial implications on lobbying services from the state budget are just a few issues that have surfaced this session.

PAGR always supported meaningful, common sense registration and reporting requirements for lobbyists. However, **it's important we hold those accountable for the current systems in place before any new legislation or regulation is considered.** Thank you to those who

have shared concerns about current reporting and registration issues. These examples provide additional support to our concerns when engaging with key stakeholders.

To further assist PAGR's efforts, I encourage you to join a PAGR committee. The Public Affairs Committee is one in particular that could use additional members and insight. This committee is in charge of monitoring legislation and designing a plan of action that reflects all PAGR members. I understand the time we invest and issues we track for our respective firms and organizations. The work of this committee is just as important. The collaboration of this committee ensures the lobbying community has an ideal operating environment so we can continue to do great work.

I also want to remind you of two special events. Please join us on September 17, 2015 for Lobbyalooza at the Harrisburg Hilton. Our planning committee has made this event extremely worthwhile for new and seasoned members of the government relations world. In addition, our last Happy Hour for the year will be held on June 11, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Sturges Speakeasy. Invited guests include the Executive Directors of each Senate Committee and key staff of the Senate Leadership. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Christine Corrigan at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org) for more information. ☺

### 2015 DATES

Mo	June 1	Membership Meeting
Th	June 11	Capitol Happy Hour #2
Th	July 9	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 10	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 17	Lobbyalooza 2015 Hilton Harrisburg
Mo	Oct 5	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 5	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 7	Membership Meeting

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

Capitol Happy Hour Events are held  
5:00—7:00 pm on the 2nd floor of the  
Sturges Speakeasy, Harrisburg

**2015 NEW MEMBERS**

**Rick Allan**  
Pugliese Associates

**Catherine Conner**  
PLS

**Margaret Durkin**  
Bravo Group

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Insurance Agents & Brokers PA

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PA AFL-CIO

**Janet VanDine**  
PPK Animal Healthcare, Inc.

**Jim Willshire**  
PA Assn Community Health Centers

**Josh Zimmerman**  
PA Game Commission

*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](mailto:info@pagr.org).

**Broadband Cable Association of PA**

**CenturyLink**

**Columbia Gas**

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**Highmark, Inc.**

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**PA Credit Union Association**

**Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's**

**Pennsylvania Retailers Association**

**Pugliese Associates**

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**The Hospital & Healthsystem Assn of PA**

**University of PA, Office of Government  
& Community Affairs**

**Wanner Associates, Inc.**

**Waste Management**

**Webber Associates**

**Lobbypalooza  
2015**

**Coming Thursday September 17  
to the Hilton Harrisburg**



# 2015 Capitol Happy Hours

Thursday, June 11 from 5—7 pm

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*Join Legislative Liaisons and Key Senate Staffers for*  
**Capitol Happy Hour**

When: **Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 5 pm—7 pm**

Where: **Sturges Speakeasy, 2nd floor  
400 Forster Street, Harrisburg**

Cost: **\$40 per PAGR member**

This event is for PAGR members and Sponsors only  
Non-members can only attend if a sponsor or guest of a sponsor.

**Please RSVP to Christine Corrigan at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org)  
by Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

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**NAME**

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Payment can be made by check, Visa or MasterCard. If paying by credit card, please include the following information:

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**Meeting Notice**

**Monday June 1**

**11:30 am — 12:30 pm**

**Firehouse Restaurant**

**Third Floor**

**606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg**



**Special Guest:**  
**The Honorable**  
**Daylin Leach**  
**PA State Senator**

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2015 DUES  
ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE  
CHARGED \$25.

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

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**MISSION STATEMENT**



*The mission statement of the Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations, Inc. (PAGR) is to promote the purpose and effectiveness of the lobbying profession consistent*

*with the public interest. Further, association members encourage high standards of personal and professional conduct among all lobbyists. ☉*