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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Justin Fleming, PA Partnerships for Children



Dear members and colleagues,

In many respects, 2020 feels like a lost year. The COVID-19 pandemic affected so many aspects of our personal and professional lives including the loss of nearly 400,000 Americans as of the time of this writing. Very few of us likely expected these devastating outcomes when the Coronavirus struck the United States in

March 2020.

Through it all, PAGR continued to work on your behalf with legislative leaders to access amendments when the Capitol was shuttered. We also worked with the PA Dept. of State to see that badges were offered without risking health and safety (contact Christine for additional details). PAGR leadership will also be keenly interested in any legislative proposals around [lobbying reform](#) and be sure to work with the General Assembly to make sure we are at the table for these critical discussions.

As the calendar turns to 2021, and vaccines are rolled out, it provides us a limitless opportunity for renewal and rebirth! We would all be wise to take full advantage of this opportunity by reaching out to our colleagues to [join PAGR](#). If last year taught us anything, it is the importance of human connection. **Building relationships with others should be an integral part of one's life, not only personally but professionally as well.**

PAGR is here with arms wide open (apologies for the Creed earworm). Join us and build meaningful connections in fellowship with your government relations colleagues, and by accessing key policymakers and political leaders and staff at meetings and other events. As we turn the page from the lost year of 2020 and count down the days until we can meet in person again, lets pledge to make 2021 a year we will never forget! Please join us on February 8 for our first Membership meeting of the year. RSVP to Christine at info@pagr.org by February 3.



2021 Meetings & Events

Monday, February 8

Monday April 12

Monday June 7

Monday October 4

Monday December 6

Capitol Happy Hour
Summer

Lobbypalooza 2021
Fall

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have yet to pay your 2021 dues, please send today. \$195 checks sent to address above or credit card info sent to info@pagr.org or 717-939-1900. Invoices were sent via USPS in December.

Meeting Notice



Monday February 8
11:30 am —12:30 pm
ZOOM

PAGR Membership Meeting



Guest Speaker:

Jen Swails

**Pennsylvania
Secretary of the Budget**

MEMBERS ONLY so your 2021 dues must be PAID by February 3.

*You must **RSVP by Wednesday February 3** TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.*

Meeting materials and meeting coordinates for the meeting will be sent on Thursday February 4.

THANK YOU.

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