



Adams County Association of Township Officials

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May 5, 2015

Hello Members, It's that time AGAIN!

Mid -Year ACATO Conference - Wednesday, May 27, 2015

The importance of well developed Personnel Manuals is becoming more and more of a legal issue that Townships must address. This year's Mid -Year speaker will address some of the most pressing legal issues that we may face. We will again be providing a light meal. A sign-up sheet for the purpose of meal ordering is attached and must be returned by Friday, MAY 15th! Please see attached.

There will be important business to attend to: Selection of a New Association Treasurer, A conference vote on the two By Laws changes submitted at the November Convention (*If a refresher of those changes is needed, they are attached to this newsletter*), Selection of a new ACTPO Delegate.

We would like to take this opportunity to notify you that our Treasurer Mr. Keith Whittaker from Conewago Township has accepted a new position at West Manheim in York County. We wish him well in his new endeavor and extend our sincere thanks to him for his excellent service to the Association. Best Wishes Keith!
We would also like to acknowledge the dedication of Marcy Krum from Conewago Township who has made some changes in her career path. Marcy served as a delegate to the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO). Her representation on that committee will be sorely missed. Good Luck Marcy!

REMINDER: ACATO NOVEMBER CONVENTION -

THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED to Wednesday November 18, 2015 due to Veterans Day on the previous Wednesday.

Trainings - Stephanie is still waiting for your responses

By filling out the November Conference Evaluation forms *you* have requested several different types of training. The Committee NEEDS your feedback to determine which topics you are most interested in pursuing:

1. **Roadmasters** – *The ins and outs of applying for Low Volume Road Funding including Dirt & Gravel Road funding and hard surface Road funding?*
2. **Office Staff** – *What's new with GIS?*
3. **Office Staff** - *A review of the Plan Submission Process at the County Level once it leaves the Township office ?*
4. *Any other suggested training topics?*

Please contact Stephanie (saehamilton@twphamilton.com) with your feedback!!! Give an approximate count of how many of your municipal people you feel would benefit from such a training. Without your input we cannot schedule a training that covers what YOU need to know, please respond!

PSATS News/ Conference – April 19, 20,21,22

A HUGE Thank You to each Township who sought a gift for the basket presented at the PSATS Conference (*Butler, Highland, Franklin, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Oxford, Reading, Straban and Union Townships*) . The basket was given away at the Wednesday Closing Ceremony. We will announce who won the Basket once we are notified of their name and Township by PSATS.

PA-FirstNet State-Wide Broadband Initiative for First Responders

First Net has reached out to PSATS to help spread the word about this initiative and to you gain the necessary information to share with your constituents. Please check out the following information:

PSATS is sharing the following information from PA-FirstNet, Pennsylvania's initiative in support of a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network.

PA-FirstNet is seeking input to help define the requirements for the Pennsylvania portion of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

[Please click here to complete one of two surveys to provide feedback to PA-FirstNet.](#) One survey is available for public officials, and another one is for personnel working in the field.

[Click here for background information on PA-FirstNet](#) and the goals of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

You can also [view an overview video here.](#)

A PDF version of a [PA-FirstNet briefing is available here.](#)

If you have any questions, please email ra-sppafirstnet@pa.gov or call (717) 884-2565.

Thank you.

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Secretarial Roundtable/Forum and Luncheon - Wednesday, July 29, 2015

The **Fourth Annual** roundtable/forum and luncheon is on its way. Please put the date on your calendars and plan to socialize, eat and learn all at the same time!! It is our hope that at least one staffer from each Township will attend this year. We always accept questions in advance of the forum so that our guest moderators can research your answers. *Please send your topics and questions to President Stephanie, NOW.* We are looking forward to another great session!

ACTPO – Adams County Transportation Planning Organization

The ACATO Delegates serving on this organization are Marcy Krum (Conewago Township) *recently vacated*, Coleen Reamer (Hamiltonban Township), Robert Gordon (Hamiltonban Township) and our alternate is David Arndt (Conewago Township). Actions: Approved the Public Participation Plan required for an MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization which is our current County Class); Approved the updated Road Functional Classification Map (Four municipalities responded with suggested changes which were incorporated); Received a presentation from East Berlin Boro regarding their traffic problems at 194/234 intersection & property damages (it was suggested they have more conversation with Penn Dot Traffic Unit); Distributed a list of current projects in Adams County.

Next meeting dates held at the Adams County Emergency Services Facility from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM:

Wednesday : July 22nd

Wednesday: October 28th (Subject to change depending on the dates for the Annual Penn DOT MPO/RPO meeting)

Additional Info about ACTPO can be found at www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning

Items for the Future! AWARDS....get in on the Action!

- Don't forget that PSATS has a Youth Award Program for youth groups: To recognize youth groups that make valuable and lasting contributions to improve life in Pennsylvania's townships of the second class. The awards program encourages greater youth involvement in township government. **Deadline August 1, 2015. Application Attached to this Message (same as 2014).**
- Citizen Communication Contest - PSATS member townships that publish print or electronically prepare newsletters, annual reports, and other publications; have a website or use social media; or develop content for cable TV. Publications must have been produced between September 1, 2014, and August 30, 2015. The deadline for entries will be **August 31, 2015**. Check out the application in June 2015.

**We are still working on filling all of our Committee positions. Please volunteer!
Thank you very much for your participation and support,**

Stephanie and the Executive Committee

Our next Board meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, May 20 @ 1:00 pm at Mount Pleasant Township in the event that we must meet pertaining to the Mid-Year Conference arrangements. A Cancellation notice will be sent out if the meeting is not necessary.

Our next scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 10 @ 1:00 pm at Reading Township for all Executive Committee Members.