Adams County Association of Township Officials

Coleen Reamer, President
Keith Whittaker, Treasurer **Marcia Weaver, Secretary**

May 21, 2014 Mid-Year Conference

The 2014 Adams County Association of Township Officials Mid-Year Conference was held on Wednesday, May 21st at the Adams County Emergency Services Center. A social hour and light meal was served beginning at 6 pm.

President's Welcome

President Coleen Reamer welcomed all present at 7:00 pm. The boxed meals were provided by Bickerstaff Catering. Items of interest from the PSATS State Conference were posted on the Association's web site. A thank you note was received from Mr. Terrance Knapp, Lebanon City, for the Adams County Basket. The Townships contributing to the Adams County Basket for the PSATS Conference were as follows:

1. Butler Township	Lucky Leaf & Musselman Products from Knouse Foods
2. Germany Township	Smoked meats from Stoney Point Farm Market
3. Hamiltonban Township	Hickory Bridge Farm Item
4. Liberty Township	$40 Restaurant Gift Card from Taverna
5. Mt. Pleasant Township	T-shirts from Timeless Clockworks
6. Oxford Township	$25 Restaurant Gift Card from Scozzaros
7. Reading Township	Puffed Corn from the Popcorn Lady
8. Straban Township	Gettysburg Pretzels
9. Tyrone Township	Musselman Products from Knouse Foods

Guest Speakers

President Reamer welcomed the Guest Speakers: Attorney Samuel Wiser & Attorney Stephen Coccorese from Salzmann & Hughes Law Firm who spoke on the informative topics of "Getting to Know the Right-To-Know Law, Sunshine Act and Executive Session Legislation. How they relate to one another, how it impacts municipal officials, and how important it is not to get it wrong.

Business Meeting

- President Reamer announced that Bob Gordon, Legislative Chair, received the PSATS Presidential Leadership Award.
- Mr. Gordon and President Reamer attended the NATaT Fly-In where the legislative delegates met with Senator Casey. Topics discussed included EPA and the definition of the clean water act; financial incentives for volunteer responders; protecting local governments; Tax reform; Market place fairness act and a controversial issue involving Transportation and Vehicle Miles Traveled.

- President Reamer stated that the county associations are responsible for the distribution of the Youth Award Contests and reminded everyone to fill out the mid-year evaluation forms.
- Keith Whittaker was appointed as Treasurer for the Association. Donna Dixon could no longer fill the position. Mr. Rick Ruppert, Butler Township, agreed to take Mr. Whittaker's place on the Audit Committee. Craig Rockey, Highland Township and Rick Ruppert, Butler Township, have been appointed to serve on the Audit Committee. Mr. Rockey, Chair of the Audit Committee, found no problems with the 2013 Audit. The cash balance available to the Association at the end of 2013 was $8,008.56.
- Marcia Weaver, Reading Township, is serving as the Association's Secretary.
- Carol Bollinger, Union Township, has volunteered to serve on the Programs Committee and Beverly Shriver, Oxford Township, has volunteered to serve on the Convention Committee.
- The following are the Committee Chairpersons:
- Craig Rockey, Highland Township, Audit Committee; Diane Groft, Mt. Pleasant Township, Convention Committee; Robert Gordon, Hamiltonban Township, Legislative Committee; Deborah Brogan, Hamilton Township, Resolutions Committee; Barbara Underwood, Cumberland Township, Public Relations Committee; Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Township, Programs Committee; Carol Merryman, Cumberland Township, Nominations Committee.
- President Reamer presented a proposed change to the Bylaws to merge the Programs and Convention Committees. There are not enough participants in the committee structures and there is an overlap of duties of the Programs and Convention Committees. The change to the Bylaws must pass at the November Convention and again at the next Mid-Year Convention before the Committees can be consolidated. Ms. Underwood prepared the edits for the committee on Conventions and Programs. Two consecutive votes will also be on the Conference Agenda to change the Bylaws.
- The November Conference will be held at SAVES.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm on a motion by Ms. Underwood and seconded by Ms. Brogan; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia V. Weaver
Association Secretary