



Adams County Association of Township Officials

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Hello Members and Welcome to a Great New Year!

We had a very successful Annual Convention this year and I would like to THANK all who attended. I believe that it was a record registration for meals of just over 200 and the greatest number of vendor displays that we have ever accommodated! The 2014 Convention will be held November 12th with the location to be announced.

PSATS News

The Association will again be supplying a gift basket of Adams County items as a door prize at the April 13-16, 2014 PSATS Conference and Trade Show. We would really like this year's basket to *encompass all of our 19 members' wonderful businesses so that we can have a "true showing" of what Adams County has to offer.*

I am asking each Township to choose a (one) business and its product for inclusion in the basket and to notify one of the Association officers what you will be submitting. The product or gift certificate from the business must be received at one of the officers' home township offices no later than **Friday March 21, 2014**. Please help us to make this year's basket a GREAT sampling of Adams County! There is no better way to show someone from another County just what we have to offer.

Certified Weed Spray Training

It was requested that the Association look into providing Certification for our Road Crews for the spraying of weed killers along our highways. I have found the following:

- This is a self Study Course
- The materials for the Core Exam and Category 10 (Right-of Way and Weeds) are at a cost of \$62.00 per applicant.
- The Penn State Extension Office will schedule pre-exam training at their York Office for a two day pre-test training cost of *approximately* \$125.00 per registrant. (Exact cost to be announced at a later date).
- The *exam* is given at the Gettysburg Office at varying dates and will cost \$60.00 for each applicant's certification.
- The Association can order the study materials for a group of people if we know the numbers and payment is received from each entity prior to the order.

Please notify me at cnreamer@embarqmail.com or by mail = Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Township, PO Box 526, Fairfield, PA 17320 if your municipality is interested in this important training. If the numbers are large enough, the Association will do what it can to coordinate the distribution of materials, pre-testing and exams. Please notify me as soon as possible so that I can begin conversations with Penn State Extension. Thank you!

Spring Mid- Year Conference at the Adams EMS Center

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The Mid- Year Conference has typically been an “evening educational seminar” for Supervisors with a brief Association business meeting. The Executive Committee would like some suggestions of topics or speakers in which supervisors are most interested. Please email or call any of the officers with your suggestions and mark your calendars for **May 21, 2014, 6:00 – 8:30 PM.** A light sandwich and trimmings supper will be served.

Secretaries’ Roundtable and Luncheon

This year will be our third annual Secretarial Luncheon. Each year we have increased our attendance and we hope that this year is no exception. Our Secretaries, administrative personnel and office managers have taken away some valuable information in the past, just by taking this time to share. The Date is **Wednesday July 30, 2014 at the Adams EMS Center** with check-in starting at 11:30 AM, Lunch at 12:00 noon and our discussion period following immediately after everyone gets settled. Last year Melissa Morgan, Legal Analyst from PSATS, attended to field questions. Please let one of the officers know if there is a particular topic or speaker that you would like to have attend this year.

Additional Trainings

The Executive Committee is looking at other topics of interest for training in the August/September timeframe at the EMS Center. However, a lot of our planning right now will be determined by whether the Association will be taking the lead in the Weed Spray Certification Training for a multitude of applicants. We do not want two or more trainings to “land” on top of one another so we are asking two things:

1. Notify Coleen or another officer if you have interest in Weed Spray Training and what numbers of participants asap.
2. Notify Coleen or another officer if you have a particular interest in a topic or a speaker for a future training. Please evaluate what your staff may need or find of use and let us know.

Association Logo

As you recall, there were 5 (five) submissions for our “conceptual logo design” voting board at the convention. Attached is the logo design that received the most votes. The Association also found that there were elements from several other designs that presented qualities that well represent the Township Association. The Executive Board decided to use the winning concept as our base design and have it professionally enhanced and possibly include one or two elements from the other submissions.

I would like to thank all those who submitted and voted for a logo design for the Association to use as a promotional and publicizing tool. We hope you will be pleased with the results which we hope will be ready by the Spring Mid-Year Conference for a final VOTE.

Vice Presidency Vacancy

The convention did not nominate or elect a Vice President for the 2014 year. I am sending out this call for someone to volunteer to serve as our VP. If we do not find a supervisor willing to serve the Association, all that we have built over the past few years could come to a stand still and cause a lapse in the Association’s service to you. Please do not allow that to happen.

Thank you,

Coleen and the Executive Committee

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