



Adams County Association of Township Officials
(Elected Auditors, Secretary/Treasurer/Managers, Supervisors,
Tax Collectors, Solicitors, Engineers)

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Hello and Best Wishes for a Great New Year!

November 2015 Convention

We had another great turnout for our 98th Convention. Twenty four vendors and consultants displayed their products and services for our attendees. Lucinda Heller from Menallen Township won the prize for completing and submitting her evaluation. The **2016** Convention will be held at **SAVES on November 9, 2016.**

Executive Meeting and Committees

An Executive meeting was held on December 15, 2015 to begin the selection for new committee members. Currently serving are: *Audit Committee:* Mr. Craig Rockey (Chair), Rick Ruppert, Deborah Feiler; *Legislative Committee:* Robert Gordon (Chair); *Nominations Committee:* Carol Merryman (Chair); *Resolutions Committee:* Deborah Brogan (Chair); *Programs Committee:* Diane Groft (Chair), Carol Bollinger, Beverly Shriver; *Public Relations Committee:* Barbara Underwood and Coleen Reamer.

***We have chairs for each committee but need additional people to serve on several of the committees so please volunteer by notifying President Stephanie Egger that you are willing to serve!

The next Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Oxford Township.

PSATS News

You should have received your 2016 PSATS Annual Conference and Trade Show packet by now. Please note the donation list for our Military gift box. We hope you will gather some items either individually or as a Township and drop them off at the Conference. Also, the Association has agreed once again to supply a gift basket of Adams County items as a door prize at the April 17-20, 2016 PSATS 94rd Annual Conference and Trade Show. Let's fill this year's basket with even more items. So, please choose (one) business in *your township* and its product for inclusion in the basket. Your product or gift certificate from the business must be received at one of the ACATO officers' township offices or brought to a COG meeting no later than **Thursday March 24, 2016**. You have plenty of time 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.

Trainings and DATES-TO-REMEMBER

"Going through the Bidding Process". We are attempting to schedule this training for Mid-March so stay tuned for a date and time To Be Announced.

ACATO Mid-Year Conference: Wednesday May 25, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Building **TIME CHANGE.....9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. According to our survey last year on the preference of training and meeting times, the majority of Townships replying wanted morning hours so we are trying to accommodate that request.

Find us on the Adams County website at www.adamscounty.us

Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable: Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Building from **11:00AM – 2:00 PM.**

The Executive Committee is always looking for topics of interest for trainings in 2016. Notify Stephanie or any other officer if you have a particular interest in a topic or a speaker. Please evaluate what your staff may need or find of use and let us know!

Township Elected Auditor Survey:

Shortly, each township will receive a brief survey questionnaire on how they utilize their elected Auditors, i.e. whether they perform your Audit and whether or not you are experiencing difficulty in securing a full committee. The ACATO Executive Committee is considering preparing a Resolution to bring before the membership at the May Conference that will give townships another avenue for setting the working supervisor wage when a CPA firm is in use. Please complete the survey when you receive it and send it back promptly, Thank you.

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

PSATS has some great awards programs that each of us can take advantage of and can serve to especially promote our Township Government with our citizens! **Check them out, get the DUE DATES at psats.org and get things rolling in your township.....take a look!**

- 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**
- Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Award: To recognize townships that have undertaken road or bridge improvement projects to increase public safety. **Deadline March**
- President's Leadership Award: To recognize a township supervisor and a secretary or manager each year who have initiated significant programs or projects that have benefited their township and whose service to the township exhibits the highest standards of dedication, creativity, and leadership. **Deadline January**
- 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. The deadline for entries is **August.**

Distribution List: Please distribute this newsletter to all of the Township Officials that are listed as members in our ByLaws. I am attaching them with this first newsletter of the year for your reference and to be distributed to NEW members. If there is anyone that wishes to be added to or deleted from the direct mailing please contact Coleen Reamer!

Have a great 2016 and
Thank you very much for your participation and support,
Stephanie and the Executive Committee

The ACATO Township Association newsletter is written and distributed by Coleen Reamer of Hamiltonban Township. If you have information that you feel should be included in the newsletter, please contact me at cnairem@embarqmail.com. The newsletter is distributed every other month on odd numbered months.

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