



Adams County Association of Township Officials
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Hello Members,

March 1, 2016

We have a new Vice President! Welcome Supervisor Harry McKean from Oxford Township. Harry will be a great asset to our Executive Committee and to the Association as a whole. We know he will do a great job for our Association! We have accepted the resignation of Coleen Reamer with regret. Coleen will be serving as Vice President of the Adams County Council of Governments going forward but still plans to remain on the ACATO Publicity Committee.

******March Training******

Our first Training session of the year will be held on Tuesday March 29, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center from 9:00 AM until Noon. The registration form (due 03/24/2016) is attached to this newsletter. We will cover two topics: Banking Internet Security for our office personnel and Adams County Transportation Planning Organization for all municipal officials. Check –in will begin at 8:30 AM with coffee and light breakfast items.

****** April Training ******

The Dirt and Gravel Road Program as well as the Low Volume Road Program Training (ESM Training) will be held here in Adams County at the Hotel Gettysburg, One Lincoln Square, Gettysburg on April 13 & 14 (Wednesday and Thursday), 2016. The training is required in order to apply for these two grant programs. We have succeeded in bringing this training to Adams County this year so please take advantage of this opportunity. The Adams Conservation District needs our participation to keep our grant funding flowing and to keep this training local! Register with your local Adams County Conservation Office at 717– 334-0636 (Deb Musselman). The course is a FREE two day course running from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM each day and lunch is served at no cost to registrants. ***Parking is available for free but you must register online so see the attached schedule of classes for the Gettysburg location link.***

PSATS News

Don't forget to register early for the conference and trade show and don't forget to check out 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. The box is always located in the lobby. And a reminder that 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 94th 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.

Elected Auditor Survey

Bob Gordon, Legislative chairman, initiated a survey of Townships to find out which townships use their elected auditors to audit their financials and which townships only utilize them to set the working supervisor wage. The Executive Committee will take this information and decide if a Resolution to PSATS should be presented that will offer an alternative to townships that employ a CPA to audit their financials. Many townships are experiencing difficulty getting people to run for this elected seat. If a Resolution is formulated it will be proposed to the members at the May Mid-year ACATO Conference.

Current results of the survey are:

*** 14 of 19 members responded; 8 of the 14 perform the Audit with elected Auditors; 8 of the 14 said yes to a resolution to grant townships an option; 3 of the 14 were not sure; 2 said no to an option and 1 is still discussing the matter.

May Mid-Year Conference

Wednesday May 25, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center

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.

We will follow a similar format as previous Mid-years with a Training Topic and a Business Meeting followed with a luncheon prior to adjournment. We sincerely hope that this new time slot will allow Supervisors and staff alike the opportunity to attend this important function for our Association.

Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable:

Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center from **11:00AM – 2:00 PM**. This has become one of our most successful trainings to date and continues to help renew the knowledge of Township office staff. Please plan to attend!

The next Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Mount Pleasant Township.

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Thank you very much for your participation and support,
Stephanie and the Executive Committee

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May 4, 2016

Well, another PSATS Conference has come and gone! Speaking for this writer, I once again walked my legs off and wore out my arm waving that VOTE card BUT took away some valuable information as I do every year. If you have not been to a conference lately or have never attended, please put it on your calendar for next April. You will enjoy the experience!

We regretfully announce the resignation of Barbara Underwood, Supervisor from Cumberland Township, as a committee member of ACATO serving on the Publicity Committee with Coleen Reamer from Hamiltonban Township. Barbara has been a distinguished member who has also served in the past as an ACATO delegate to the ACTPO committee. As she moves on to serving her Community and Township in other capacities, we hope that some new faces will take this opportunity to join our ACATO team.

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Our Speaker will be Mr. Paul Bart, Reading Township Supervisor and Professor at Penn State Mont Alto. The Topic is "*Computer Security Fundamentals for Local Government*". The meeting will be divided into two speaking segments with our short ACATO business meeting just after the break and then wrap up with Paul's final points, questions and a boxed lunch from Ragged Edge. Please send in your registration and preference of lunch **before Monday, May 16, 2016.**

Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable:

Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center from **11:00AM – 2:00 PM.** This has become one of our most successful trainings to date and continues to help renew the knowledge of Township office staff. Please plan to attend! The roundtable will again be moderated by Judy Chambers, Adams County Penn State Extension Office and Melissa Morgan, PSATS Legislative Analyst will bring us updated news and movements in the legislature. These two ladies have been regulars with our Roundtable since its

inception and continue to help us bring the most timely topics to the table for discussion. We certainly appreciate their time and dedication to this event.

November ACATO Convention:

We ask you to mark the date of Wednesday, November 9, 2016 for our convention dinner. The committee has been working hard on the preparations and program. It will again be held at the SAVES Social Hall, 5865 Hanover Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

NEW Training Topics:

We continue to ask YOU for suggested topics for training issues and seminars. If you have a topic that you are interested in, please notify Stephanie Egger at Hamilton Township.

ACTPO – Adams County Transportation Planning Organization

The most pressing and important news to our residents are the bridges that are on the Penn Dot list for scheduled closure for badly needed repairs or replacement all around the County. You can get updated information on which bridges and when by checking out ACTPO minutes and distributed documents that can be found at www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning.

The next Executive Meeting has yet to be announced so we will be bringing that to you at a later date.

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Hello Members,

September 5, 2016

*We hope you enjoyed your Labor Day weekend and a much awaited long weekend at that!!
Road projects are done or winding down, Kids are back at school, road crews will be meeting soon with school officials for the upcoming winter months collaborations and all is "Well with the World", we hope.*

Penn Dot Mandated Flagger Training

Both a morning and an afternoon class were held this year on July 14, 2016. Both classes were full !! President Stephanie at Hamilton Township plans to set another class in the spring of 2017 for those townships who could not attend the 2016 classes and will need training for their crew members. So watch for the dates at the beginning of 2017.

Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable:

Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center from 11:00AM – 2:00 PM we **celebrated the 5th ANNUAL Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable**. This has become one of our most successful trainings to date and continues to help renew the knowledge of Township office staff. Judy Chambers, Adams County Penn State Extension Office and Melissa Morgan, PSATS Legislative Analyst brought us up to date on the news and movements in the legislature. These two ladies have been regulars with our Roundtable since its inception and continue to help us bring the most timely topics to the table for discussion. We certainly appreciate their time and dedication to this event as well as our ACATO Programs Committee. Please put our 2017 date on your calendar now. It is always held the fifth Wednesday in July when we have that fifth week. 2017 has only four weeks so please **mark Wednesday, July 26, 2017** in preparation to attend.

November ACATO Convention:

DON'T FORGET the date of Wednesday, November 9, 2016 for our convention dinner. The Township information with dates and needs are in the mail! Coleen was at Keystone Ford in Chambersburg on Thursday. They had just received their Vendor Registration packet that day and were happy to tell me that they would be attending and displaying this year. Nelson in commercial/municipal sales always lets me know who he has been to see about a new vehicle and they have been really busy this year! So if you have a Vendor that you would like to see at the show, please notify Diane Groft in Mount Pleasant so we can get them there. It will again be held at the SAVES Social Hall, 5865 Hanover Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

Legislative News

The Legislative Committee did not receive any response to our request from members to submit their number one legislative issue for the remainder of this session in Harrisburg. If you have a bill that you want your association to lobby for on your behalf, please send to BGordon1162@comcast.net, Thank You.

We work in conjunction with the Council of Governments (COG) on these and other important issues but need your input. Most of you are also members of the COG so you know the importance of keeping a connection with legislators. Help us to do that by responding to our call.

ACTPO – Adams County Transportation Planning Organization

The 2017-2020 TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) lays out the expected transportation projects for Adams County over the next three years. The ACTPO Committee will vote to adopt the Plan at our **October 26, 2016** meeting at the Adams County Emergency Services Building, held from **1:00 PM until 3:00PM**.

If you have a transportation issue that you would like addressed in the future please consider attending the ACTPO meetings which are open to the public and any representative of local government. We have three representatives from the County Association that sit on the Board to assist with Township needs. ACTPO will be adding a Bicycle/Pedestrian component to the Plan and have asked for participation by municipal Parks and Recreation Commissions. Please contact Chris Caba at ccaba@adamscounty.us if you have a representative interested in attending. Your input means a lot in this NEW process.

An electronic copy of the full TIP package is available on the Adams County website. The direct link to that page is: <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/TIP.aspx>

Reminder: You can get updated information on which Adams County bridges will be addressed for repairs by checking out ACTPO minutes and distributed documents found at www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning.

This and That:

- Please refer suggested topics for training issues and seminars to President Stephanie Egger at Hamilton Township.
- Note that Washington Township Transfer Station in Franklin County accepts electronic recycling at a 45 cent per pound fee.
- Note that Township Emergency Management Plans update on a two year cycle with Adams County EMA and this is the year to update those plans with your EOC.
- Remind your residents to VOTE in November!
- Don't forget about the many contests and free services offered by PSATS to assist your township.
- LTAP course sessions will soon be sent out by ACOPD so keep an "eye" out for them. I hear that a new Salt and Winter materials course is being added for selection this year.

The next Executive Meeting will be held at Hamilton Township on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 12:00 PM. Any interested Township Representatives are welcomed to attend.

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