Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals



Contact: Tiffany Fulmer Ott PACP Administrator (404) 312-0524 tfulmer@tlfexecutiveservices.com The Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals is the professional society of Chamber executives and staff for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of PACP is to enhance the quality and relevance of Chamber management in the Commonwealth of PA. To achieve this mission, PACP is dedicated to providing direct, professional assistance and quality education in professional and organizational development to its members.

Membership Benefits & Services

Awards & Recognitions: For PACP Members Only - Deadline to Apply: End of August Keystone Award PaCCE Program PACP Accredited Chamber Program Chamber of the Year Award Chamber Service Awards

Website Resources: www.pacprofessionals.com

Members Only section, featuring resource guides and other peer samples on a variety of topics (membership, sponsorships, etc.)

Careers Page: opportunity to list your open Chamber positions on the PACP website (and to review openings throughout the state)

E-Newsletters: monthly electronic publication sharing Chamber industry topics, member news and upcoming PACP events and other opportunities.

Webinar Series: professional development webinars cover topics of interest to all Chamber professionals, featuring PA executives, PA Chamber resources, and nationally-renowned speakers who service the Chamber industry.

Hot Topic Conference Calls: opportunities for you to hear from your Chamber peers on issues of interest to the Chamber and non-profit industries.

Wage & Benefits Survey: conducted annually to establish benchmarks and identify trends in compensation among Chamber professionals in PA. Report is free to all PACP members who participate in the survey.

Scholarships: PACP members may apply for financial awards for national programs (e.g. Institute for Organization Management, ACCE Conference) and for PACP events (e.g. Annual Professional Development Conference in October and PACP Chamber Day at the Capitol in June.)

The PACP offers events each year for our members, providing valuable education & networking opportunities:

PROFESSIONALS & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: October (Sites Vary Each Year) Annual professional development conference featuring nationally-renowned industry leaders; break-out sessions on a wide variety of Chamber and community topics; peer-topeer sharing of best practices and avenues of innovation; exhibitor visits with experts in Chamber services and other offerings, including non-dues revenue sources; community tours of conference host awards banquet and other valuable networking opportunities, including social welcome dinner.

Recent Conference Keynote Speakers include: Glenn Shepard, Erin Bemis (Google), Bob Harris, Shari Pash, Dave Kilby, Libby Spears, Kyle Sexton, Bill Graham, Jay Handler, Cathi Hight, Anissa Starnes



CHAMBER DAY AT THE CAPITOL: June (Presented in Partnership with the PA Chamber) Annual visit to Harrisburg for a day-long comprehensive agenda of issues facing Pennsylvania businesses; meetings with legislators and other state officials; speakers often include the Governor of Pennsylvania, President Pro Temp of the Senate, Speaker of the House, etc. on issues such as Workforce Development, Transportation & Infrastructure, etc. Chamber leadership (board, government affairs committee, etc.) are also welcome.

NEW BOARD TRAINING CONFERENCE: Spring (Bundle Pricing with Chamber Day Available) Exceptional training opportunity for Chamber executive and volunteer leadership from nationally-recognized experts in the Chamber and non-profit industries; networking dinner follows the half-day conference on the eve of Chamber Day at the Capitol.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLES: Periodic (Regional Events Planned Annually) Magic happens when Chamber folks share their experiences with one another. These cost-effective roundtable events are perfect for multiple staff members - bring your great ideas and experiences and hear from your peers about their best practices and successful programs and events. Includes lunch.

Visit www.pacprofessionals.com for the latest event info or to register.

What Your Peers Are Saying About PACP:



I have valued PACP throughout my chamber career, and now more than ever. The resources provided by the organization allow us to better serve our members and run a professional organization.

The relationships I've built through the organization are critical to my success in the profession and an invaluable resource, which has been galvanized during the pandemic. Fred Gaffney, President Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce

As Chambers are the hearts of their communities, PACP is the heart of our profession. For so long, PACP has heightened the work we do by ensuring that our members have access to the best information, education and networking.

The work of Chambers and PACP has never been more crucial to the communities we serve than during the pandemic crisis, and PACP brought together in one place the newest and best information, enabling us to sustain a dialogue with colleagues across the state. It has been invaluable to be able to reach out to the best colleagues in the business for help and advice. None of us were in this alone.

Debra Orner, IOM, Vice President Cambria Region Chamber of Commerce



Although I believe PACP is important for long-time execs, it's even more so for folks like me who came into the chamber world wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The most notable benefits are the relationships with fellow chamber professionals and the unending source of chamber management information that is available at the Chamber Professionals & Leadership Conference, as well as online and telephone seminars, and surveys.

If I ever have an immediate question, I'll just pick up the phone and call (or Zoom) a fellow PACP member!

Brian L. Schill, Executive Director Peters Township Chamber of Commerce

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