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Lower Paxton Township Supervisor Elected President of Pa. State Association of Township Supervisors

Members of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors have elected William B. Hawk, a supervisor for Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, to a one-year term as the association's president.

The election took place during PSATS' 96th Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show, held April 22-25 in Hershey. This is the largest municipal event of its kind in the state, with close to 4,000 attendees. The conference attracted township officials from every county in Pennsylvania except Philadelphia, which has no townships.

The president is a member of the association's Executive Board with full voting rights. The board, which is responsible for managing the affairs of the association, is made up of PSATS' five officers, seven Executive Committee members, and the immediate past president. The board meets frequently throughout the year to conduct business and plan new projects that will benefit member townships.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents Pennsylvania's 1,454 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. Townships of the second class cover 95 percent of Pennsylvania's land mass and represent more residents — 5.5 million — than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.

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Before his election to president, Hawk served as PSATS' first vice president, second vice president, secretary-treasurer, and assistant secretary-treasurer. He also served as chairman and vice chairman of the Executive Board. He currently serves on the association's Annual Conference Planning Committee and is a member of its Grassroots Advocacy Network, which addresses legislative issues that affect every Pennsylvanian who lives in a township of the second class. Hawk also is the board liaison to PSATS' Finance Committee and a workshop moderator during PSATS' Annual Educational Conference. He is a 2009 recipient of the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence.

He previously served as chairman of the association's Audit Committee and was a member of its Executive Committee, Land Use and Growth Management Committee, and Succession Planning Committee. He also was board liaison to the Townships Over 10,000 Population and Resolutions committees.

A township supervisor since 1996, Hawk serves on the board of the Lower Paxton Township Authority and is a member of the township's Strategic Planning, Comprehensive Plan Update, and Audit committees. He is the township's delegate to the Earned Income Tax Collection Committee. He previously was chairman of the board of supervisors.

He is a previous member of the Governor's Local Government Advisory Committee and currently serves on the Pennsylvania State Planning Board and several subcommittees of that board, the Dauphin County Planning Commission, the Tri-County Planning Commission, and the Dauphin County Police Regionalization Study Committee. He also belongs to the Masonic Orders and is an officer and auditor at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Hawk is past president of the Colonial Park Rotary and the Susquehanna Township Lions Club and has been a Dale Carnegie Course instructor for approximately 40 years.

Hawk is the former vice president of Leader Nursing Homes. He is retired from the post of executive director of the Dauphin County General Authority and is the retired founder and co-owner of Hawk Gallery and Framing Studio with his wife, Billie.

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