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Metal Township Supervisor Re-elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of Pa. State Association of Township Supervisors

EDITORS: A high-resolution photo of Anna Swailes is available at www.psats.org under “Newsroom” and then “PSATS Board & Staff Photos.”

Members of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors have re-elected Anna Swailes, a supervisor and secretary-treasurer for Metal Township in Franklin County, to a one-year term as assistant secretary-treasurer.

The election took place during PSATS’ 97th Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show, held April 14-17 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 assistant secretary-treasurer is a member of the association’s Executive Board with full voting rights. The board, which is made up of PSATS’ five officers, seven Executive Committee members, and the immediate past president, is responsible for managing the affairs of the state association. It meets frequently throughout the year to oversee association 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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In addition to serving as PSATS' assistant secretary-treasurer, Swailles is currently a member of the association's Grassroots Advocacy Network, which addresses legislative issues that affect every Pennsylvanian who lives in a township of the second class. She is also the board liaison to the association's Secretary-Manager Committee and a workshop moderator at PSATS' Annual Educational Conference. She previously served on the association's Executive, Legislative, and Audit committees. She is a past recipient of the PSATS President's Leadership Award and was presented with the 2018 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence.

Her service to Metal Township includes delegate to the Franklin County Council of Governments, secretary of the Franklin County Tax Collection Board, and delegate and assistant secretary-treasurer of the Franklin County Area Tax Board. She serves on the advisory board of Geisinger Holy Spirit EMS for Franklin County Advanced Life Support and is assistant secretary for the Metal Township Municipal Authority. She served previously as the authority's secretary-treasurer and as treasurer of the Franklin County Association of Township Officials.

Swailles, who is certified as a government secretary through the Pennsylvania Association of Municipal Administrators, is a member of the Pa. Agriculture Land Preservation Board, the Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance, and the legislative committees with the Franklin County Farm Bureau.

She previously served as president of the Franklin County Community Action Program, founder and co-chair of the Franklin County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, and member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Planning and Evaluation Committee. She was a leader/trainer for the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, a member of the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Dairy Committee and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Farm Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Board, and the minority inspector of elections for the Franklin County Metal Third District.

She also has served as a canvasser for the American Cancer Society, Franklin County Unit, and as treasurer for the Dry Run Church of the Brethren. Swailles, who received the Outstanding Achievement and Leadership in Agriculture Award in 2003 from the Kiwanis Club of Chambersburg, is secretary of Swailles Farms LLC. She and her husband, Bill, live in Willow Hill.

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