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Latest News

Conference Business Meeting Materials Sent to Member Townships, County Associations

Over the last two weeks, PSATS sent member townships and county associations the materials for the April 25 business session at the 2023 PSATS Annual Conference. Please be sure to share these materials with your township's or county association's voting delegate.

On March 7, a notice was sent regarding a [proposed bylaws change for a dues increase](#) that will be voted on during the April 25 business session. The dues increase, if approved, would be the first in nearly a decade and not take effect until 2024.

On March 15, the [proposed resolutions for consideration](#) at the conference and the [nominations committee report](#) were also sent to member townships. In addition, the [Rules for Conduct at the Annual Conference](#) were included to help townships understand how the business session will function. This information will also be printed in your conference materials that you will receive upon arrival.

If you have any questions, please call the Association at (717) 763-0930. We will see you April 23-26 in Hershey!

Reminder: DCNR Grant Applications Due 4/5

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is accepting applications for the 2023 round of [Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants](#). Townships are eligible to apply, and all applications are due by **April 5, 2023**, through [DCNR's Grants portal](#).

Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants can be used for projects

related to parks, recreation, and conservation, including:

- Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks
- Recreation areas
- Motorized and non-motorized trails
- River conservation and access
- Conservation of open space
- Community and Watershed Forestry

Projects will be selected, in part, on how they align with the priorities outlined in the [Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2020-2024](#). Most projects will require a 50% matching contribution. DCNR [Bureau of Recreation and Conservation staff](#) are available to help with developing a competitive application.

Legislation & Policy



The state Senate and House Appropriations committees begin budget hearings this week with each of the state departments. The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear from the Departments of Revenue, Conservation and Natural Resources, Environmental Protection, and more this week, while the House Appropriations Committee will start with the Departments of Education and Agriculture, as well as DCNR and DEP. The [Senate Appropriations Committee budget hearing schedule](#) is posted here and the [House Appropriations Committee budget hearing schedule](#) is posted here, along with links to livestream these meetings.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

[Understanding, Managing & Paying For Stormwater Management - 3/22/23](#)

This webinar is designed to provide participants with current information on ways to pay for current and ongoing sustainable stormwater management including new projects and the operation and maintenance of existing stormwater practices and infrastructure.



[Filing Your UC Quarterly Reports - 3/28/23](#)

This webinar will focus on the UC quarterly report filing process for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the PSATS UC Trust.



[2023 ARPA Project And Expenditure Reports - What You Need To Know - 3/29/23](#)

In this webinar, Katie Lizza of PSATS will demonstrate how to access Treasury's Reporting and Compliance Portal and submit your township's ARPA-related expenditures for the period from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. She will also cover how to add a new project that was not entered into a 2022 report, adjust previous reports to reflect new obligations and expenditures, and answer other ARPA-related questions.



[How To Handle Claims Under The Heart And Lung Act - 4/5/23](#)

This webinar, presented by Scott Blissman and Ryan Cassidy of Eckert Seamans, will help you to identify who is and is not eligible to receive the generous benefits provided under the Act, what they receive, when benefits can be terminated and how. Learn to avoid the common mistakes made by employers which result in significant liability.



[Understanding The Sunshine Act - 4/6/23](#)

This webinar will take a deep dive into the Sunshine Act. Sam Wisner of Salzmann Hughes will review and discuss what there is to understand, what agencies, boards and commissions must comply with the Sunshine Act, public meeting requirements, exceptions to "Open Meetings," penalties, public comment, and much more.

