



ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS OF THE BOROUGHES OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Letter from our New President: Thomas D. Reenock

Pennsylvania Mayors,

As Mayor from the Borough of Northampton it is an Honor and my pleasure to serve as President of the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania, Inc., (AMBP), who are affiliated with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania serving the Burgesses/Mayor of Pennsylvania, for over 50 years.

Together we represent 958 Boroughs/Mayors that are home to more than 2.6 million residents. Both are non-profit and non-partisan associations that work to promote effective local government practices. PSAB is serving the Boroughs of the Commonwealth over 100 years, from 1911 to 2013.

The general management of AMBP is vested in an Executive Committee comprised of 16 Mayors of the organization in good standing (2 members from each of the 8 graphic districts of Pennsylvania). The Mayor of any Borough within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be eligible for membership in the Association. The dues paying members enjoy all of the privileges and benefits of the association.

Today's Mayors have many titles, roles, and wear many hats in performing their duties as: community leaders, policy makers, peace makers, administrators, visionaries in helping our communities move forward. We set our goals to provide our residents, the taxpayers of the borough, the highest quality of services we can provide for the least effective cost.

The purposes of the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania (AMBP):

1. To develop a closer official and personal relationship among the Mayors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. To promote unity in matters pertaining to the Mayors and their duties.
3. To exchange information among Mayors in order to give better service to the communities they represent.
4. To work toward closer cooperation with borough governments and all other organizations involved in local government.
5. To preserve and promote the office of the Mayor, and support the Mayor-Council form of government.
6. To actively promote and lobby for progressive legislation in the best interests of the communities our members represent.

Members have the right to attend all the general meetings and participate in all the discussions, have your questions answered, and obtain articles or other information that is of interest to local governments. The attendance at our annual meetings provides many benefits. Various speakers provide attendees with many insights for basic leadership or information that enables them to be leaders in their communities. The learning may start in the scheduled sharing session, continue during meals, rest breaks, conference rooms and social get-togethers, as Mayors network with one another and share their problems and accomplishments.

AMBP is the place where Mayors meet to work on the day-to-day needs and our ties with PSMA. We are positioned to work with the various state-wide organizations to lobby for legislative changes that benefit Mayors and the issues that concern them.

As President, I encourage the Mayors of Pennsylvania to join the AMBP, and take part by becoming active in our annual meetings and conference by working together as one voice to promote effective local government.

Looking forward to seeing and talking with you at our Annual Conferences to share time working together with all municipalities, and supporting legislation for a better government through leadership and participation.

Thanks, *Thomas D. Reenock*



2013 Albert Montecalvo Mayor of the Year Awarded

Pictured with daughters Diane Derco and Sue (Derco) Bossart, Joan Derco accepts her award at the August meeting of the Executive Board.

Joan B. Derco, Mayor of Youngwood Borough was selected as the 2013 Mayor of the Year by the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania. Mayor Derco will be completing her 16th year of serving the residents of Youngwood Borough. Prior to being Mayor, Joan served as a Councilperson for eight years.

Youngwood born and bred, Mayor Derco has been truly involved in her community on all levels, in many facets, in every phase of her life. She still resides on the same street on which she grew up. Being the mother of five children, did not stop her from pursuing community and civic involvement. She merely readjusted her focus partaking in activities and organizations which involved her children; Youngwood Recreation Board, Cub Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout leader, softball coach. In 1999, she proudly served as co-chair for the Youngwood Centennial Celebration. This was among the higher points for Mayor Derco. In 2001, she retired from being a registered nurse after helping people for 45 years.

When community needs are not the central point of Derco's attention, her church and its related organizations are as she volunteers for all church functions and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Guild.

Mayor Derco has served as President of the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association, President of the Westmoreland County Council of Governments, Secretary of the Youngwood Cemetery Board, and Chairman and co-founder of the Youngwood Community Picnic which originated in 1990. Over the years, Mayor Derco has received numerous awards for her community and civic commitments to her hometown of Youngwood.

For years, Joan has been binding the love of family, community and church together in one package, intermingling each with the other, and stressing the importance of civic duty to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren by example, while serving her church and community and adhering to a strong work ethic. In all of the various aspects of Mayor Derco's life one underlying and predominant theme emerges; involvement out of love and respect for others enriches the quality of one's life as well as lives of those in the community, church, and especially the family.

Executive Committee Member Honored

The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) recently announced the recipients of the Association's prestigious local government service awards. Montoursville Mayor **John Dorin** was among the individuals honored at PSAB's 102nd annual conference in Hershey.



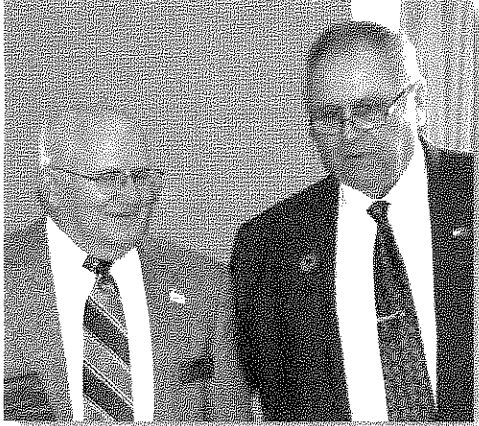
Dorin received the 2013 Carol Sambol Distinguished Service Award for his dedication and service to Montoursville Borough and the Lycoming-Sullivan County Boroughs Association. Dorin was elected to office in 1982. Prior to being elected mayor, he served four years on Montoursville Borough Council. He is also a past president of PSAB, and has been active in advancing legislative priorities.

Dorin was awarded this year's Carol Sambol Distinguished Service Award which was named in honor of Carol Sambol, who served 37 years on Baden Borough Council and was a past president of PSAB. Nominations were judged on the impact of the nominee's accomplishments on the borough; the extent of the gain in economy promoted by the nominee's work, the amount of personal sacrifice required and the efforts made beyond the call of duty and the success of the nominee in the face of inertia or opposition on the part of others or the controversial nature of the subject.

Legislative Report

Legislative Chairman John Dorin, Mayor of Montoursville, submitted a comprehensive report to the executive committee of the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania at their meeting on August 1, 2013. Among the items covered were the recently passed state budget and a summary of bills of interest. There are bills that address issues that pertain to such items as: the Main Street Act, Procedures relative to issuance of parking tickets, Reducing the size of the General Assembly, the use of Radar to enforce speed laws, Schedules of convictions and points, the State Police contractual program, a Regional Police Assistance Grant Program Act and others. You may find Mayor Dorin's complete report including Bill Numbers, Sponsors, PLS Summaries, Companion Bills and Bill Histories on our website: www.paboroughmayors.org.

Executive Committee holds meeting on August 1, 2013

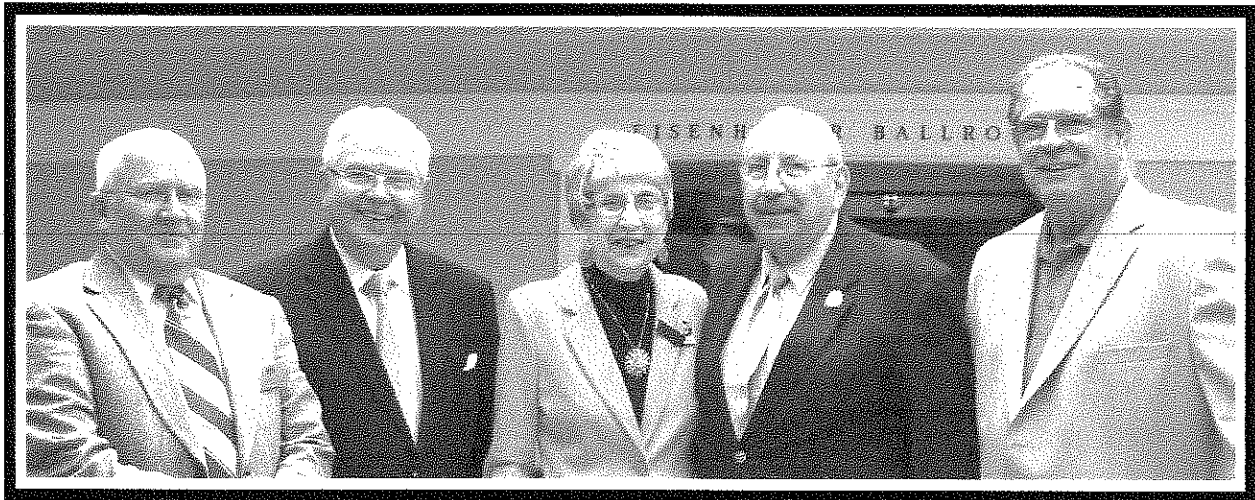


Incoming president, Mayor Thomas D. Reenock of Northampton chats with outgoing president, Gerald Yob, of Freemansburg.

Mayor Yob received a plaque from the Executive Committee in appreciation of his service.



Mayor Tom Oliverio of Zelienople welcomes new executive committee member, Tony Court, mayor of Ellwood City. Mayor Court will be serving as a representative of District 2.



Past Presidents of the Association discuss what they can do help today's mayors perform their duties. From left to right, Immediate Past President Jerry Yob, Mayor John Dorin, Mayor Joan Derco, Mayor Dave Perruso, and Mayor Tom Oliverio.

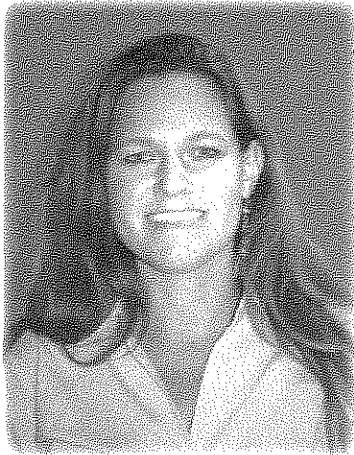
PSAB 2013 Fall Conference Scheduled - Save the Date

October 18-20, 2013
Station Square, Pittsburgh

President Tom Reenock, Mayor of Northampton, is pleased to introduce the new Secretary/Treasurer of the Association: Diane Smith of Butler, PA. She was appointed in May by the Executive Committee.

Diane currently owns a graphic arts and illustration studio in Butler, Harmony Colours. Previously, she has been a teacher and an assistant to a vice president of a major regional retailer. She has also worked on various borough projects with Mayor Tom Oliverio of Zelenople and Butler County Council of Government projects with her husband, Jeffrey. She and Jeff have 6 grown children. Originally from southeastern Massachusetts, she received a BS in Art and Education as well as an MS in Education from Elmira College in upstate New York. She also has a graduate degree from Slippery Rock in Special Education.

Questions concerning the Association can be directed to Diane by email at DianeSmith.AMBP@gmail.com. News items, correspondence, membership changes, scholarship applications, Mayor of the Year recommendations and the all important dues payments should be sent to her at 428 North McKean St. in Butler, PA. 16001.



New Appointments by Executive Committee

Mayor Reenock would also like to introduce the Association's new Webmaster, Cindy Edwards, of Cranberry Township, PA. Cindy is the Administrative Asst/Systems Administrator for the Borough of Zelenople and works with the Chief of Police providing technical support as well as website design and maintenance. Cindy has a BS in Information Science and a webmaster certificate from the University of Pittsburgh.

Diane and Cindy will work together to coordinate the information to be placed on the website. Items of interest to the Mayors association should be sent to Diane at her email.

Executive Committee Vacancy

The Association's Executive Committee is looking for three new members to replace retiring mayors at the end of this year. To be eligible for consideration on the Executive Committee, a mayor must have completed one full term in office.

A letter of interest with basic information and time served are required for consideration, which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the AMBP. Serious candidates should consider attending the Fall Conference in October. Information is requested no later than September 30th, 2013.

Interested candidates may send their inquiries to Diane Smith, Association Secretary/Treasurer, 428 North McKean St., Butler, PA 16001.

Attention All Mayors! At the August meeting of the Executive Committee, the Association voted to adopt an updated dues structure for this year. See page 7 for your 2014 dues application!

2013 Scholarship Recipients Announced

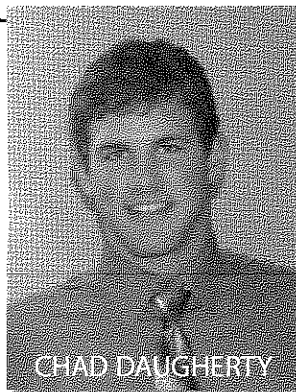
The Association was pleased to announce the winners of the 2013 Robert (Bob) Linn Memorial Scholarship Award which was presented during a lunch honoring the winners as well as Mayor of the Year Joan Derco. Named this year were two fine young men: Chad Daugherty of Wellsboro, Pa., grandson of Mayor James Daugherty and James Segilia of Moosic, Pa., son of Mayor Jim Segilia from Moosic. Scholarship checks were presented to them both on behalf of the Association. We would like to share their own words with you.

My name is Chad Daugherty. I was born in the small town of Wellsboro. I have lived here all seventeen years of my life and have seen many changes in this town. My father grew up in Wellsboro and my Mother grew up in Galeton. My Grandfather, who has been mayor of Wellsboro for as long as I can remember has been a big part of my life. Seeing everything he has done and what he gets to do always inspires me. He does everything he can to help out the residents of Wellsboro. To me he is a role model and he pushes me to do the best I can at whatever I do so I will succeed.

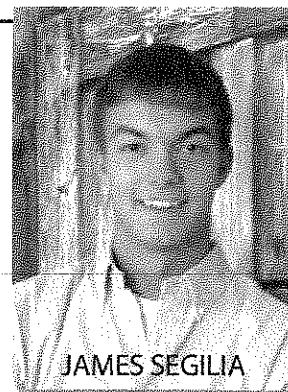
In the Fall I will be attending Mansfield University for Criminal Justice. I am excited to see what it is like and get as much out of it as I can. I have been around Criminal Justice my whole life since my father has been a Probation officer for 22 years and my grandfather was a municipal police officer. I know Criminal Justice can be hard, but I am up for the challenge because I love everything about it. After college I hope to attend the Pennsylvania State Police Academy or obtain a Criminal Justice related profession in my Community. I will do whatever I can to succeed and hopefully one day will be a big part of law enforcement.

Sincerely, Chad Daugherty

Each year, our Association awards two academic scholarships. For requirements and deadlines, please visit our website at www.paboroughmayors.org



CHAD DAUGHERTY



JAMES SEGILIA

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I have dreamt of continuing my education to help others. At West Chester University, I have discovered numerous opportunities that would enable me to do so. I expect to learn something new every day that will lead me to assisting others whether in a school, hospital or at home. The power of speech can be great sufficient when achieving goals throughout life. As a Speech - Language Pathologist, I am confident that by receiving a good college education, I will succeed in every way possible. Although, college debt accumulates very fast and I ask whole-heartedly for my application to be considered for your scholarship so I can continue helping change the lives of people on a daily basis. Thank you, James Segilia

Both students showed great proficiency in their educational work, leadership skills, and a strong work ethic. The recommendations the Scholarship Committee received from their teachers and counselors give every indication that both James and Chad will be credits to their families and communities. Once again, we congratulate them and wish them all the best.

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Borough Secretary:

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Dues are based on the population of your Borough.

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