

## ***The Pennsylvania Internist - Spring 2019 E-Newsletter***

### **Governor's Message - Lawrence Ward, MD, MPH, FACP**

I have now been in the role of ACP Governor for the Pennsylvania Southeast region for nearly a year. I have to say that I have enjoyed every minute of it! I have had a chance to meet with so many of you and learn about your careers – both the ups and the downs, the pleasure and the pain. It has been an honor and I hope that in this role I can help to give you a few more “ups” along the way. Please feel free to reach out to me, and/or my fellow governors, anytime with concerns, suggestions and feedback on our activities. We are here to help improve the lives of both our patients and our members. [Read More.](#)

### **What's the Latest News from Harrisburg? - John Nikoloff, ERG Partners**

The Pennsylvania General Assembly began 2019 with 47 new members, a half dozen new caucus leaders, and twenty new committee chairs in the House and Senate, and changes continue to take place. At the same time, after only three weeks of session this year, members have circulated more than 2,000 cosponsor memos, and introduced more than 350 Senate Bills and 600 House Bills. PA-ACP and its lobbyists ERG Partners are active in the Capitol on behalf of its members and patients. [Read More.](#)

### **Important Upcoming Meetings and Events**

PA-ACP always has something to offer throughout the year that upholds our mission to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine. [View upcoming meetings and events.](#)

### **Get More Involved with PA-ACP - Join the Speakers Bureau!**

PA-ACP is developing a list of speakers willing to share their expertise on a variety of healthcare topics. If you have something that you're passionate about and you enjoy public speaking, we'd like to hear from you! [Get more information or sign up.](#)

### **Advocacy Podcasts**

What is a lobbyist? What do they do on behalf of patients and internists? Why do we need them? How can you work with them to help with your advocacy efforts? Hear an interview with John Nikoloff, President of ERG Partners and the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania ACP Chapter. Check out this podcast and previous ones [here.](#)

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