

## Adams County Association of Township Officials

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Marcia Weaver, Treasurer

Harry McKean, Vice President  
Beverly Shriver, Secretary

### Minutes of the November 9, 2016 Meeting

The 99<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Adams County Association of Township Officials (ACATO) was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at the Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services Inc. (SAVES) Social Hall in Hanover with registration and viewing of the vendor displays at 4:45pm. President Stephanie Egger welcomed all present. The Presentation of Colors was conducted by Mason Dixon VFW Memorial Post #6954, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. President Egger recognized our serving Military and Mr. Wilbur Slothour gave the Invocation. Dinner was served at 6:00pm. Our theme this year was “Communications through the Years”.

President Egger thanked the SAVES Social Hall Staff for the coordination of the dinner and recognized guests. Door prizes were given out throughout the evening.

**Ms. Holly Fishel, Research and Policy Manager, PSATS:** Ms. Fishel showed a one minute video tour of the PSATS Annual Conference and Trade Show for those planning to attend their first trade show in 2017.

Ms. Fishel briefly went over some new legislation passed such as Act 10 of 2016 Investments; Act 14 of 2016 Township Audit Requirements; Act 16 of 2016 Medical Marijuana; Act 62 of 2016 Stormwater Fees; Act 75 of 2016 Removal of Dead Deer; Act 85 of 2016 In-Lieu-of-Tax –Payments for Forest Lands and State Police Funding; Act 101 of 2016 Green Light Go Program. Very recently passed Act 123 of 2016 Collection & Disposal of Prescription Drugs; Act 150 of 2016 Earned Income Tax and Act 165 of 2016 Vehicle Code. PennDOT updated their Manual; salt brine can be bought with Liquid Fuels Funds. There is a revised Sunshine Act & Right-To-Know Law Manual available.

**Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension:** Ms. Chambers captivated everyone’s attention by audience participation using interactive technology (clickers) to pick from multiple choice answers to questions regarding “Communications through the Years”.

**Mr. Fred Snyder, Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Snyder has been a communicator for many years. He’s a native from Baltimore, MD and currently lives in Carroll Valley, PA. Mr. Snyder is a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park. He worked 45 years in radio at WBAL and WITH in Baltimore. Mr. Snyder traveled around the country with news as his specialty; working in New York, Massachusetts, Indiana, and North Dakota. Mr. Snyder won Associated Press; United Press and International awards for Broadcast News Excellence. Mr. Snyder was the morning news anchor at WHP Radio in Harrisburg; becoming the host of the Breakfast Club, WGET in Gettysburg in 1993 and hosted the popular Freddie’s Breakfast Nook talk program for more than 15 years. Mr. Snyder left radio in December 2012 and in March 2013 he started to write a weekly column in The Gettysburg Times called “Around Town”.

Mr. Snyder at 72 years wise; he spoke on various personal experiences about communication over the years, the changes both better and worse, sorting fact from fiction. His message to the crowd is to figure out the truth for yourself after seeking as many reliable sources as possible – and listen to your “gut instinct”. He shared some of the amazing experiences the world offered to him over the years. He stressed the importance of communication in our lives – never miss the opportunity to share.

## **Association Business:**

The ACATO Conference Minutes of November 18, 2015, as presented by Ms. Debby Brogan, Hamilton Township Secretary were approved as presented in the conference booklet by Gus Fridenvalds and Marcia Weaver. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report prepared by Ms. Marcia Weaver, Reading Township was approved as presented in the conference booklet by Bob Gordon and Tim Beard. Motion carried. Current balance \$9,717.69 with miscellaneous convention expenses to be paid.

Audit Committee Report for 2015 was listed in the conference booklet by Chairman Craig Rockey, Highland Township.

Election of Officers; Nominations Committee Chair Ms. Carol Merryman, Cumberland Township, recognized current officers; President Stephanie Egger, Hamilton Township; Vice-President Harry McKean, Oxford Township; Treasurer Marcia Weaver, Reading Township and Secretary Beverly Shriver, Oxford Township. Chair Merryman requested nominations from the floor; none received. The current officers agreed to preside as the 2017 officers.

Election of PSATS Conference Delegate for 2017; 1st Delegate; Gus Fridenvalds and Tim Beard nominated Bob Gordon as PSATS Delegate for the 2017 Year. Motion carried. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate position is vacant; please present nominations to ACATO for approval prior to the April meeting.

PSATS Conference is scheduled for April 23-26, 2017.

President Egger stressed there is a lot of work, time and expense involved in having the Adams County Mid-Year Conference and there is such a low attendance. This is a training conference. Jim Lafferty and Bob Gordon motioned to cancel scheduling an Adams County Mid-Year Conference due to low attendance. Motion carried.

Next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Adams County Association of Township Officials, tentatively scheduled for November 8, 2017. President Egger asked members to share their memorabilia of their township to make a memorable celebration of accomplishments over the last 100 years of the Adams County Association.

Currently; there are vacancies on various ACATO Committees; Audit Committee, Public Relations, Newsletter Editor, Resolutions Committee and Nominations Committee. Please contact someone on the Executive Committee of any interested volunteers.

Each municipality was given a center piece to take back to their office. Special thanks to Country Manor Florist for providing four flower arrangements and four pedestals for around the stage. The flower arrangements were given as door prizes after the meeting.

The last of the door prizes were awarded; having no further business President Egger adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly A. Shriver, Association Secretary