

Affiliate Member Organizations*

HELPING PROFESSIONALS WHO HELP YOU



Some part of every township budget is earmarked for professional services, including those provided by engineers, solicitors, and planners. With associations serving each of these areas, PSATS helps these professionals stay up to date on local government topics so they, in turn, can offer even better services to their townships.

The following member organizations receive periodic newsletters, as well as continuous education, networking opportunities, and accessibility to knowledgeable association staff members. Some associations also have different levels of membership.

They include:

- Township Engineers Association
- Township Solicitors Association
- Township Planning Association
- Township Emergency Management Association

Our newest association, the **PA Association of Zoning Officials, or PAAZO**, provides zoning officials with the proper education they need to go through the zoning certification process.

Drug and Alcohol Testing*

CDL COMPLIANCE MADE EASY



PSATS provides both drug and alcohol testing for multiple employment reasons. For example, employees who operate vehicles that require a commercial driver's license (CDL) are lawfully obligated to take drug and alcohol testing. With our help, townships have handy access to these required tests at convenient locations and the ability to consult with staff.

PSATS also provides this testing to townships for pre-employment, employees in safety-sensi-

*Additional fees may apply.

tive positions, employees who handle dangerous equipment, and volunteers helping with parks and recreation programs.

Legal Defense Partnership*

WATCHING OUT FOR TOWNSHIPS IN THE COURTS



With the rapid growth in lawsuits, townships need all the support they can get, especially when a court case has statewide implications. To help its members litigate legal disputes, PSATS created its member-supported **Legal Defense Partnership**.

PSATS selects court cases based on whether they have a **statewide significance** and **are at the appellate court level**. If a township court case meets these criteria, the partnership will work in conjunction with the township's solicitor to file a friend of the court brief supporting the township.

Insurance*

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED



Since 1959, **PSATS' Trustees Insurance and Retirement Services** has been providing township officials and their families with high-quality insurance programs at an affordable cost. These programs offer **health, dental, vision/hearing, life, disability, and Medicare Advantage plans**, as well as a defined benefit **pension plan** and 401(a) and 457(b) **retirement savings plans**.

PSATS also administers the **Unemployment Compensation Group Trust Fund**, which, like the other insurance programs, offers affordable coverage with great customer service.

The Association has also formed a partnership with Municipal Risk Management Inc. of Pittsburgh to provide **liability and property insurance and workers' compensation** for its members.

PSATS SERVICES AT A GLANCE

- Education
 - Annual Educational Conference & Exhibit Show
 - PSATS Municipal Government Academy
 - Human Resources & Labor Management Institute
 - General Township Educational Offerings
 - Customized On-site Programs
 - Webinar Wednesdays
- Information/Assistance
- Legislative Advocacy
- Grassroots Advocacy Network
- Publications
 - Pa. Township News • PSATS News Bulletin • Townships Today • Week-in-Review • Sunshine and Right-to-Know Laws Guide • Ethics Act Guide
- Electronic Communications
 - Website • Township Video News • Social Media
- Insurance
- Unemployment Compensation
- Township Legal Defense Partnership
- Awards Program
- Township Solicitors Association
- Township Engineers Association
- Township Planning Association
- Township Emergency Management Association
- PA Association of Zoning Officials
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
- Public Employers Labor Relations Advisory Service (PELRAS)
- Automatic Membership in the National Association of Towns and Townships



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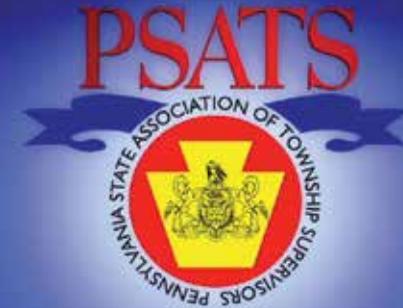
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PSATS: More Than Just a Membership



MOVING FORWARD

PSATS Offers Value to Its Members

Since its creation in 1921, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors has witnessed exponential growth among its member townships. The organization serves the 1,454 townships of the second class across the commonwealth, or about 44 percent of the state's population. PSATS' mission has remained constant: to protect, promote, and strengthen township government by educating and supporting its leaders, the elected supervisors. PSATS also represents townships before state and federal lawmakers to make sure township officials' voices are heard in the legislative process.

PSATS recognizes the hard work and dedication of its elected and appointed officials, many of whom are volunteers with a common goal to better their community. Our focus and mission are to provide valuable services to our members at an affordable annual dues rate. By offering services that its members value, PSATS strives to build stronger relationships, expand its knowledge, and grow with its townships.

Annual Educational Conference & Exhibit Show



Where are you going to network with thousands of township officials, participate in your choice of nearly 100 workshops, or view close to 300 exhibitors under one roof? The answer to that question is the **PSATS Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show**.

The conference, held every spring in Hershey, is **the largest municipal event of its kind in Pennsylvania**. The four-day conference includes workshops, an impressive line-up of speakers, and the largest municipal exhibit show in the state and gives township officials the chance to vote on resolutions proposed by county associations throughout the year.

PSATS emphasizes the importance of conference participants taking home information of value to their community and making connections with other members and PSATS board and staff at the conference.

Education ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



PSATS offers endless continuing education opportunities to its members, making it the leader in outreach education for local officials. Our courses cover a wide variety of subjects of interest to every township across the state. These topics include road maintenance, secretaries training, the Right-to-Know Law, stormwater management, road crew safety protocols, personnel management, budgeting, QuickBooks, emergency management, ethics, records management, and more.

To provide the knowledge and leadership skills that elected and appointed officials and staff may need for their positions, the Association created the PSATS Municipal Government Academy. Township officials enrolled in PMGA earn the required primary, secondary, and elective credits over a three-year span by taking classes in either the graduate or certificate program.

The PMGA graduate program requires 60 credits total across all four educational tracks: administration, planning, public safety, and public works. The certificate program requires 30 credits and concentrates on just one of the four tracks.

To enhance the provision of the education that members need, but from the comfort of their own office or home, PSATS has introduced Webinar Wednesdays. Each week, PSATS offers one-hour lunchtime webinars on topics within the four PMGA tracks. Successful completion of a webinar counts as one secondary credit for enrollees.

PSATS also partners with PennDOT and other state agencies to provide additional training programs to local government officials.

Publications/ Communication KEEPING MEMBERS INFORMED



One of our main goals at PSATS is to keep our members informed. Through its wide variety of publications and electronic communication, PSATS keeps its members up to date on the latest news affecting townships in Pennsylvania.

- **Pennsylvania Township News** — First published in 1948, the *Township News* provides members with in-depth news, issue analysis, interviews of state officials, legislative and legal updates, the always-popular Q&A column, and much more.
- **Newsletters** — The *PSATS News Bulletin* provides member townships with information about what is going on at PSATS, as well as legislation, education, and upcoming events. The *Week-in-Review* provides legislative updates semimonthly.
- **Brochures** — If you've got a question or need guidance, we have a brochure for that. From liquid fuels fund spending guidelines to insurance and pension eligibility for township supervisors, our brochures will help guide your decisions.
- **Website** — PSATS' user-friendly website at psats.org is loaded with news and links to information that will help you find answers to your questions and learn more about PSATS' many services.

- **"Connect" Discussion Group** — We want to hear your opinion. The discussion posts originate with you, our members, and offer a forum for you to interact with your peers all over the commonwealth.
- **Township Video News (TVN)** — Our monthly video news segments offer you the latest information on topics affecting townships and delve deeper into specific issues, from volunteer fire funding and recruitment challenges to the heroin epidemic in Pennsylvania.

Information and Assistance HERE FOR YOU



If you have a question, we can help get you the answer. Our hardworking and experienced staff at PSATS is here to assist, answer your questions, and guide you to any solutions you need.

PSATS staffers can answer your questions about township law and responsibilities, provide townships with sample resolutions and ordinances, and direct townships to any additional resources they may need.

Legislative Advocacy A VOICE IN THE CAPITOL



As your eyes and ears in Harrisburg and Washington, PSATS keeps you informed on state and federal legislation and works directly with legislators to craft and amend legislation to benefit townships and oppose legislation that could harm townships.

When important legislation hits the fast track, the PSATS **Grassroots Advocacy Network** is quick to contact legislators to support or oppose proposals on various issues of interest to member townships.

PSATS also keeps townships up to date on changes in state law through its **New Laws Service**.^{*} For a small annual fee, member townships can receive copies of all the new laws affecting townships.