

2017 Year End Report

PFMA Committees, Educational Webinars, and Membership Activities

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee meets by phone on the last Wednesday of each month to keep members updated on PFMA's activities and legislative priorities. The Committee also receives a weekly update by email, which contains PFMA activities, news clips, and information on bills. In 2017, PFMA sent 34 advocacy updates which are designed to both inform members of critical issues and allow them to easily contact their legislator in support or opposition to legislative actions. An additional 42 PFMA Updates were sent out to the Legislative Committee and any related topic specific committee, including bill summaries, analysis, feedback requests, notices, and other information.

<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Weekly Updates</i>	<i>Advocacy Alerts</i>	<i>Updates</i>	
January 25, 2017	Jan 6, 13, 20, 27	Feb 6 Menu Labeling	Jan 5 Cyber Security Seminar Notice	Jun 26 Liquor Reform Legislative Update
February 27, 2017	Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	Feb 15 Swipe Fees	Jan 9 eWIC Rollout Update	Jul 3 Menu Labeling Update
March 29, 2017	Mar 3,13,17,24, 31	Mar 6 Swipe Fees	Jan 19 SNAP Retailer Update	Jul 3 Overtime Rule Changes Update
April 26, 2017	Apr 9, 17, 21	Apr 10 SNAP Regs	Jan 31 SNAP Redemption Data	Aug 3 Update on PSU Survey
May 31, 2017	May 1, 8, 12,19, 30	Apr 11 Liquor Reform	Feb 7 PA Budget Legislative Summary	Aug 9 Beer-to-go Legislative Update
June 28, 2017	Jun 2, 9, 16, 26, 30	Apr 18 SNAP Regs	Feb 23 Tobacco Product License Extension	Aug 22 SLO Program Changes Update
July 26, 2017	Jul 7, 14, 21, 28	Apr 20 USTIB	Mar 6 PA Budget Legislative Analysis	Aug 25 Anti-skimmer Campaign Info
August 30, 2017	Aug 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 24 eCigs/Vape Tax	Mar 15 U.S. Dept. of Ag Census Notice	Aug 28 SLO Program Changes Update
Sept. 27, 2017	Sept 1, 8,15, 22, 29	Apr 26 Swipe Fees	Mar 15 Pharm Standards Revision Update	Aug 31 SNAP Retailer Update
October 25, 2017	Oct 9, 16, 24, 27	May 18 Swipe Fees	Mar 27 Liquor Reform Feedback Request	Sept 26 SNAP Retailer Update
December 6, 2017	Nov 10, 17, 27	May 23 eCigs/Vape Tax	Mar 28 Pharmacy Fees Feedback Request	Oct 2 eWIC Rollout Update
Dec. 20, 2017	Dec 8, 14,18,22, 29	May 23 SNAP Regs	Mar 29 Grease Trap Tax Feedback Request	Oct 17 SNAP Retailer Update
		May 23 Spot Appeals	Apr 3 Liquor Reform Legislative Update	Oct 27 PA Budget Legislative Update
		May 24 USTIB	Apr 5 PA Budget Legislative Update	Oct 24 Loss Prevention Convention
		May 25 All Alerts Update	Apr 10 Grease Trap Tax Feedback Request	Nov 16 Food/Bev Forum Invite
		Jun 7 SNAP Regs	Apr 10 DEP Listening Tour Notice	Nov 20 Anti-skimming Legislative Update
		Jun 8 Liquor Reform	Apr 12 Liquor Reform Feedback Request	Dec 6 SNAP Retailer Update
		Jun 8 All Alerts Update	Apr 26 Food Safety Outreach Program	Dec 7 Stop-and-go Enforcement Update
		Jun 12 SNAP Regs	Apr 27 Liquor Reform Legislative Update	Dec 20 eWIC Update
		Jun 16 USTIB	May 2 Menu Labeling Update	Dec 20 SNAP Retailer Update
		Jun 23 eCig/Vape Tax	May 19 SNAP Stocking Level Update	Dec 28 SNAP Retailer Notice
		Jun 26 SNAP Regs		
		Jun 27 USTIB		
		Jun 28 iLottery		
		Jun 28 Liquor Reform		
		Jun 29 All Alerts Update		
		Jul 3 iLottery		
		Jul 10 All Alerts Update		
		Jul 12 State Budget		
		Aug 21 GRTs		
		Sept 25 iLottery		
		Oct 2 iLottery		
		Oct 3 Storage Tax		
		Nov 7 Federal Tax Reform		

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Philadelphia Legislative Committee

Like the Legislative Committee, the Philadelphia Legislative Committee focuses on local legislation in the City of Philadelphia. The Committee generally meets by conference call on the last Thursday of every other month, although additional meetings are held as needed. In 2017, the Committee met by conference call on eight occasions, received a weekly update on news, legislation, and PFMA activities specific to Philadelphia, and 7 advocacy and informational updates. The Committee also received an electronic copy of all 50 advocacy and informational updates that were sent to the Legislative Committee.

Meetings	Weekly Updates	Advocacy Alerts	Updates
January 19, 2017	Jan 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 6 Cig Tax Repeal	Jan 10 Beverage Tax Update
February 28, 2017	Feb 3, 10, 17, 24		Mar 8 Philly Tobacco Regs Update
March 30, 2017	Mar 3, 11,17,24,31		May 2 Beverage Tax Budget Hearing
April 27, 2017	Apr 10, 17, 21, 28		Aug 11 Philly Tax Agent Reports
May 25, 2017	May 6, 12, 19, 30		Oct 16 Tobacco Hearing Notice
July 27, 2017	Jun 2, 9, 16, 26, 30		
Sept. 28, 2017	Jul 7, 14, 21, 31		
December 7, 2017	Aug 4, 11, 18, 25 Sept 1, 8, 15,22, 29 Oct 9, 16, 24, 27 Nov 3, 10, 17, 27 Dec 11,15,18, 22,29		

Loss Prevention Committee

The Loss Prevention Committee provides members with opportunities to network with other loss prevention professionals, design and conduct effective loss prevention campaigns, and discuss relevant issues. Two regular in-person meetings were held in the spring and fall of 2017, and one executive meeting was held with the Pennsylvania Attorney General in November to discuss increasing and coordinating efforts with Attorney General Shapiro's office to combat organized retail crime in Pennsylvania. Committee members also received four updates throughout 2017, informing members of related issues and events, such as cybersecurity updates, the state's anti-skimming campaign, and loss prevention conventions. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts and updates that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

Meeting Dates	Advocacy Alerts		Updates
April 28, 2017	Feb 15 Swipe Fees	Jun 8 All Alerts Update	Jan 5 Cyber Security Seminar
September 22, 2017	Mar 6 Swipe Fees	Jun 29 All Alerts Update	Aug 25 Anti-skimmer Campaign
November 17, 2017 (Executive meeting with the PA AG)	Apr 26 Swipe Fees	Jul 10 All Alerts Update	Oct 24 Loss Prevention Convention
	May 18 Swipe Fees	Jul 12 State Budget	Nov 20 Anti-skimming Update
	May 25 All Alerts Update	Nov 7 Federal Tax Reform	

Food Protection Committee

The Food Protection Committee, which met in the Spring of 2017, provides members with information to help them prevent foodborne illnesses in their stores, discusses laws and regulations on food safety, best handling practices, agro-terrorism, and other related issues. The 2017 spring meeting was originally scheduled in March, but had to be rescheduled to April due to a winter storm. Members also received eight updates throughout 2017, informing members on topics of interest, including changes to menu labeling regulations, good agricultural practices and good handling practices (GAP/GHP), and the USDA Food Safety Outreach Program. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts and updates that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

Meeting Dates	Advocacy Alerts		Updates	
March 15, 2017 (Rescheduled)	Feb 6 Menu Labeling	Jun 12 SNAP Regs	Mar 15 U.S. Dept. of Ag Census Notice	Jul 3 Menu Labeling Update
April 19, 2017	Apr 10 SNAP Regs	Jun 26 SNAP Regs	Apr 26 Food Safety Outreach Program	Aug 3 Update on PSU Survey
	Apr 18 SNAP Regs	Jun 29 All Alerts Update	May 2 Menu Labeling Update	Aug 17 Food Protection Newsletter
	May 23 SNAP Regs	Jul 10 All Alerts Update	Jun 14 FP Newsletter	Dec 7 Food Protection Newsletter
	May 25 All Alerts Update	Jul 12 State Budget		
	Jun 7 SNAP Regs	Nov 7 Fed Tax Reform		
	Jun 8 All Alerts Update			

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PA Pharmacy Council

The PA Pharmacy Council is intended to give members an opportunity to learn more about issues in the retail pharmacy industry, such as technician certification, pharmaceutical accountability monitoring (PAMS), and real-time tracking of ephedrine/pseudoephedrine purchases. The PA Pharmacy Council met in September 2017 to discuss Pharmacy PACE Reimbursements (Pharmacy Dispensing Fees) in the state budget. PFMA provided Committee members with four updates throughout 2017 on those fees, as well as on pharmacy standard revisions. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts and updates that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

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September 15, 2017	May 25 All Alerts Update Jun 8 All Alerts Update Jun 29 All Alerts Update Jul 10 All Alerts Update Jul 12 State Budget Nov 7 Federal Tax Reform	Mar 15 Pharmacy Standards Revision Update Mar 28 Pharmacy Fees Feedback Rqst Apr 26 Pharmacy Newsletter Jun 8 Pharmacy Newsletter

PennDOT Work Group

The PennDOT Work Group only meets as needed, and did not hold a meeting in 2017. The Committee is intended to give members an opportunity to review PennDOT policies and practices relating to the issuance of Highway Occupancy Permits, and other land use and development issues. Members did receive three updates on changes being made by PennDOT to the issuance of Highway Occupancy Permits, however those changes were meant to streamline the process by removing outdated segments of the regulations. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts and updates that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

<i>Advocacy Alerts</i>	<i>Updates</i>
May 25 All Alerts Update Jun 8 All Alerts Update Jun 29 All Alerts Update Jul 10 All Alerts Update	Feb 6 Highway Occupancy Feedback Request Feb 15 Highway Occupancy Feedback Request Feb 27 Highway Occupancy Feedback Request

Sustainability Committee

The PFMA Sustainability Committee focuses on environmental sustainability issues, including reducing food waste, environmentally friendly packaging, reducing consumption of power/fuels, and other food sustainability initiatives. The committee meets as needed, and PFMA is working to hold the next meeting in early 2018. PFMA provided Committee members with four updates throughout 2017 on the PA Department of Environmental Protection's listening tour, food waste, and recycling issues. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts and updates that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

<i>Advocacy Alerts</i>		<i>Updates</i>	
Feb 6 Menu Labeling Apr 10 SNAP Regs Apr 18 SNAP Regs May 23 SNAP Regs May 25 All Alerts Update Jun 7 SNAP Regs Jun 8 All Alerts Update	Jun 12 SNAP Regs Jun 26 SNAP Regs Jun 29 All Alerts Update Jul 10 All Alerts Update Jul 12 State Budget Nov 7 Federal Tax Reform	Mar 15 U.S. Dept. of Ag Census Notice Apr 10 DEP Listening Tour Apr 26 Food Safety Outreach Program May 2 Menu Labeling Update	May 22 Sustain. Nwsltr Jul 3 Menu Labeling Update Jul 7 Sustain. Nwsltr Aug 3 Update on PSU Survey

Human Resources Committee

The PFMA Human Resources Committee discusses issues relating to personnel, including wages and hours, hiring and firing, personnel policies, and union/collective bargaining procedures. The committee meets as needed, and PFMA is working to hold the next meeting in early 2018. PFMA sent Committee members three informational updates in 2017 on issues such as changes to the U.S. Department of Labor's Overtime Rule, minimum wage initiatives, and workers' compensation. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts and updates that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

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May 25 All Alerts Update Jun 8 All Alerts Update Jun 29 All Alerts Update Jul 10 All Alerts Update	Jul 3 Overtime Rule Changes Update Jul 31 Human Resources Newsletter

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SNAP and WIC Advisory List

PFMA sends interested members updates on issues relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, such as changes to stocking requirements, the implementation of eWIC in PA, and information on becoming a SNAP and/or WIC retailer. In 2017, PFMA sent twelve updates specific to SNAP and WIC. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts and updates that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

Advocacy Alerts

Apr 10 SNAP Regs
Apr 18 SNAP Regs
May 23 SNAP Regs
May 25 All Alerts Update
Jun 7 SNAP Regs
Jun 8 All Alerts Update

Jun 12 SNAP Regs
Jun 26 SNAP Regs
Jun 29 All Alerts Update
Jul 10 All Alerts Update
Jul 12 State Budget
Nov 7 Federal Tax Reform

Updates

Jan 9 eWIC Rollout Update
Jan 19 SNAP Retailer Update
Jan 31 SNAP Redemption Data
May 19 SNAP Stocking Levels
Aug 31 SNAP Retailer Update
Sept 26 SNAP Retailer Update

Oct 2 eWIC Rollout Update
Oct 17 SNAP Retailer Update
Dec 6 SNAP Retailer Update
Dec 20 eWIC Update
Dec 20 SNAP Retailer Update
Dec 28 SNAP Retailer Notice

Fuels Committee

The PFMA Fuels Committee is intended to give members the opportunity to learn more on the legislative and regulatory issues concerning the storage and sale of fuels, and to network with their colleagues that operate fueling stations. Members received six updates on topics such as the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board and Fund, tobacco regulation changes, and updates from the Fuels Institute. All Committees also receive any relevant advocacy alerts that are sent to the Legislative Committee.

Advocacy Alerts

Feb 6 Menu Labeling
Feb 15 Swipe Fees
Mar 6 Swipe Fees
Apr 10 SNAP Regs
Apr 11 Liquor Reform
Apr 18 SNAP Regs
Apr 20 USTIB
Apr 24 eCigs/Vape Tax
Apr 26 Swipe Fees
May 18 Swipe Fees
May 23 eCigs/Vape Tax
May 23 SNAP Regs
May 24 USTIB
May 25 All Alerts Update
Jun 7 SNAP Regs
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Jun 12 SNAP Regs
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Jun 26 SNAP Regs
Jun 27 USTIB
Jun 28 iLottery
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Jul 3 iLottery
Jul 10 All Alerts Update
Jul 12 State Budget
Sept 25 iLottery
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Nov 7 Federal Tax Reform

Updates

Feb 23 Tobacco Product License Extension Notice
Mar 23 Fuels Institute Notice
Mar 27 Liquor Reform Feedback Rqst
Apr 3 Liquor Reform Update
Apr 5 PA Budget Update
Apr 12 Liquor Reform Feedback Rqst
Apr 27 Liquor Reform Update
May 2 Menu Labeling Update
May 19 SNAP Stocking Levels
May 22 Fuels Newsletter
Jun 26 Liquor Reform Update

Jul 3 menu Labeling Update
Jul 7 Fuels Newsletter
Aug 9 Beer-to-go Update
Aug 22 SLO Program Changes
Aug 25 Anti-skimmer Campaign Info
Aug 28 SLO Program Changes
Oct 2 Tobacco Sessions Update
Oct 24 Fuels Newsletter
Oct 27 PA Budget Update
Nov 20 Anti-skimming Update
Dec 7 Stop-and-go Enforcement Update

Emergency Updates

PFMA works in conjunction with the PA Emergency Management Agency, the PA Department of Agriculture, PennDOT, and other partners to keep PFMA members updated on extreme weather events, price gouging advisories, power outages, agroterrorism, and other emergency events. In 2017, PFMA sent members 22 emergency updates.

Updates

Jan 26 Severe Snowstorm Warning
Feb 7 Rapid Response Team Feedback Request
Feb 8 Severe Snowstorm Warning
Feb 19 Rapid Response Team Feedback Request
Feb 28 Severe Thunderstorm Warning
Mar 6 Caustic Apple Juice Warning
Mar 13 Severe Winter Weather Warning
Mar 13 Fleet Warning
Mar 13 Fleet Update
Mar 13 Severe Winter Storm Proclamation
Mar 14 Severe Winter Weather Update

Mar 14 Hours of Service Waiver Update
Mar 14 Severe Winter Weather Update (2)
Mar 14 Severe Winter Weather Update (3)
Mar 14 Fleet Update (2)
Mar 14 Severe Winter Weather Update (4)
Mar 15 Severe Winter Weather Warning
Jul 12 Severe Thunderstorm Warning
Jul 14 Severe Thunderstorm Warning
Aug 30 Hurricane Relief Aid Request
Oct 30 Severe Weather Warning

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Webinars

PFMA began conducting regular educational webinars for members in 2015. The purpose of the educational webinars is to inform members on topics of interest to them, without the burden of travel or other costs generally associated with educational opportunities, and to publicize research and innovative practices among PFMA's members and the food industry community at large.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Presenter Organization</i>	<i>Title</i>
March 7, 2017	Adin Hamilton with Groom Energy Solutions	Prioritizing, Planning and Deploying Demand-Side Energy Efficiency Upgrades
May 2, 2017	Lisa Burke with KeHE Distributors	What's Trending in the Specialty and Natural Food Industry?
August 8, 2017	Taylor Tommasino, CPA, CISA with Baker Tilly	Today's Cybersecurity Landscape

Upcoming Webinars

<i>Date</i>	<i>Presenter Organization</i>	<i>Title</i>
Beginning of February	Commonwealth Gaming	Video Gaming Terminals (VGTS)
Beginning of March	PA Department of Banking	Anti-skimming