

Pennsylvania Local Government Organizations

The **Chester County Association of Township Officials** (CCATO) was founded in 1907, the Association's mission - to promote a better knowledge of the rights and duties of Township Officials by comparing experiences and sharing ideas and to get to know one another through friendly communication - is still as relevant today as it was decades ago. Supervisors are no longer just road masters though. Today we must understand land development, storm water management, and traffic control. We are no longer a County populated by farms with cows and horses. Now we are home to major corporations and people outnumber the livestock.

www.ccato.org

The **Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors** (PSATS) has been serving townships of the second class since 1921, when Gov. William Sproul signed Act 189 to create PSATS. Headquartered in Enola, Cumberland County, the Association has more than 40 full-time employees and operates under the direction of a 12-member executive board, elected each spring by the membership. PSATS focuses on serving the

The Association also has 12 standing committees that oversee specific aspects of its operations.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors is committed to preserving and strengthening township government by lobbying state and federal lawmakers and educating and informing its members through workshops, an annual conference and trade show, and award-winning publications.

PSATS' services include:

- Lobbying, Legislative Research and Analysis, and Policy Development — PSATS works with state and federal lawmakers to address issues that matter most to townships, analyzes legislation, and develops policy to advance the Association's objectives. The Association also has a Grassroots Lobbying Network, an organized statewide group of local leaders who are on a mission to unify and amplify the township message.
- Communications — PSATS is an information clearinghouse for its members and provides them with a full range of newsletters, brochures, and other publications, including the award-winning monthly magazine, the Pennsylvania Township News.
- Insurance — PSATS offers an array of insurance programs to meet the needs of townships and their employees
- Professional Associations — PSATS manages four professional associations, the Township Solicitors Association, the Township Engineers Association, the Township Planning Association, and the Township Emergency Management Association, which offer specialized services for the consultants and volunteers who help township officials meet their growing responsibilities.

<http://www.psats.org/>

The **PA State Association of Boroughs** (PSAB) has been serving boroughs across the Commonwealth for more than 100 years. PSAB represents the 957 boroughs that are home to more than 2.6 million residents. PSAB is a non-profit and non-partisan association, operated by the boroughs of the Commonwealth, to promote effective local government practices. Pennsylvania's boroughs – urban to rural - band together to create effective change in our communities.

PSAB's primary objectives are to provide legislative/regulatory representation at both the state and federal levels; to promote constructive and cooperative relationships among boroughs and between PSAB and other levels of government; to deliver training and technical assistance to borough officials; and to provide cost-effective programs and services.

www.boroughs.org

The **Pennsylvania Municipal League** (PLM) represents participating Pennsylvania cities, townships, town, boroughs, and home rule municipalities that all share the League's municipal policy interests. Our Board of Directors oversees the administration of a wide array of municipal services including:

- legislative advocacy
- publications designed to educate and inform
- education and training certification programs
- membership research and inquiries
- consulting-based programs
- group insurance trusts

<http://www.pamunicipalleague.org/>

The **National League of Cities** (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, NLC serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns it represents.

<http://www.nlc.org/>