

# PSATS & County Associations: A Powerful Partnership

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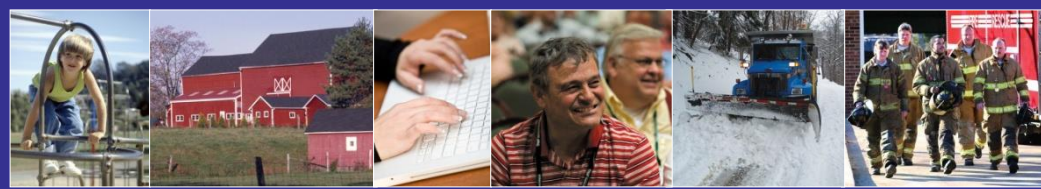


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## ***PSATS: Your Member Organization***

- **Dues-paying townships of the second class are members of the association**
- **Supervisors, managers, secretaries, and treasurers of dues-paying townships are entitled to active membership and Association services**
- **Dues paying County Associations also have voting status at the Annual Conference**



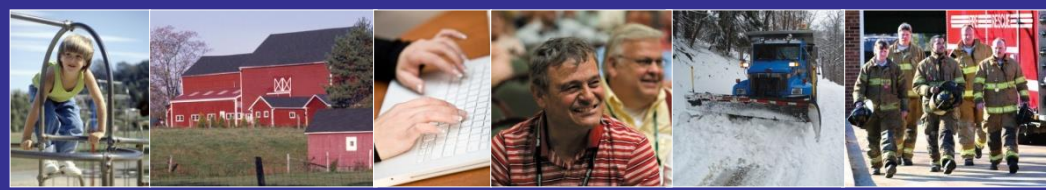
## ***PSATS: Your Member Organization***

- **PSATS is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to serving its member townships of the second class and their elected and appointed officials**
- **PSATS is governed by a 13-member executive board from across the state, elected by the membership at the Annual Conference**



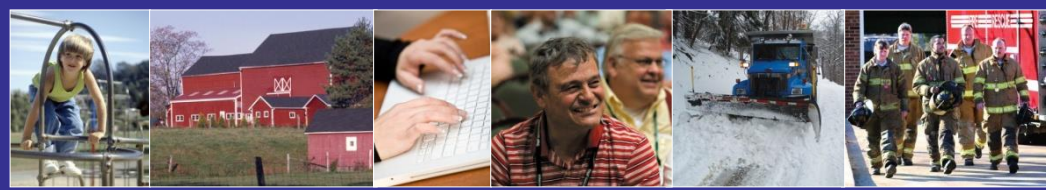
## ***County Association Partners***

- **County associations are leadership partners of PSATS**
- **Grassroots organizations for local township officials to get involved and work together to influence state and local issues**
- **Opportunity to vote on and promote issues of interest to your township**



## **County Association Partners**

- **County Associations play a critical role in PSATS governance:**
  - **Voting on Association Business:** County associations vote at the Annual Conference on township related policy, bylaws changes, and PSATS officers and Executive Board, with 1 vote for every 10 townships or portion thereof (*minimum of 2 votes*)
  - **Nominating Award Winners:** County associations nominate individuals or organizations for PSATS awards, such as the PSATS Youth Awards and President's Leadership Award.



## ***County Association Partners***

- **County Associations play a critical role in PSATS governance:**
  - **Nominating Board Members and Standing Committees:** County association presidents nominate township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, and managers for the PSATS Executive Board and standing committees. The committees include: Resolutions, Rules, Finance, Nominations, Secretary-Manager, and four population-based committees



## *County Associations*

- **County Associations play a critical role in PSATS governance:**
  - **Setting Policy:** Township-related resolutions must be sponsored by a county association or PSATS standing committee to be voted on at the PSATS' Annual Educational Conference
  - Under a recent bylaw change, if the Resolutions Committee opposes a resolution, motions and seconds to bring the item up for a vote can only come from non-sponsoring county association voting delegates



## ***County Associations***

### **■ PSATS provides support to County Associations:**

- Assisting with speakers/facilitators
- Sharing information
- Staff support through calls and emails
- Quarterly leadership calls
- Sharing of best practices
- Legislative engagement
- State agency input

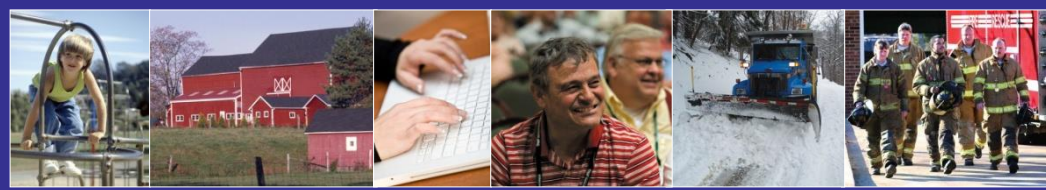




## ***PSATS Resolutions Process***

### **■ Established in PSATS' Bylaws:**

- County associations and standing committees can propose township-related resolutions
- PSATS Resolutions Committee reviews resolutions using a checklist and votes to support or oppose
- Township-related resolutions go before full membership at Annual State Conference
- In addition to county association voting delegates, every township has one voting delegate at PSATS Annual Conference (*township supervisor, secretary, treasurer, and manager may serve as voting delegate*)



## ***PSATS Resolutions Process***

### **■ Established in PSATS' Bylaws:**

- At conference, resolutions supported by the Resolutions Committee are treated as if they have a motion and a second and automatically will be up for discussion and a vote
- Resolutions opposed by the Resolutions Committee will require a motion and second only from county association voting delegates from 2 separate non-sponsoring counties

# Resolutions Process



**1 TOWNSHIP IDEA**  
 • i.e., increase turnback payments & bid limits



**2 PRESENT IDEA FOR A VOTE**  
 • At a standing committee or county convention



**5 SENT TO HARRISBURG**  
 • This sets the policy for the Association

## The PSATS RESOLUTION Process

**3 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**  
 • Meets before the Annual Conference

**4 VOTED ON BY PSATS DELEGATES**  
 • During Business Meeting at Annual Conference



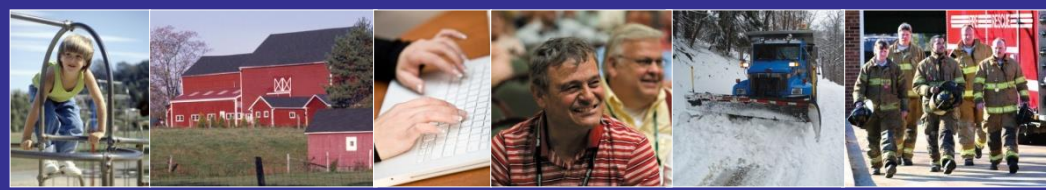
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## ***PSATS Resolutions Process***

### **■ After PSATS Annual Conference:**

- Adopted resolutions form PSATS' policy platform for five years, until fulfilled, or until replaced with a newer resolution
- Legislators are asked to introduce and support legislation to address adopted resolutions
- Adopted township-related resolutions are incorporated into PSATS' policy statements
- PSATS staff is charged with working to fulfill the adopted resolutions or to stop legislation opposed by the membership



# **Questions?**



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