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2023 BCATO 115h Annual Convention Highlights



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the BCATO 115th Annual Convention. It was terrific



Mayor Joe DiGirolamo, Bensalem, was presented with the Metzger Service Award for his more than

to be back in person. We appreciated the hospitality of Northampton Township and the opportunity to hold the Convention at the municipally owned Northampton Valley Country Club. Pictured left were our municipal township hosts Adam Selisker, Chairman of the Northampton Board of Supervisors, Bob Pellegrino, Township Manager, and Vince Deon, township Tax Collector. Also pictured are newly elected PA Representatives, Kristen Marcell (PA-178) and Joe Hogan (PA-142). Rep. Shelby Labs, (PA-143) also stopped by.



two decades of service to his township and often leading the way across the county. "Mayor Joe" has been a fixture on the BCATO Board of Directors for many years and will be missed. **We are pleased to note that Michelle Benitz, Councilwoman, Bensalem,** will now represent Bensalam's interest on the board. Welcome aboard, Michelle.



Our Bucks County Board of Commissioners led by Bob Harvie, Chairman, Diane Eilis- Marselgia, Vice Chair, and Gene DiGirolamo provided updates on both challenges facing the county and successes in meeting the needs of our residents. Barry Luber, Warrington Township Manager, and Bucks County Consortium President discussed an effort moving ahead to form an infrastructure consortium to target water and sewer issues.

[115th BCATO Annual Convention Video Highlights](#)



115th Annual Convention Panel Discussion

This year's panel discussion focused on the robust housing market here in Bucks County and some of the unintended consequences municipalities are facing as a result. We want to thank our panelists, Florence Kawoczka, Executive Director of Habitat of Humanity of Bucks County, Erik Clare, Executive Director of the Bucks County Housing Group, Micheal Roedig, Director of Planning Services for the Bucks County Planning Commission, and Judy Stern-Goldstein, Landscape Architect and Planner for Gilmore and Associates.

No convention would be complete without an update from PSATS. Joe Gerdes, Director of Government Relations for PSATS provided a very thorough look into the prospects for this year's legislative priorities.

The 115th Annual BCATO Convention Agenda, Resolutions, PSATS presentation, and Panel Discussion presentation can be found [here](#).

Finally, thank you to our many sponsors for their support. It was really great to connect in person.



The Sterling Act, Not So Sterling for Bucks County

Sen. Frank Farry (PA-6) held a hearing in Middletown Township on the Sterling Act earlier this month. BCATO members provided [testimony](#), along with Joe Lazzaro, Senior Vice President of Law and Communications Keystone Collections Group, and tax policy experts. Find out the impact on your municipality [here](#). Sen. Farry expressed appreciation to the many BCATO members who came out and streamed

to hearing.

Mark Your Calendar



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PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show April 23- 26. Join us for lunch Monday and Tuesday at the BCATO Hospitality Suite, Hershey Lodge, Room 1467. See you there!

Calling All Volunteers

The BCATO Executive Committee approved the roster of ad-hoc committees which include the



addition of several new committees: Bylaws Committee, Emergency Services Committee, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee, and the Strategic Plan Committee. For a complete list of committees and volunteer opportunities visit [the BCATO website](#). If you are interested in joining a committee please email our [Executive Director](#) .

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