



Antitrust Training & Townhall Meeting



Schedule of Events

MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

2:15 PM
REGISTRATION

2:45 to 4:00 PM
ANTITRUST BASICS by Babst Calland

Recommended - for PACA Board members and
Community leaders

Optional - for interested members

4:30 PM
RECEPTION AND DINNER with National and
State Government Affairs Update

Invitees - PACA Board members,
Representatives from Producer Member
companies, Associate Members and
Policymakers

Government Affairs presentation following
dinner by NSSGA Government Affairs
representative and PACA Lobbyist Hank Butler

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH

7:30 AM
NETWORKING BREAKFAST

8:30 AM
PACA MEMBERS TOWNHALL MEETING

10:45 AM
MEETING concludes

Townhall Topics of Discussion

- Concrete Testing Legislation
- ASR
- PACA Membership Value Survey

Antitrust Basics

SPEAKER: KATE COOPER, BABST CALLAND

Antitrust issues can arise for associations and association members in a variety of instances. Though it is complex, all PACA members must be aware of antitrust laws and principles. This presentation will provide an overview of the key concepts of U.S. antitrust laws, enforcement and penalties, with an emphasis on practical “dos” and “don’ts” of antitrust compliance to help your organization avoid potential liability.

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ASSOCIATION ACTION DRIVEN BY OUR MEMBERSHIP

Your input on the ASR and Substandard Concrete Field Testing dialogue at the Townhall will develop the recommendations for the Board of Directors to evaluate and set the direction for our Association.

ASR

Despite the efforts by our members and leadership, the risks to our industry caused by the recent PennDOT ASR retests continue. In January 2023, an Association delegation including national ASR experts presented to PennDOT suggestions and recommendations for discussion in advance of the 2023 construction season, along with a request for their data. As of now, PennDOT has not responded to the data request or our suggestions/recommendations.

At our Annual Meeting last November, the members reached consensus on the following actions: short-term issue from the PennDOT retests; and a long term plan to gain better understanding of our materials, including benchmarking future test methods with respect to ASR potential.

At the Townhall, we will present, for your review our plan for exposure block testing and discuss updates to the current risk to producers based on PennDOT’s actions to our suggestions and recommendations.

Substandard Concrete Field Testing

Poor concrete testing continues to be a pressing issue and one that results in significant financial risk to our members. We are aware of several producers across the Commonwealth facing back charges that are well into the six figures, even though the concrete was ultimately determined to be of proper quality while the initial tests reported test cylinder failures. When we add the amount spent by our producers statewide to watch, catch, and defend against bad testing, the cost is truly staggering.

At the Townhall, you will hear presentations followed by discussion on how to best mitigate this perennial risk to our industry through a multi-phase approach, including legal, building code requirements, and legislative/advocacy. You will walk away with specific actions that your company should consider addressing this issue.

Member Value Survey

Our Association is conducting a Member Value survey for the first time as part of the implementation of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The survey is conducted by Susquehanna Polling & Research, a nationally recognized pollster, and the results will be presented for the first time at the Townhall.

TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM

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or

**call 877-409-6664 and ask for a room under
the PACA Townhall Meeting block.**