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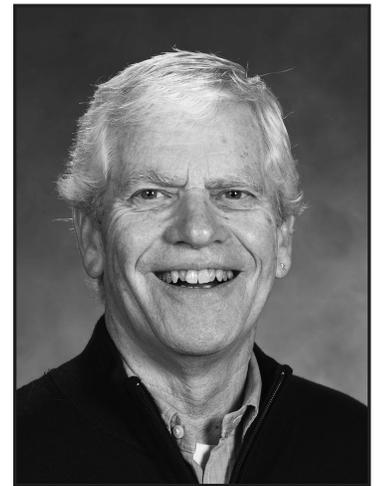
President’s Message - Summer 2020

Thomas B. Judge, President

PARSE by the Numbers

As of July 31, 2020, PARSE has 26,685 dues-paying members. Since the beginning of March, PARSE has seen over 2000 people join our organization. Much growth can be attributed to the efforts of our insurance partner Professional Insurance Services, Inc. and the Association Member Benefit Advisors (PISI/AMBA).

Although the Pennsylvania State Employees Retirement System will not provide us with names and addresses of recent Commonwealth retirees, PISI/AMBA has identified and mailed PARSE information to individuals who might be retirees. The response to these mailings is the source of most of this growth. When PISI joined AMBA, AMBA staff claimed they would be able to identify potential members. I believe they have delivered.



Tom Judge

COVID-19 and the PARSE State Office

The State Office has maintained the workload while abiding by the Governor’s directives. Our information technology contractor, Sidium Solutions, helped staff to work from home. As of late March, I was the only individual going into the office regularly, our Fiscal Assistant worked a few days, and we coordinated schedules so we were not be in the office at the same time. As the local area turned green, staff began working a modified schedule in the State Office.

I planned to have everyone back in the State Office by late July to early August. As cases increased and the governor recommended telecommuting, we again modified our plan. One person is in the office in the morning and sanitizes before leaving in preparation for another to work in the afternoon. If not scheduled for the morning or afternoon shift onsite, staff work remotely.

A challenge for the upcoming months will be the large volume of mail related to dues renewal. We are currently considering options whereby all staff can work safely in the office. Please review the “2021 Dues Collection” item below and consider the on-line dues payment option.

PARSE FY2020-21 Budget

The Finance Committee approved a balanced budget that keeps the annual PARSE dues at \$20 per member and projects a surplus. Our membership growth is helping our financial situation. Because of our positive financial standing, the State Office will continue to pay the entire insurance bill which is normally shared proportionally with the chapters. Also, there will be no cost to the chapters for dues collection done by the State Office.

2020 Governing Board Meeting

Because of the pandemic there will be no Governing Board Meeting this September. Per the Bylaws and our attorney, the Executive Committee will meet via conference call in place of the Governing Board. After that Executive Committee meeting the delegates of record for the 2019 Governing Board Meeting and the chapter presidents will be advised of decisions made by the Executive Committee.

One significant proposal is that the Vice President now take on the reporting function of the Treasurer, with the position titled Vice President-Treasurer. This change is offered because our current fiscal assistant's over 20+ years of experience with our accounting software saves PARSE money by only working up to 12 hours most weeks.

2021 Dues Collection

The annual PARSE dues remain at \$20. Because of the pandemic, dues processing will present challenges in the State Office and we are confident we can handle that work while keeping everyone safe.

You can help if you use the online dues payment process. Last year there was a \$1 surcharge for online payment. For 2021, the State Of-

ice will absorb that cost. Please consider using the online option. Instructions on how to pay online will be on the invoice you receive from the State Office in October and November.

Invoices for members in the Central Penn (1-20) and West Penn (5-40) chapters will not be mailed until November. This dividing of mail will help the State Office to manage dues renewals. Thank you to these chapters agreeing to this process.

PARSE does none of the processing. The website you use for online payment is a secure safe site (https). PARSE is notified of your payment but does not see or have in our system any financial information, i.e. credit card data. We also have no bank account or Social Security numbers in our records.

Please note that, if your chapter does not have the State Office collect dues, this online payment option is not available.

Property Tax Legislation

Both the House and Senate talked about the multiple proposals on property tax legislation prior to the pandemic. No one piece of legislation has emerged as a consensus. Because of the pandemic and related budget issues, any movement on this legislation seems unlikely.

Real ID

The Real ID requirement deadline has been extended until October 1, 2021. After that date, a Real ID will be required for domestic flights and access to some federal facilities unless you have an acceptable alternative (i.e. passport, military ID). Information on getting your Real ID is at <https://www.dmv.pa.gov>.

Government Relations Advisor

John Baughman served as our Gov-

ernment Relations Advisor for several years. I am certain you found his reports interesting and informative. It is with much sadness that I inform you of John's sudden passing on Sunday, July 26th. Please keep John's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Building for the Future

Most Chapters have not been meeting because of the pandemic but that will change in time. The current officers are doing a good job to keep the chapters vibrant. Chapters are vital to the future of PARSE. We encourage you to attend chapter meetings and become active once meetings resume. In many chapters the same officers have served for many years. We are grateful for their service. However, no one is coming forward to replace them. If you value PARSE, make a commitment to your chapter. Being an active participant in your chapter will not require a great deal of time and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are advancing the work of PARSE.

PARSE FINANCIAL REPORT

The good news, as you will note when you review the information below, is that PARSE remains fiscally sound. Contributing to this are the exceptional membership growth and the reduction in meeting and travel expenses because of the pandemic, as well as the cancellation of the Governing Board Meeting.

All information is as of July 31, 2020:

Total Assets:	\$653,293.72
Total Equity:	\$653,293.72
Total Income:	\$344,263.82
Total Expenses:	\$186,075.75
Net Income:	\$158,188.07

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United Concordia Dental COVID-19 Response

PARSE members who are also United Concordia (UCCI) dental insurance policy holders will receive a rebate on their dental plans dues to delays in access and dentistry care because of the pandemic. PARSE has advocated for several months for consideration for our members from UCCI and recently received a response. UCCI's reason for the delay was related to UCCI arrangements and getting clearance from all states where they operate.

UCCI will provide the refund to PISI based on the month of April 2020. PISI will be distributing checks to all PARSE members' home addresses. Only policyholders that were active in the month of April 2020 will receive this one-time refund. As PARSE understands, the refund represents about 45% of the monthly premium. This percentage may vary based on your chosen payment mode and/or coverage tier.

PISI plans to process and mail all refunds in September.

While PARSE had no expectations on what type of consideration UCCI would provide, this was their final offer with no other options provided. PISI/AMBA worked with PARSE to negotiate this and, while the outcome was satisfactory, we believe UCCI missed an opportunity to build a positive client relationship. Through PISI/AMBA we continue to evaluate all our member benefits and this response to the pandemic will certainly be a consideration in future renewals.

PISI/AMBA Contact Team

Our insurance partners, PISI/AMBA, now has assembled a team to assist PARSE members with benefits available to them. Staff from the PISI/AMBA team may contact a new PARSE member after he/she receives a welcome letter.

The PISI/AMBA team staff will thank the new member, ensure he/she received dental and/or vision cards, and ask if the member has any questions on other PISI/AMBA programs.

If a current PARSE member reaches out to PISI/AMBA about programs, staff from this team may call him/her.

The PISI/AMBA team staff may request an appointment to speak with members or mail/email members information and do a follow-up call.

PARSE members are under no obligation to select any program.

The staff of the PISI/AMBA team include Joe Maddalon (team lead), Pittsburgh; Keith Daugherty, Ligonier; Luke Silveira, Pittsburgh; Steve Marrasso, Harisburg; and Lee Holmes, Philadelphia.



GENERAL ELECTION DATES AND INFORMATION

October 19 – Last day to register to vote

October 27 – Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot

November 3 – General Election Day

Polls are open from 7 am - 8 pm.

Last day for county boards of elections to receive mail-in or civilian absentee ballots

REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 19, AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3!

Contact your local county election office for more information on registering to vote and mail-in or absentee ballots. You may also contact the Pennsylvania Department of State to by calling 1-877-VOTESPA.



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