

# Pennsylvania Telephone Association

"The Communications Leader in Pennsylvania"



Pennsylvania Telephone Association  
123rd Annual Convention  
July 13-15, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME	FUNCTION	WHERE
<b>SUNDAY – July 12</b>		
5:30 – 6:30 PM	TICKET PICKUP (Membership Appreciation Day at Hersheypark)  (for anyone wishing to use their Monday ticket on Sunday night)	Fountain Lobby
<b>MONDAY – July 13</b>		
10:00 AM Gates Open  (Hotel Hershey and Hershey Lodge guests can get in at 9:00 AM)	MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY AT HERSHEY PARK <b>SPONSORS</b> <i>Arista</i> <i>Citizens Fiber</i> <i>Hickory Telephone Company</i> <i>Ironton Telephone Company</i> <i>KGPCo</i> <i>NEP Telephone Company</i> <i>Venus Telephone Corporation</i> <i>Zingaretti Enterprises</i>	Hersheypark  9:00 – 2:00 Ticket Pickup at Hersheypark's Ticketing Building  <b>Luncheon: 1:00 – 3:00</b> <i>Wildcat's Revenge Catering Area</i>
5:00 – 6:30 PM	REGISTRATION	Fountain Lobby
6:30 – 7:30 PM	PTA DINNER BUFFET – ticket required  <b>7:00 PM:</b> Associate Member Introductions	Castilian
7:30 – 9:00 PM	DESSERT AND EXHIBITS ON THE MEZZANINE  <b>SPONSORS</b> <i>Arista</i> <i>Celerity Integrated Services, Inc.</i> <i>Henkels &amp; McCoy, Inc.</i>	Mezzanine
<b>TUESDAY – July 14</b>		
7:15 AM  8:00 AM Speaker	TEL-PAC BREAKFAST  <b>SPEAKER: JAMES LEE</b> <i>President &amp; CEO</i> <i>Susquehanna Polling &amp; Research</i>	Starlight West (pre-registration requested)
8:30 – 11:30 AM	REGISTRATION	Fountain Lobby
9:30 – 11:45 AM	GENERAL SESSION	Garden Terrace West
	<b>9:30</b> <b>KIMBERLY M. BARROW</b> , <i>Vice Chair</i> Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission <i>Perspectives from the PUC</i>	
	<b>10:00</b> <b>BRANDON PETERS</b> , <i>Deputy Executive Director</i> Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority <i>Breaking Ground on BEAD: Pennsylvania Broadband's Implementation Era</i>	
	<b>10:45</b> <b>JONATHAN SPALTER</b> , <i>CEO</i> USTelecom – The Broadband Association <i>Fireside Chat with PTA President, Steve Samara</i>	
	<b>Coffee Break Sponsor:</b> <i>Zingaretti Enterprises</i> <b>Attendance Award Sponsor:</b> <i>Arista</i>	



1:00 PM (report at 12:30)	JOHN S. ROCKER MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE  <b>SPONSORED BY</b> <i>Eckert Seamans Cherin &amp; Mellott, LLC</i>  <b>Beverage Cart SPONSORED BY</b> <i>Zingaretti Enterprises</i>	Hershey's West Course
6:30 PM	DINNER (on your own)                      Reservations Recommended	Recommended: 1933 Tavern
7:00 PM	BOARD DINNER    (business dress)	Vista (above 1933)
8:00 PM	REGISTRATION	Garden Terrace
8:00 – 10:30 PM	CASINO NIGHT                                      (bring your Casino Voucher)  <b>SPONSORS</b> <i>Calix</i> <i>Fiber Broadband Association</i> <i>Linemen's Supply</i> <i>Smartoptics</i>  <i>(Golf Awards will be announced during Casino Night)</i> <i>(Casino prizes after golf awards)</i>	Garden Terrace
<b>WEDNESDAY – July 15</b>		
8:00 – 9:30 AM	REGISTRATION	Garden Terrace West
8:30 – 9:30 AM	ACTIVE MEMBER BREAKFAST <i>(Telcos Only)</i>	Starlight Terrace East
9:45 – Noon	GENERAL SESSION	Garden Terrace West
<b>9:45</b>	<b>JOSHUA SEIDEMANN, VP, Policy &amp; Industry Innovation</b> NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association <i>A DC Telecom Update</i>	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>RYAN T. BOOP, Esq - Principal</b> Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies <i>Pennsylvania's Political Landscape</i>	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>AI PANEL</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Brian Jeffers-Hickory Telephone <b>Panelists:</b> Calix, Innovative Systems, MACC, & Ribbon	
	<b>Coffee Break Sponsor:</b> <i>Venus Telephone Corporation</i> <b>Attendance Award Sponsor:</b> <i>Power &amp; Tel</i>	
Noon	ADJOURNMENT	



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**October 7 & 8, 2026**  
*Turning Stone Casino, Verona, NY*