

Pennsylvania Telephone Association

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

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME	FUNCTION	WHERE
SUNDAY – July 12		
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
MONDAY – July 13		
10:00 AM Gates Open (Hotel Hershey and Hershey Lodge guests can get in at 9:00 AM)	MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY AT HERSHEY PARK SPONSORS <i>Arista</i> <i>Hickory Telephone Company</i> <i>Ironton Telephone Company</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 Luncheon: 1:00 – 3:00 <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 7:00 PM: Associate Member Introductions	Castilian
7:30 – 9:00 PM	DESSERT AND EXHIBITS ON THE MEZZANINE SPONSORS TO DATE <i>Arista</i> <i>Celerity Integrated Services, Inc.</i> <i>Henkels & McCoy, Inc.</i>	Mezzanine
TUESDAY – July 14		
7:15 AM 8:00 AM Speaker	TEL-PAC BREAKFAST SPEAKER: JAMES LEE <i>President & CEO</i> <i>Susquehanna Polling & Research</i>	Starlight West (pre-registration requested)
8:30 – 11:30 AM	REGISTRATION	Fountain Lobby
9:45 – 11:45 AM	GENERAL SESSION	Garden Terrace West
	9:30 KIMBERLY M. BARROW , <i>Vice Chair</i> Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission <i>Perspectives from the PUC</i>	
	10:00 BRANDON PETERS , <i>Deputy Executive Director</i> Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority <i>Breaking Ground on BEAD: Pennsylvania Broadband's Implementation Era</i>	
	10:45 JONATHAN SPALTER , <i>CEO</i> USTelecom – The Broadband Association <i>Fireside Chat with PTA President, Steve Samara</i>	
	Coffee Break Sponsor: <i>Zingaretti Enterprises</i> Attendance Award Sponsor: <i>Arista</i>	



1:00 PM (report at 12:30)	JOHN S. ROCKER MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE SPONSORED BY <i>Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC</i> Beverage Cart SPONSORED BY <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) SPONSORS TO DATE: <i>Fiber Broadband Association</i> <i>(Golf Awards will be announced during Casino Night)</i> <i>(Casino prizes after golf awards)</i>	Garden Terrace
WEDNESDAY – July 15		
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
	9:45 JOSHUA SEIDEMANN, VP, Policy & Industry Innovations NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association <i>A DC Telecom Update</i>	
	10:30 RYAN T. BOOP, Esq - Principal Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies <i>Pennsylvania's Political Landscape</i>	
	11:00 AI PANEL Moderator: Brian Jeffers-Hickory Telephone Panelists: Calix, Innovative Systems, MACC, & Ribbon	
	Coffee Break Sponsor: <i>Venus Telephone Corporation</i> Attendance Award Sponsor: <i>Power & Tel</i>	
Noon	ADJOURNMENT	



See you at the North East Telecommunications Showcase
October 7 & 8, 2026
Turning Stone Casino, Verona, NY