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Bios of Speakers and Participants

Lieutenant Governor Michael Stack (quoted from <https://www.governor.pa.gov/lt-gov-mike-stack/>)

On January 20, 2015, Mike Stack was sworn in as Pennsylvania's 33rd lieutenant governor, and in that role serves as presiding officer of the Pennsylvania Senate. He also chairs the Board of Pardons and was appointed by Governor Wolf to chair the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council.

Lt. Gov. Mike Stack is a former Captain in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and a graduate of the U.S. Armed Forces Officers Basic Course. He also served as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) for the 28th Infantry Division. Before being elected as lieutenant governor, he served as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate representing the 5th District, which includes Northeast Philadelphia, Bridesburg, and portions of Port Richmond and Juanita Park, from 2001 to 2015. As a senator, Lt. Gov. Stack was the Democratic chair of the Banking and Insurance Committee and a member of the Aging and Youth, Communications and Technology, Judiciary, Local Government, and Policy committees.

Lt. Gov. Stack earned his law degree from Villanova University Law School in 1992. He is a graduate of LaSalle College High School and of LaSalle University. During the administration of Governor Robert P. Casey, Lt. Gov. Stack was executive deputy director of the Pennsylvania Medical Professional Liability Catastrophic Loss Fund.

Lt. Gov. Stack is a member of the Philadelphia Board of City Trusts, co-chair of the Philadelphia Veterans' Court Advisory Committee, and a Fellow of the University of Pennsylvania Leadership Academy of the Fels Institute of Government. He serves on the Board of Trustees of Temple University. He is also a member of the Chilean & American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, Officer Daniel Boyle Division 88 Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Shaare Shamayim Men's Club.

Major General Anthony J. Carrelli, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania

Brigadier General Anthony J. Carrelli assumed duties as the Deputy Adjutant General-Air, Pennsylvania National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters on January 22, 2013. He serves as the primary advisor to The Adjutant General on all matters pertaining to air operations and as commander of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He is responsible for overall operational

readiness and ensuring that the 4,100 assigned members are trained and equipped to successfully accomplish their federal and state missions.

General Carrelli graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1985. He completed undergraduate pilot training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, followed by several flying assignments as an A-10 pilot. He served in the active duty Air Force for several years as a T-37, AT-38 and A-10 pilot.

Following his release from active duty, General Carrelli joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in 1999. He has deployed in numerous operations to include Desert Storm, Southern Watch, and most recently Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

General Carrelli has completed Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. His military decorations include: the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two devices, Air Medal with five devices, Aerial Achievement Medal with five devices, Air Force Commendation Medal with three devices, Air Force Achievement Medal with one device, Gallant Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with seven devices and Valor, National Defense Service with one device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two devices, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two devices, Iraq Campaign Medal with one device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon with one device, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with two devices and gold border, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with four devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with multiple devices, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one device, Air Force Training Ribbon, Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal, Pennsylvania State Service Medal, Pennsylvania Major General Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal, and Pennsylvania Thomas J. Stewart Medal. He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in the A-10, T-37, T-38, AT-38B and KC-135 aircraft.

General Carrelli has served as commander of the 111th Fighter Wing, Horsham, and commander of the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pittsburgh International Airport. (copied from <https://www.governor.pa.gov/administration-announces-acting-adjutant-general>)

Judge Craig Trebilcock

Craig Trebilcock is a judge on the York County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania. He was elected in 2011 to a term that expires in 2022. Trebilcock has served as the pro bono counsel on the U.S. Supreme Court for Mr. Albert Snyder in his case against the Westboro Baptist Church. He has served a judicial clerk for the U.S. Department of Labor administrative appeals judges. He has worked as a prosecutor and private practice attorney for 24 years. Trebilcock earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1985

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Senator John Rafferty, R- Montgomery

Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr. represents the residents of Pennsylvania's 44th Senatorial District which includes parts of Berks, Chester and Montgomery Counties. He was re-elected for a fourth term in the Senate in November of 2014.

A former Pennsylvania Deputy Attorney General, the Montgomery County native has an extensive background in public service at the state and local levels. Senator Rafferty's top legislative priorities include improving Pennsylvania's transportation system, lowering the property tax burden, protecting the environment, reducing health care costs, providing quality care for senior citizens, fighting drunk driving, combating prescription drug abuse and ensuring that our police, firefighters and emergency responders have the resources and tools they need to do their jobs.

Senator Rafferty currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee. The most lauded accomplishment during his tenure to date was spearheading the passage of Act 89 of 2013, which created a multi-billion dollar, multi-modal transportation funding plan for Pennsylvania. Following decades of underinvestment throughout the state's transportation system, Senator Rafferty helped to gain bipartisan support for one of the most robust transportation funding solutions in the country by increasing investment by an additional \$2.3 billion. This critical level of investment is helping to repair structurally deficient bridges and poorly-rated roadways to ensure the safe, efficient and competitive movement of people and goods throughout the Commonwealth. Act 89 also provides a sustainable funding solution for non-highway modes of transportation, including, aviation, rail freight, ports and bicycle/pedestrian. The law has been recognized as a model by transportation leaders from across the nation and its financing mechanisms are being evaluated by other state Departments of Transportation and the United States Congress as they review options to bridge their funding gaps.

Senator Rafferty also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and is a member of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure and Law and Justice Committees. Senator Rafferty has previously served on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and in 2013 was appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve on the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. He is well known for working on state and local issues and bringing together members of the Legislature, local officials and community leaders to solve problems and build meaningful consensus. (copied from <https://www.senatorrafferty.com/biography-2/>)

Senator Lisa Baker, R-Luzerne

Senator Lisa Baker is serving her third term representing the 20th Senatorial District, which includes substantial parts of Luzerne and Susquehanna counties and all of Pike, Wayne, and Wyoming counties.

She is noted for her accessibility in the district, for her practical and reasonable approach to problem-solving, and for her bipartisan work on constructive legislation. Numerous community

organizations and projects have benefitted from her concerted advocacy, including business development and job creation efforts, library expansions, senior housing initiatives, and recreation programs. Working with county and municipal officials, she has helped to secure essential funding for sewer and water system upgrades, transportation priorities, and intergovernmental cooperation efforts.

This session is her first chairing the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, which has wide-ranging jurisdiction over significant programs and services. An immediate challenge came when Governor Wolf proposed consolidating four state departments, on which the committee is doing extensive fact-finding and conducting public hearings.

She serves as a member of the following committees: Aging and Youth, Appropriations, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness. These assignments give her the chance to work in-depth on many of the concerns expressed by individuals and groups in the district, to push forward on reform and cost-efficiency measures, and to shape programs opening the door for opportunities that residents are seeking. (copied from <https://www.senatorbaker.com/profile/>)

Representative Mark Gillen, R- Berks, Lancaster

State Representative Mark M. Gillen began serving the people in the 128th Legislative District in 2011. The district now includes portions of southern Berks County and northern Lancaster County.

As a state representative, his top priorities are eliminating wasteful spending, reducing the size of state government and continuing the fight to eliminate property taxes.

Prior to being elected, Mark previously served as the educational director of the Salt and Light Foundation, working on international projects. He is a former Pennsylvania correctional officer and a current Pennsylvania licensed Emergency Medical Technician. He is also an Act 48 certified teacher.

Mark previously served as a Berks County jury commissioner and on Mohnton Borough Council. He is a member of a number of civic organizations and clubs, as well as the Mohnton Fish and Game Protective Association, the Neversink Gun Club, the Perry Township Game Association and the Pike Township Sportsman's Association. He also is a member of the Colonel Jacob Morgan Post 537 of the American Legion in Morgantown.

He graduated from Pennsbury High School and attended Bucks County Community College, Bob Jones University and the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. He has a master's degree in education from Kutztown University.

Mark currently serves on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Education, Labor and Industry, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committees. (copied from <http://www.repgillen.com/bio.aspx>)

Representative Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny

Member of the house since 1995. Chair of the Professional Licensure committee. Attended Duquesne University. Served in USMC.

Patrick Cawley, Executive Director and Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee

Former Senior Counsel, Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Former Deputy Attorney General.

Ron Jumper, Executive Director, Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee