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10 Years of Dedication

Recently I had the great pleasure in honoring Nola Werren, Esq. on her 10-year anniversary with State and Federal Communications. It was a special affair as the entire company feted Nola on this significant event at a luncheon celebration. I've included some photos in this issue of the newsletter. I want to add my personal thanks to Nola for the many contributions she has made to the company, and the expert advice and counsel she has presented on a daily basis to our many valued clients. Nola is a key member of the State and Federal Communications ALERTS Consulting team, working with our clients to track and file the numerous required reports in each state. I can't tell you how many times over the years a client has told me

they presented Nola with a difficult problem, or a "gray" compliance question where a specific answer was not immediately apparent, and she tackled the problem satisfactorily. Nola is recognized in the government affairs industry, nationally, as one of the foremost spokespersons on lobbying and campaign finance laws. We are proud to have her as an important part of our staff and team, and as a superior ambassador to our clients. If you'd like to send Nola a note, you can email her at nwerren@stateandfed.com

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[Article photos-
Top Right - John Chames, Nola Werren, Esq. and Elizabeth Bartz.
Middle Left - Elizabeth with Nola and her daughters Elaine and Maggie Werren.
Bottom - Staff Photo.]

Another Website Update

As we continue with news of our new website revisions, we would like to point out that previously, the subheadings for each jurisdiction in each of the guides was its own separate hyperlink. For example, if you wanted lobbyist registration information and clicked on "registration", the information appearing included only the information appearing for that particular subheading, i.e., you could only review the information pertaining to registration. If you wanted information on a different subheading, you would have to go to that subheading's hyperlink and click again. NOW, no matter which subheading you click, the entire information for that jurisdiction

will appear and you can scroll down instead of having to click the hyperlink of another subheading. Of course, this is still an option should you need to "zero in" on one subheading and not others. Also, for those subscribers who like to read a paper document, you now have all of the information for that jurisdiction in a print-friendly version. Previously, to review on paper all of the information for a given jurisdiction, you would have to print each subheading separately, which would require some effort. We know you will be pleased with this change at www.stateandfed.com



ALERTS Client Profile

State and Federal Communications welcomed a new ALERTS client in 2007, Biotechnology Industry Organization, or as it is often called, BIO.

BIO's Mission Statement explains:

Biotechnology researchers expand the boundaries of science to benefit mankind by providing better healthcare, enhanced agriculture, and a cleaner and safer environment.

The mission of BIO is to be the champion of biotechnology and the advocate for its member organizations – both large and small. Interestingly, the field of biotechnology combines biology and technology, including biologic applications, diagnostic tools and businesses, to improve our daily existence by providing solutions to some of life's most vexing problems. Since its inception in 1993, BIO's mission has centered on advocacy. The organization is located in Washington D.C., minutes from the Capitol and the White House where it can interact with legislators and policymakers. Key lobbying priorities include:

Advocating the industry's positions to

elected officials and regulators
Responding to the threat of government price controls on breakthrough drugs
Shaping political and public reaction to the genetically modified foods
Advocating tax incentives that better reflect the risk and social benefit of biotech investments
Working with Congress and the FDA to streamline the regulatory process
Addressing bioethics issues at every level of government and in public forums.
Informing national and international media about the industry's progress, contributions to quality of life, goals and positions.
Since its beginning, BIO has seen the number of approved biotechnology drug and vaccine products in the US soar from 22 in 1993 to 212 in 2004, and membership more than double to 1,131 companies, academic institutions and biotechnology centers.
The range of compliance services provided by State and Federal Communications to BIO is extensive, and is an integral component in the organization's lobbying efforts.

March of Dimes Walk

We encourage our employees to get involved in community events, such as the recent March of Dimes walk on April 29th. Our IT Director, Ren Koozer took on this challenge with his wife Nicolette and son Zack, age 14, and participated in the March of Dimes walk in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, helping the area raise more than \$24,000. The Koozers have seen firsthand the great work of the March of Dimes organization. Their 11-year old nephew, Braden Koozer, was born prematurely weighing only 1 lb., 12 oz. Today, he still has a number of health issues, including cerebral palsy, but Braden is able to walk and attend school, two remarkable achievements. Congratulations Ren, Nicolette, and Zack on your efforts to help others!



[Photo - Zachary Koozer, Dennis Koozer, Braden Koozer, and Ren Koozer.]

See Us in Person

Plan to say hello at future professional development events where State and Federal Communications will be attending and/or speaking regarding compliance issues.

Organization Highlight

Regularly we like to feature interesting organizations in our newsletter that our readers may find beneficial to their needs.

ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership, located in Washington D.C., are actually two separate but interdependent legal entities. Together they represent the entire association profession, serving the needs of all association professionals.

ASAE is the membership organization and serves as the voice of the association profession. Founded in 1920, ASAE now has more than 22,000 association CEOs, staff professionals, industry partners, and consultant members. The Center for Association Leadership is the premier provider of learning and knowledge for the association community. The Center was founded in 2001. Together they serve approximately 10,000 associations that represent more than 287 million people and organizations worldwide!

Specifically, the ASAE & The Center...
Produce more than 75 learning experiences each year
Publish 'Associations Now Magazine' and the 'Journal of Association Leadership'
Provide thousands of web-based tools and resources
Help members connect in 13 professional interest sections
Conduct future-focused and market research
Host ASAE & The Center's Annual Meeting & Exposition and the Springtime Exposition, and Act as the voice for and advocate of the association profession.

Learn more by visiting at www.asaecenter.org/

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Annual Meeting
July 26-29, 2007
Philadelphia, PA
www.alec.org

NCSL

Annual Meeting
August 5-9, 2007
Boston, Massachusetts
www.ncsl.org