The legislature will return at the end of this month to continue work on the budget. In anticipation of the funding of the fairs, McKillop and Associates has developed a Plan of Action for our funding and a position paper highlighting the numerous contributions to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We have coordinated our program in consultation with your president, Ron Miller, your secretary-treasurer, Bruce Koppenhaver and Rep. David Millard.

Each Fair will contact their legislators and request a meeting in their district office. This may require at least 2 meetings, one with the Senate, and one with House members where your fair is located. That is the minimum request for action, the Senate and House member in the districts where your fair is located, but to extend this contact I respectfully request that you contact and Senator or House member that visits your fair and those you keep in contact with.

In order to assist you, we will have our training program available for our members through your www.psacf.org website. McKillop & Associates is working with Rep. Millard to accomplish 2 things:

1-Have representative Millard to reach out to the 5 leaders that support the fairs in the legislature.

2-Invite your officers to a meeting with the Fair Caucus.

In addition, I will arrange a visitation day on the “Hill” so the officers can visit with the Leaders in the House and Senate key staffers.

Through this concentrated program, we hope to increase our funding and at least maintain around $1,000,000 as a minimum.

I would like to compliment the Fair Queen Board on working with me to reach out to the M&T foundation for funding to support the program. I sent a rough draft of the application and the board
under John’s leadership did an outstanding job on filling in the details. Their professionalism and knowledge was invaluable. I will now submit the application to a retired senior vice-president for consideration.

Today your president, Ron Miller is presenting 2 citations to Bruce from the Senate and House of Representatives for Fair Person of the Year award. No honor is more deserved than this to a person who has worked diligently on behalf of the fairs. We all congratulate you Bruce on this earned honor! We will also be honoring the Fair Queen at a future date with a citation.

Your future as fairs and the funding necessary to continue your fine work is in your hands. Please follow the plan of action and leave a position paper at each office. My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your help and support.