# Message from the President



Michael J. Quaranta

With the adjournment of the 149th General Assembly on June 30, we now adjust our focus to key issues and agenda setting in advance of the next two-year meeting of the Assembly. This will include both legislative and regulatory policy issues from a broad spectrum of topics including tax, employee benefits and training, infrastructure improvements and more. We

need your input as we piece together policy issues we want to advance through the Carney Administration or General Assembly. While most of government relations and lobbying is defensive in nature, we need to be for something and not always in a defensive posture.

Our membership has the benefit of being innovative, creative, broad and diverse. We need use these assets to help elected officials shape policies that will enhance the future of the Delaware business landscape in ways that grow our current businesses and attract new entrants. Regulatory policy and approvals must move swiftly and not drag on for months or years. We will never stand for anything that puts public health or safety at risk, but it cannot and should not take months or longer to make decisions that can be made in a matter of days or weeks. Our advantage is our size and we need to reclaim the time when decisions, good decision included, were made in short order.

We have work to do, but collectively as a unified front. To that end, please make sure you are connected with us in some way to stay up-to-date on the issues we are tracking for you, our members.

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