

## **Former Local Government Official Appointed to Public Policy Board**

### **For Immediate Release**

(Harrisburg – August 10, 2012) The Chrostwaite Institute announced today that Thomas A. Klaum has been appointed to serve on their Board of Directors through June 30, 2016.

Mr. Klaum has served a distinguished forty-two year career in local government service, the last twenty-five years with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and the last fifteen years as Executive Vice President of PSAB. He began his local government career as a county planner in Cambria County until 1979, when he moved to the Cambria-Somerset COG and served as its Executive Director until 1986. That year he was named Director of Membership and Programs for PSAB, and began his final twenty-five years of local government service with the only statewide association representing the boroughs of Pennsylvania, and one of the largest local government associations in the Commonwealth with 910 member municipalities serving a population of 2.5 million. His responsibilities included day-to-day management of one of the largest local government associations in the state, management of 24 staff and oversight of PSAB's monthly magazine, [Pennsylvania Borough News](#).

Mr. Klaum is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology/Geography and received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He resides in Mechanicsburg Borough with his wife, Clare.

"Tom Klaum's knowledge of local government issues and his strong service orientation and work ethic are essential qualities for the Institute" said Chrostwaite Institute Board Chair Sam Worley, a former borough official from Chambersburg Borough. "I have known Tom for many years and I deeply respect his wisdom and local government expertise."

### **About the Chrostwaite Institute**

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