

The O·C·E·O·A Enforcer

The Newsletter of the Ohio Code Enforcement Officials Association

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Trustees and Officers Elected in February

For the first time in many years, we had more nominees for trustees than we had available trustee positions. We usually have to scramble to get enough nominees to fill all the available positions.

It's hard not to take advantage of members willing to participate in running the organization and making it function. Therefore, the decision was made to change the way we do things, at least for the next year. For this year, on a temporary basis, we will maintain one additional trustee giving us a total of ten trustees. At the end of this year, depending on how things proceed, we will re-evaluate how we are doing and consider whether the change should be made permanent or not.

The results of the elections were as follows: Mr. Don Tate, from the City of Kettering, was re-elected to the office of President. Mr. Gerry Wasserman, from the City of Oregon, was re-elected to the office of Vice President. Mr. Mike Farrenkopf, from the City of Columbus was re-elected to the office of Secretary. Mr. Richard Osgood, from the City of Sharonville, was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. Those reelected as Trustees at Large were Janette Matala, from the City of Fairfield, Melissa McMillon, from the City of Bexley, Dana Rose, from the City of Columbus, and Denver A. Williams, from the City of Dayton.

We elected two new Trustees.

Scott Wallace, from the City of Moraine, and Farrell Humphreys from the City of Dayton.

Long time trustee, Pete Thornburg, from the City of Dayton, currently has his hands full (and loving every minute of it) helping his wife raise their new son, Claudio. Pete is also busy teaching at Sinclair College when he isn't working for the City of Dayton. Pete, who always supplies the poster describing each meeting's agenda, says he will still make the banner for each meeting.

“SPOTLIGHT on” Lawn Mower Repair

Tom Hall, from the City of Wauseon, has some horror stories to share with us concerning his experience with lawnmower repair activities.

Right-of-Way and Legal Issues

John H. Clemmons, Law Director of the City of Fairfield, Ohio will be our first presenter for the morning session. John will present to us a basic knowledge as to Right-of-Way boundaries and allowable uses (signs, structures, etc.) He will touch on legal rights of property owners as applies to right-of-way areas. Inspectors will learn their rights as to access to right-of-way areas.

John is a shareholder and director of Millikin & Fulton Law Firm, A Legal Professional Association, with offices in Butler County, Ohio. John has been engaged in civil law practice for twenty-seven years with emphasis on Ohio municipal and school law.

John has served as Law Director of

the City of Fairfield, Ohio and counsel to Fairfield City Schools since 1980. John received his B.S. degree from Miami University in 1973 and his J.D. degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1976. John is a member of the Butler County and Ohio Bar Associations, the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, the Ohio Council of School Attorneys and the National School Board Attorneys Assoc.

Recycling & Environmental Waste

Amanda Wilson, Senior Corporate Communication Executive at Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc. in Cincinnati, will educate us on some of Rumpke's activities addressing waste disposal. She will cover some of their recycling programs and programs dealing with environmental waste.

Ms. Wilson is responsible for overseeing the activities of Rumpke's Corporate Communication Department.

Ms. Wilson earned her bachelor of sciences, cum laude, in journalism, public relations from E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio State University in 1998.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR OCEOA MEMBERSHIP**

2004 OCEOA Meeting Dates

- May 13 •
- August 5 •
- November 4 •

All meetings will be held at the
Ramada Plaza in Columbus

Flood Loss Reduction

Christopher M. Thoms, Senior Environmental Specialist for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Floodplain Management Program, will be conducting a workshop that should be of special interest to Building Officials, Building Inspectors, Property Maintenance Inspectors, Sanitarians and Zoning Officials. Chris will be focusing on assisting us as code officials with understanding floodplain management concepts and specific National Flood Insurance Program participation responsibilities.

Whether conducting presentations for school children or workshops for community officials, Mr Thoms has educated Ohioans of all ages concerning floodplain management since 1993. He daily provides technical assistance on floodplain management and the NFIP and the

Community Rating System (CRS) to citizens, professionals, and officials and edits Ohio's floodplain management newsletter, 'The Antediluvian.' Mr Thoms has a wealth of experience as a public speaker and instructor. He is a certified teacher, who has taught in elementary, secondary, and college classrooms. Mr. Thoms authored 'A Guide to Substantial Damage Determinations for local permit officials.' He received his B.S. degree in Resource Development from the University of Rhode Island. A Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), Mr Thoms is a member of the National Association of State Floodplain Managers and Ohio Floodplain Management Association.

Illegal Dumping

Heather Robinson, The Director of Environmental Crimes Unit for the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, will share with us her experiences with Illegal Dumping. She will be discussing the some methods for dealing with environmental trash, waste, debris and litter.

Heather handles all felony environmental offenses and select misdemeanor-level environmental crimes, including: air, water, and land pollution; open dumping and open burning; dog fighting and felony animal cruelty. She also brings civil suits on behalf of Franklin County to enjoin various nuisance cases.

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