



OHIO CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER® SOCIETY

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Cynthia Lee, CPM
President

Letter from the President of Ohio CPM Society

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Welcome to the first 2010 edition of the Ohio Certified Public Manager® Society newsletter. I would like to acknowledge and thank the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors for their dedication and contributions.

As Immediate Past President, Juli Carvi (School for the Deaf), leaves us, Melissa Roach (BWC) becomes our new Immediate Past President. President Elect, Lee Thatcher (Commerce) joins us. Roger Aber (BWC) and Patti Barnett (ODNR) continue with us as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. James Gates (ODOT) is followed by Mike Holm (ODE) as Student/Member Services Chair. Sherri Simpson (BWC) will serve as Public Relations Chair in Stephanie Kamer's (ADA) former position. Shawn Crosby (formerly Bradley of BWC) is mentoring Jill Stevenson (BWC) as our new Conference Chair.

Each of these individuals and countless others have stepped up to contribute with newsletter ideas, mentoring, instructing, helping with the conference, and more. Each has done so much to exemplify the Certified Public Manager® designation. Filled with gratitude for those that have come before and

anticipation of working with those who have come forward, I am Cynthia Lee (ODOT) the 2010 President and I am humbled to be called by my peers to this service.

First order of business is to report the formation of cohort 43 that started in January with the new OCPM 18-month training program. Cohort 44 will be starting in July. The appeal of hiring a CPM candidate is directly tied to the relevance and success of the OCPM training program. This is why I am especially glad that DAS is utilizing OCPM graduates as instructors, when possible.

Secondly, we had a great conference in November. We enjoyed a day of networking, self-reflection, two fine speakers, and an enlightening visit from Janine Jones. Janine came to accept Governor Strickland's honorary membership and shared some sentiments he had for us. This year's conference will be even better with a focus on the "talent within." Conference speakers will be uniquely qualified to address CPMs on topics specific and relevant to our current challenges. We will be updating you more on the conference through this newsletter and

special e-mails. Mark your calendar now for November 19th.

Finally, because my list could fill the entire newsletter, this year's Board is motivated toward service to the designation, membership, government, and community. We want to connect with all the certified public managers and students, show our worth to the decision makers in Ohio, and contribute to meaningful tasks/projects. Many have provided me their business cards with their best talents written on the back; offering their skills to the mission. If you are interested in participating on a committee, assisting with a task/project team, or have ideas that will help us connect or contribute, please let me know.

Look forward to additional newsletters and feel free to send us any of your comments or suggestions for the newsletters, website, and Ohio CPM Society membership. Thank you for all that you do and letting me serve as your 2010 President,

Cynthia Lee, CPM

Plan to attend our after work mixer for OCPM alumni, students, and colleagues. Feel free to bring your mate or any friends that may enjoy the company.

When: Friday, 6/04/10

Directly After Work

Where: Brothers

Located: Across from North Market

Don't Miss This!

There is ample parking for a fee in the garage or behind North Market. DO NOT park in the gravel lot.



Jill Stevenson, CPM
Annual Conference Committee

2010 Ohio CPM Society Annual Conference

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

What: 2010 Ohio CPM Society Annual Conference

When: Friday, November 19, 2010

Where: Columbus, Ohio

We have an exciting program scheduled this year which will focus on succession planning, doing more with less, change management, emotional intelligence, and more.

Additional information is soon to come. Mark your calendar and make sure you have a seat at this year's conference. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to assist with the conference, please contact Jill Stevenson, Conference Chairperson, at 614-728-5550.

Your AACPM Elections Committee is accepting nominations for three very important positions. Those positions are President-Elect, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large for Conferences & Communications. As Fellows of the society this is your opportunity to lead the next generation of CPM Graduates and society members.

If you are unable to serve, but would like to nominate someone with outstanding leadership skills and talent please do not hesitate to complete and submit a nomination form.

http://www.cpmacademy.org/newsletter/spring_10/elections.html

Did you know.....

...many of our past graduates are separated from us due to a change of e-mail address?

If you have changed positions, please update your e-mail address with us so we may continue to include you in our communications.

Changes can be e-mailed to the Ohio CPM Society Board Secretary, Patti.Barnett@dnr.state.oh.us

OCPM Graduates and Students....the Society Needs You!

Are you looking for opportunities to grow your professional network? Could you use a resource where you could learn best practices or get things done using solutions that other public managers have already discovered? Would you benefit from sharing a body of knowledge that your colleagues own together?

The OCPM Society is working towards maximizing the benefits to public managers – and ultimately Ohio citizens – and we need your help and input. Just imagine a highly-trained cadre of managers who could share their skills, knowledge and influence to advance our shared mission to serve and

safeguard the public trust.

We believe that you became involved in OCPM not just for your own advancement. Even if you did, the program taught you we must succeed together. Building membership is a key strategy for the Society's aims and we need you to sign up as new members or renew if your membership has lapsed. Remember, student memberships are free!

Visit our website for details:
<http://www.ohiocpmsociety.com/>

We look forward to hearing from you!



Mike Holm, CPM
Member/Student Services



CPMs having too much fun at the 2009 Ohio CPM Society Annual Conference

Monique Evans: A Rising CPM



Monique Evans, CPM
Formerly of ODOT

During each newsletter, the OCPM Society would like to recognize a graduate of the program and highlight their accomplishments. If you have someone who exemplifies the qualities of a public manager or has accomplishments to be recognized, please forward their name and contact information to slscs@hotmail.com.

The Ohio Society of CPM would like to recognize and congratulate Monique Evans, Cohort 23. Recently, Monique was offered, and accepted, a position as the *Senior Director of the Office of Safety Research and Development at the Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center in Washington DC*. Monique agreed to be interviewed for this edition of the newsletter and talk about her career and thoughts on the OCPM program.

Monique was with the Ohio Department of Transportation for over twenty years. Her first position at ODOT was as an Engineer in Training (EIT) which allowed her to visit various departments within the agency. According to Ms. Evans, "This position gave me the opportunity to gain a strong background in the organization." Within five years she was promoted to Roadway Standards Engineer. After serving in this position and being promoted a few more times, Monique landed in research and development at ODOT. She stayed in this position for her remaining tenure with the state. In her final position, she was able to make an impact both at the state and federal level. Many of her programs are considered national benchmarks. Through Monique's leadership, ODOT's R&D

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Public Relations



became the 6th largest state DOT research program in the country. This is quite an accomplishment considering the department only has a staff of three. According to Monique, this is a testament to efficiency at the state level.

Monique also shared insight regarding why she joined OCPM and the benefits she obtained from being a part of the program. According to Monique, "I was looking for an opportunity to get engaged and network with other state agencies." OCPM presented that opportunity. As she continued through the program, she learned to become more introspective regarding management styles, which allowed her to hone in on various skills. Monique also commented, "I was able to learn about topics that I was not exposed to in my position at ODOT, such as the legal aspects of state government."

As Monique prepared to leave state government to take her place on the national scene, her advice for current and future OCPM graduates was to, "Put what you have learned into practice. Develop the habit." According to Monique, this has helped her as she continued to strive to enhance her skills as a manager.

Monique looks forward to a successful transition to her new, challenging position and knows she will be able to use the knowledge and insight she has gained through the OCPM program and her experiences at ODOT.



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