



# OHIO CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER SOCIETY

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

**2011 Annual Leadership  
Conference**

**-Friday, October 21, 2011**

**Board Meetings are held at 3:00  
pm every third Friday of the  
month at:**

DAS  
4200 Surface Road  
Columbus, OH 43228

**Scholarship Application Deadline:**

**-August 31, 2011**

## Ohio CPM Society Mentor Program

The Member Services Committee is excited to announce the creation of a mentor program for Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society Fellows and current OCPM participants. The purpose of the program is to encourage continued professional development and networking between Society Fellows and the OCPM participants. To achieve this purpose, the

program encourages participants to attend professional development courses together, network and share thoughts and ideas on matters that either participant may encounter. To start the program, the Member Services Committee is launching a pilot of the program that is expected to last at least six months. If you are a current Fellow

of the Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society and are interested in participating or would like more information about the pilot program, please contact Member Services Chair, Nicholas Newnham, at [nnewnham@ic.state.oh.us](mailto:nnewnham@ic.state.oh.us) or by phone at 614.644.5321

## Become a Member of the Ohio CPM Society

Certified Public Managers<sup>®</sup> and Ohio Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> program students can join the Ohio Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> Society. The Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society is affiliated with the American Academy of Certified Public Managers<sup>®</sup> and the National Consortium of Certified Public Managers<sup>®</sup>.

The Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society provides its members with an opportunity to network with other certified public managers. Networking opportunities are one of the most important aspects of the CPM experience. CPMs are able to meet, work, and learn from their peers.

## Thank You for Joining Us!

We celebrated summer with the Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society Board at an "After Hours" networking event Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

We met at Roosters (4650 W Broad Street, Columbus) and were joined by many including recent graduates. We appreciate your attendance! Remember all are welcome, so please feel free to bring guests to future events. Watch your email or visit our web site for our next gathering!



To become a member or learn more, please contact Nick Newnham via email at: [NNewnman@ic.state.oh.us](mailto:NNewnman@ic.state.oh.us) or (614) 644-5321.

## A Message from our Society President Lee Thatcher, CPM

The Ohio Certified Public Manager® program is a statewide, nationally accredited comprehensive leadership and management development program designed specifically for public managers in Ohio. The program is overseen by the Department of Administrative Services with the assistance of an Advisory Board.

This Advisory Board exists to make recommendations to the Office of Learning and Professional Development in the Human Resources Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, about such things as trends in management development and how well the program is meeting the needs of public managers. The role of the Board also includes advocating for the enthusiastic support of the Ohio Certified Public Manager Program and advising in long-range planning that ensures a CPM® program that meets or exceeds national accreditation standards and benchmarks.

On Wednesday, April 13, 2011, the Advisory Board met and reviewed the Society By-Laws, membership, reaccreditation of the program, reviewed handbook, received program updates from the OCPM Program Manager, Brandi Robinson, and conducted other business in the interest of the program. DAS Director, Robert Blair, attended the meeting and provided his insight and guidance for the program; which I report is strong support of the program. I strongly believe in the OCPM program and the graduates of the program. I also believe CPMers need to step up and provide the level of assistance as the need arises (and there's always a need) to our employers at all levels.

The Advisory Board consists of twelve members, which includes the Ohio CPM® Society President. We also have another fellow Society Board member serving as an OCPM graduate, being President-Elect Jill Stevenson. I look forward to providing additional updates in future communications.



### Recognize a CPM Member

During each newsletter, the Ohio CPM® Society will 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 that should be recognized, please forward their name and contact information to Cynthia Lee at [CLee@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:CLee@dot.state.oh.us).

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## Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society Annual Leadership Conference: “Today’s Leader’s Forging an Agenda for Tomorrow”

You won't want to miss this year's Annual Leadership Conference! Mark your calendar and plan to attend this dynamic event. This year's conference will feature workshop sessions, a panel of high-level public managers, as well as, the Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society awards of scholarship, CPM<sup>®</sup> of the Year and Askew.

**What: 2011 Ohio CPM<sup>®</sup> Society Annual Leadership Conference**

**When: Friday, October 21, 2011**

**8:00 am until 4:30 pm**

**Where: Embassy Suites - Columbus Airport**

**2886 Airport Drive**

**Columbus, Ohio 43219**

**(614) 536-0500**

Please register on-line via Paypal or print to mail at: [www.ohiocpmsociety.com](http://www.ohiocpmsociety.com)

For questions or special accommodation needs, please contact Vernise Robinson at: [Vernise.Robinson@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:Vernise.Robinson@odrc.state.oh.us)

Stay tuned to your e-mail for additional information including an “After the Conference” networking event. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!



## Congratulations CPM Graduates!!!

Cohort 43 presented their project to the Community Action Organization of Delaware, Madison, and Union County (CAODMU)



*“According to the laws of aerodynamics in physics, a bumble bee cannot fly. Its wing-span is supposedly too small for the mass of its body. But, as we can see, the bumble bee flies, and it flies high. According to societal stereotype and pressures, due to my sex, my race, and the various flaws in my academic preparation, I should not be able “to fly”, but I intend to follow my Ohio Certified Public Manager opportunities and professional pursuits with great haste, for, to me, a mind is undoubtedly “A terrible thing to waste.””*

*- Vernise Robinson, CPM, Cohort 43*

*Welcome:*

*Brandi Robinson, OCPM Training Program Manager, Ohio Department of Administrative Services*

*Opening Remarks:*

*Nicholas Menedis, Chief HR Chief, Ohio Department of Administrative Services*

*Society Greetings:*

*Lee Thatcher, CPM, President, Ohio Certified Public Manager Society*

*Graduation Remarks:*

*Vernise Robinson, CPM*



**Cohort 43 Graduates:**

(Front L to R)

**Belinda Lauer**, CPM, Bureau of Workers' Compensation

**Pamela Koshar**, CPM, Bureau of Workers' Compensation

**Jennifer Dennison**, CPM, Department of Natural Resources

**Vernise Robinson**, CPM, Department of Rehabilitation, & Correction

(Rear L to R)

**Todd Gable**, CPM, Department of Commerce

**David Finley**, CPM, Department of Natural Resources

**Joe Koehl**, CPM, Bureau of Workers' Compensation

**Nicholas Newnham**, CPM, Industrial Commission

**Michael D'Arcy**, CPM, Department of Administrative Services

**Edward Connors, Jr.**, CPM, Department of Job & Family Services

**Gregory Lewis, Jr.**, CPM, Department of Mental Health



Refreshments provided by the Ohio CPM® Society.

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## Elections Are Upon Us

It's that time again to start thinking about the succession of the Ohio CPM Society Board. To some this may seem trivial but to those of us "holding down the fort," the succession of the Society board is of the greatest concern. Each year the work and goals of the Ohio CPM Society change depending upon the needs of the members and OCPM Program/students. Our work is rewarding and empowering. Won't you consider joining us or can you think of a fellow CPMer that would have much to contribute in such a role? An e-mail will be forthcoming requesting nominations. If you would like to discuss a potential nomination or a volunteer opportunity to assist a Chair, please contact Patti Barnett, OCPM Society Secretary at 614-265-6508 or by e-mailing [Patti.Barnett@ODNR.state.oh.us](mailto:Patti.Barnett@ODNR.state.oh.us).

