

Tentative 2023 OML Annual Conference

Wednesday, October 18

- {8:00 – 9:00 a.m.} **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- {9:00 a.m.} **Welcome & Opening of Conference**
~ *City of Columbus Police Honor Guard*
- {9:15 – 12:15 p.m.} **Preparing Public Leaders to Effectively Lead in a Crisis Workshop**
~ **Bruce Hennes**, *Hennes Communications*
~ **Scott Newell**, *Hennes Communications*
~ **John Born**, *Assistant Professor, George Voinovich Academy*
- {12:30 – 1:30 p.m.} **Luncheon with Ohio’s First Lady, Fran DeWine**
- {1:45 – 4:00 p.m.} **General Session**
- Topic **State Legislative Update**
~ **Kent Scarrett**, *Executive Director, Ohio Municipal League*
- Topic **A view from Capitol Hill: Federal Update**
~ **Irma Esparza Diggs**, *Senior Executive and Federal Advocacy Director, National League of Cities*
- Topic **Employing Artificial Intelligence for Economic Development**
~ **E. Rod Davisson**, *City Manager, Obetz*
- {4:00 – 5:00 p.m.} **Breakouts**
- Topic **Preparing Communities for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse**
~ **Colin Campbell**, *Ohio Emergency Management Agency*
- Topic **Home Rule: What it means & why it is important.**
~ **Jerry Strozdas**, *Retired Law Director, Springfield*
- {5:15 – 6:45 p.m.} **Reception with Exhibitors**

Evening Free for Attendees after Reception

Thursday, October 19

- {8:00 – 9:30 a.m.} **Breakfast in Exhibit Hall**
- {9:30 – 11:30 a.m.} **General Session**
- 1) Topic **Forecasting Ohio’s Economic Landscape**
~ **Bill Lafayette**, *Ph.D., Regionomics LLC*
- 2) Topic **A view from the Statehouse: Legislative Issues Impacting Municipalities**
- Moderator: **Carrie Schlade**, *Bryan Mayor, OML President*

Legislative Panel :

Sen. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon), Rep. Sean Brennan (D-Parma),
Rep. Jon Cross (R-Findlay)

{11:30 – 12:45 p.m.}

Visit Exhibitors

Board of Trustees Meeting

{12:45 – 2:30 p.m.}

Luncheon

“From Conflict to Conversation” with Speaker Matt Lehrman

~ *Matt Lehrman, co-founder of Social Prosperity Partners, and is a professional facilitator who specializes in helping organizations engage their communities in ways that leave people feeling connected, respected, & heard.*

Break

{2:45 – 3:45 p.m.}

Breakouts

Topic:

Let’s Talk: Conversation & Possibilities

~ *Matt Lehrman*

Topic:

The State of Railways in Ohio Municipalities

~ *Rusty Orben, State Regulations Director, CSX Transportation, Inc*

~ *Eric Keckler, Mayor of Fostoria, OML Board Member*

~ *Matt Dietrich, Administrative, Executive Director, Ohio Rail Development Commission*

Topic:

Cybersecurity: Strategies to protect electronic assets

~ *Matthew Torres, Senior Account Executive, Acrisure Insurance*

{4:00 – 5:00 p.m.}

Breakouts

Topic:

Nuts & Bolts: Codes, Zoning, and Management of Abandoned Infrastructure

~ *Steve Dunbar, Zone Initiative Team Section Chief, Columbus City Attorney Office*

Topic:

Nuts & Bolts: Village Budgeting

~ *Chris Kerby, OML Board Member, S. Zanesville Fiscal Officer*

{5:30 – 7:30 p.m.}

Dinner & Entertainment

~ *post-dinner entertainment will be the trivia-themed "Muni Family Feud" game experience!*

Friday, October 20

{8:00 – 9:00 a.m.}

Breakfast Buffet

{8:30 – 8:40 a.m.}

Annual Business Meeting

Must preregister for Friday training sessions before the conference.

{8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.}

Mayor’s Court Training (separate registration form)

{9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.}

Public Records Training ~ Ohio Auditor of State's Office

Andrew Geisler & Robin Lee, Assistant Legal Counsels, Auditor of State's Office

~ This seminar satisfies the mandatory CPRT training requirement of R.C. 109.43.