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# News & Views *from* OWWA

March 2011

## From Your President

I am looking for OWWA Past Presidents who would like to get together for a meeting this year. The OWWA Staff would like to hear your ideas and thoughts on how the Association is doing. Also, we would like to see you at our District and Annual Meetings. New committee members were selected at our last meeting. I am grateful for the volunteers that donate their time to make this a successful Association.

The next Ohio Water Well Board Meeting is:  
3:00 pm Wednesday, March 23, 2011  
Holiday Inn Express, 7301 E State Rt 37  
Sunbury, OH 43074

Please contact Kate [kasbury@assnsoffice.com](mailto:kasbury@assnsoffice.com) or by phone at (937) 278-0308 to let her know if you will be able to attend.



Wishing you a successful month ahead.

President, Tom Reasoner

## OWWA REPRESENTING YOUR INTERESTS AT THE OHIO STATE HOUSE



Pictured above is Legislative Committee Chairman, Brandon Mantel; OWWA President, Tom Reasoner; and Legislative Consultant, Luther Liggett attending a recent hearing.



# OWWA Key Agency Appointments

## **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

**Dr. Theodore Wymyslo** will serve as director of the Department of Health. Dr. Wymyslo is a family medicine physician and the current the director of Family Medicine Dayton, a community-based program designed to bring together all family medicine education resources in the Dayton, Ohio, area into a collaborative that will utilize the principles of the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) in medical student and resident education as well as on-site patient care delivery. Prior to his work at Family Medicine Dayton, Dr. Wymyslo, was the director of the Family Practice Residency Program at Miami Valley Hospital. Dr. Wymyslo is a graduate of The Ohio State University School of Medicine.

The mission of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans by preventing disease, promoting good health, and assuring access to quality health care. In addition to providing preventive medical services, public health education, and health care services, ODH also performs various regulatory duties – for entities like home health agencies, long term care facilities, nurse aides, asbestos contractors and others. In addition to ODH's central office operations, there are 131 local health districts that are each governed by a board of health and a health commissioner that receive support from the ODH budget.

## **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:**

**David Mustine** was chosen to run the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Mustine has 25 years of power and oil and gas industry experience in domestic and international financial management, strategic planning, performance management, external relations and new business development. He is a former Senior Vice President at American Electric Power and investment manager for Bechtel Group. Mustine now works for Terraseis Group of Companies, an oil and gas service business based in Dubai. Mustine received a Bachelor of Science in business from The Ohio State University, an MBA from DePaul University and an MA from Ashland Seminary.

ODNR was created in 1949 to formulate and putt into execution a long term comprehensive plan and program for the development and wise use of the natural resources of the state, to the end that the health, happiness and wholesome enjoyment of life of the people of Ohio may be further encouraged. A department of incredible diversity, ODNR owns and manages more than 590,000 acres of land including 74 state parks, 20 state forests, 134 state nature preserves, and 138 wildlife areas. The department also has jurisdiction over more than 120,000 acres of inland waters; 7,000 miles of streams; 481 miles of Ohio River; and 2-1/4 million acres of Lake Erie. In addition, ODNR licenses all hunting, fishing, and watercraft in the state and is responsible for overseeing and permitting all mineral extraction, monitoring dam safety, managing water resources, coordinating the activity of Ohio's 88 county soil and water conservation districts, mapping the state's major geologic structures and mineral resources, and promoting recycling and litter prevention through grant programs in local communities.

It was also announced that Scott Zody, a resident of Fairfield County, will be the assistant director of ODNR.

## **OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:**

**Scott Nally** was chosen to run the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Nally has two decades of environmental experience, currently as assistant commissioner of Indiana's Department of Environmental Management, Office of External Affairs. He has a Master of Science from the University of Wyoming and a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from North Carolina State University. Nally has also previously worked as a regional environmental manager at Perdue Farms Incorporated. He is also a licensed wastewater operator in Indiana and Virginia and pesticide applicator license certified in Indiana.

The Ohio EPA is a state agency whose goal is to protect the environment and public health by ensuring compliance with environmental laws. Ohio EPA was created on October 23, 1972. It combined environmental programs that previously had been scattered throughout several state departments. Ohio EPA establishes and enforces standards for air, water, waste management and cleanup of sites contaminated with hazardous substances. It also provides financial assistance to businesses and communities; environmental education programs for businesses and the public; and pollution prevention assistance to help businesses minimize their waste at the source. Ohio EPA establishes and enforces standards to protect the environment in the following areas: air; drinking water; lakes, rivers and streams; solid waste management; hazardous waste management; and cleanup.

#### **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:**

**David Goodman** was chosen to run the Ohio Department of Commerce. Goodman is a former Republican member of the Ohio Senate, representing the eastern Franklin County in the 3rd District from 2001-2010. He also was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1998 until 2001 and of the Bexley City Council from 1995 to 1998. In addition to his public service, Goodman has spent much of his career as an attorney in private practice and as an Assistant Attorney General. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Miami University and a law degree from Case Western Reserve School of Law.

The Department of Commerce (COM) is one of the state's principal regulatory entities with responsibilities in a variety of areas, including financial institutions, securities, liquor control, real estate, unclaimed funds, industrial compliance, fire safety and prevention, wage and hour law enforcement, and video service. The Department operates with the use of little General Revenue Fund moneys, funding most programs by assessing fees and charges on the industries that it regulates. Additionally, COM regularly transfers profits and excess cash balances from several of these programs to the GRF and other state agencies.

#### **OTHER SENIOR STAFF:**

The incoming governor also has announced the remaining members of his senior staff, after earlier naming Beth Hansen as chief of staff and Wayne Struble as director of policy.

The other top staff members are Matt Carle of Gahanna, director of legislative affairs; Jai Chabria of Powell, senior adviser to the governor; Tracy Intihar of Columbus, cabinet secretary; Ben Kanzeg of Columbus, deputy director for policy; Mike Grodhaus of Dublin, chief counsel; Mike Hartley of Circleville, director of public liaison; Scott Milburn, director of communication; Rob Nichols of Upper Arlington, press secretary; and Jeff Polesovsky of Grandview Heights, director of boards and commissions.



*Information provided by Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP*



### **Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2011**

Plans are under way for BWC's annual Ohio Safety Congress & Expo. This year's safety congress will feature more educational offerings, continuing education units and vendors. **Keep your calendar open March 29 to 31** so you can attend the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, and spread the word to co-workers and colleagues.

And new this year, you can catch safety congress updates on Twitter!

Just follow us [@OSC2011](https://twitter.com/OSC2011)!

**NGWA Stresses Importance of Using Qualified Contractors in Geothermal Heat Pump Work:**

The Federal Housing Administration is proposing to pilot test a new Home Energy Retrofit Loan Program. Qualified Tier 2 Energy Star geothermal heat pump systems would be eligible for low-cost loans under the current proposal. In commenting on the proposal, NGWA supported geothermal heat pump systems as eligible technology for funding. The Association also stressed the importance of using qualified contractors to protect the groundwater resource and achieve energy efficiencies. NGWA provided FHA with information on relevant state licensing laws and the Association's certification program.

**EPA's Efforts to Accelerate Cleanups and Address More Sites Gain Association's Support:**

In January 10 comments on U.S. EPA's Integrated Cleanup Initiative Implementation Plan, NGWA voiced support for the agency's efforts to accelerate cleanups, address a greater number of contaminated sites, and put sites back into productive use while protecting human health and the environment. The agency draft discusses (1) steps to reduce the 3,000 sites awaiting possible placement on the National Priorities List, (2) vapor intrusion in hazard ranking system evaluations, (3) earlier identification and involvement of potentially responsible parties in clean-up work, and (4) third-party evaluations of site remedies. In total, the draft lays out 26 actions with many activities under each one. The Association cautioned that the administrative changes should be monitored to ensure they don't inadvertently delay cleanups or add administrative/legal costs that are not commensurate with benefits.

**CDC Moves Forward on Non-SDWA Regulated Drinking Water Sources Report:**

In mid-December, CDC moved forward with developing a report on the potential health impacts from non-SDWA regulated drinking water sources. Individual household water wells, cisterns, and springs are examples of the types of water sources being reviewed. In particular, the agency sought comments on a draft report outline. NGWA, as an advisory committee member, submitted extensive comments on the draft outline. Overall, the Association urged a more robust scientific underpinning for the report than apparent from the draft outline and the initial reference list provided. CDC incorporated some of NGWA's comments, including recognizing the role of state government in private well regulation. Additionally the outline now allows for a range of actions, including non-regulatory approaches, to address identified problems. A draft of the full report is expected in mid-February. The Association will continue to participate in discussions.

**NGWA Efforts Successful: Voluntary Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Extended:**

The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) establishes a voluntary national- and state-level grant and loan program to reduce emissions from existing diesel engines through clean diesel retrofits. At the urging of NGWA and other organizations, on January 4, the president signed a five-year extension of the program. Federal regulations do not require mandatory retrofitting of existing diesel engines. The program, if sufficiently funded, has the potential to aid individuals who voluntarily want to address their equipment or need to take action because of contract or state requirements.

**Companies Have Three Years to Comply with New Lead-Free Product Law:**

The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act, Public Law 111-380, was signed by the president on January 4. NGWA supported the law's public health goals, but stressed the need for more than a year to comply. Ultimately, three years were provided. The measure redefines lead free to mean: (1) not containing more than 0.2 percent lead when used with respect to solder and flux (current law); and (2) not more than a weighted average of 0.25 percent lead when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes and pipe and plumbing fittings and fixtures. The new law establishes a formula to calculate the weighted average lead content of a pipe or pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture. NGWA also supported a national approach to determining lead-free products rather than the varying state standards that were emerging. Action now turns to the U.S. EPA to determine specific compliance and implementation rules.

## **SPECIAL ADVISORY: CDC Plans Major Report on Potential for Adverse Health Impacts from Private Drinking Water Supplies, Including Household Water Wells**

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is researching studies that show a link between private drinking water supplies (non-SDWA regulated) and the increased risk of disease or illness. CDC expects to use the research results to release a report, and/or ask the National Institute of Medicine to develop a report, intended to raise public and policy-maker awareness of private drinking water supply issues and garner support for additional CDC actions in this area.

At the same time, CDC is working to (1) identify the location of household water well systems and other private drinking water supplies, (2) determine what data are available for these systems, and (3) evaluate the accessibility of that data. Currently, the agency is partnering with seven states: Florida, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, and Wisconsin. These states are inventorying and assessing existing data sets including water quality testing results and looking at other issues relevant to the three questions.

CDC's ultimate goal, which the industry works to support every day, is to ensure that the 39 million private well owners have access to clean, safe water.

### **What should the industry do related to this initiative?**

Continue your work to help your customers obtain drinking water through properly constructed, maintained, and tested private water well systems. Additionally, if you have not already done so:

- Educate yourself about the groundwater quality in your service area—contact your state geological survey or environmental agency.
- Use the information gained regarding groundwater quality conditions to avoid, to the extent possible, areas with higher levels of groundwater contaminants of health concern as water well production zones and to educate your customers.
- Do your part to minimize the number of bacteria samples that fail. Properly construct, develop, clean, and disinfect the well system.
- Don't try to defend what occurs naturally in groundwater or is caused by conditions largely beyond the ability of the water well contractor to control without water treatment.
- Offer water treatment, as needed, to current and past customers. Work one on one with your customers to address their needs either through services your firm offers or through partnerships with reputable water treatment professionals.
- Use a contract, such as those suggested by NGWA, to educate your customers about their responsibilities for water testing and system maintenance.
- Send notices to your customers annually during National Ground Water Awareness Week reminding them to test their water and offering to do a system inspection. NGWA recommends annual testing for bacteria, nitrate, and constituents of local concern.
- Be ready to send out news releases locally or have fact sheets ready to address customer questions following the CDC report release.
- Attend the upcoming NGWA Washington Fly-in, February 28-March 1, 2011, and become a resource on private well issues for your congressional members. Consider similar outreach at the state level.
- Promote and attain NGWA certification.

### **What NGWA is doing**

- As a member at CDC's invitation of the national advisory committee for the CDC private drinking water supplies initiative, NGWA is monitoring the situation, providing input, and raising questions in an effort to ensure that the initiative is scientifically based.
- NGWA is engaging with Congress so policymakers are aware of industry efforts to assist consumers in obtaining safe drinking water from private well systems.
- NGWA is working to position the Association so that groundwater professionals are involved in any discussions about private water well issues that may take place in Congress.
- NGWA is educating professionals about the upcoming report and working with state associations to identify additional resources or actions to take.

Additionally, NGWA offers the following to assist you and your well owner customers as well as assure the public, media, and policymakers that there are solutions to water quality issues:

- Certification programs for professionals
- Cost calculators to assist in pricing products appropriately for business operations
- Standards, best suggested practices, and educational programming to assist professionals on topics such as well construction, well cleaning and disinfection, and water treatment
- Standard business contracts to minimize your firm's potential liability related to water quality, notification of naturally occurring contaminants, and testing
- Proactive media campaigns to get out relevant public education messages and also position NGWA as an information source for the media
- Education for the well owner and the public, including
- The wellowner.org Web site that includes a wealth of information on owning, maintaining, testing, and treating private well systems; the site had more than 100,000 visits in 2009 and consistently ranks high when doing a "Google" search for water well information
- Contractor Lookup so the public can connect with local NGWA member and/or certified contractors
- Brochures to educate well owners
- An annual campaign to encourage well testing with partners such as U.S. EPA, USGS, CDC, and associations of public health professionals; the campaign also provides well owners with simple steps they can take to address well issues if they arise, including contacting NGWA members.

# **Announcement of Training Meetings for the Private Water Systems Rule Revisions Effective April 1, 2011**

## **Notice to Private Water System Contractors**

Recent revisions to the private water systems rules, Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-28, become effective on April 1, 2011. The Ohio Department of Health, Residential Water and Sewage Program have set up three options to obtain training on the key revisions to these rules.

**Private water systems contractors are strongly encouraged to attend one of the options prior to April 1 to make sure the rule changes are understood.**

**Option 1:** Regional training dates and locations have been scheduled to discuss the key changes to the private water systems rule revisions that become effective on April 1, 2011. The regional training meetings are open to both local health district staff and private water system contractors (see dates/times below).

**Option 2:** An alternative option to attending the regional meetings is to join a Live Meeting over the internet scheduled for March 29 (instructions below). You can comment and ask questions over the conference phone line during the meeting presentation on your computer screen.

**Option 3:** ODH will record the rule presentations and post the recordings on the department website later in March where they can be accessed and viewed. Check the website at: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/eh/water/water1.aspx> for access.

### **Option 1: Regional Training Meetings - All Meeting Times: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Address</i>
March 9	Green County Social Services Center	541 Ledbetter Road, Xenia, OH 45385 Media Room
March 14	Ross County Service Center	475 Western Avenue, Chillicothe 45601 - Conference Rm B and D
March 15	Muskingum County Health District	205 N 7th Street, Zanesville 43701 2nd Floor Conference Room
March 16	Stark County Health District	3951 Convenience Cir, NW, Canton 44718 Third Floor Conference Room
March 30	Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources	4035 Morse Rd, Columbus, Building E, Assembly Center

### **Option 2: Live Internet Meeting Information**

A Live Meeting (over the internet) as an alternative to attending the regional training presentations has been scheduled for March 29 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm as an alternative to attending the regional training presentations.

## Instructions for Connection Via Live Meeting on March 29, 2011:

1. **Connect by Internet:** Click or enter the following link-

Attendee URL: <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/odoh/join?id=492S62&role=attend&pw=F%3B%3Dq3%2C%266d>

2. **Connect by Conference Call (required for audio connection for Live Meeting):**

Phone: 4-8005 Internal Participants (*ODH, LHD's & District Office*)

Phone: (866) 961-9227 External Participants (*Non-ODH*)

Meeting ID: 23259

Meeting Passcode: 95232

### Option 3: Recorded Web Presentations

An additional third option to obtain information on the rule revisions can be obtained by viewing Webinar recordings of the presentations that will also be posted on the Private Water Systems website page (later in March) at: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/eh/water/water1.aspx>

**Questions???** Please contact the private water systems program staff if you have any questions.

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- (4) Other associated data

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- (7) Pursue other similar actions on behalf of the employer

I understand that this authorization is limited and temporary in nature and will expire on February 28, 2012 or automatically nine months from the date received by the Employer Services or Self-Insured Department, whichever is appropriate. In either case, length of authorization will not exceed nine months.

Telephone Number	Fax Number	E-mail Address	
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# ELECTION RECAP

## Kasich comes out on top in Governor's race

**In a race** that saw wide swings in the polling data - with both candidates in the lead at one point, Republican John Kasich polling 20 points ahead of Governor Ted Strickland and finally ending in a statistical tie - Ohio has declared John Kasich its new governor. With preliminary numbers showing 48.69 percent voter turnout, Kasich was able to pull 49.33 percent of the vote to Governor Ted Strickland's 46.74 percent. Governor-elect Kasich, a former Congressman, political commentator and banker, is from Westerville, Ohio. Kasich's win also means that Ohio has a new Lt. Governor in Mary Taylor. Taylor, a certified public accountant from Green, Ohio, currently serves as Auditor of State.

### Kasich has begun naming his appointments to key agencies.

- In his first announcement, Kasich named his campaign manager, Beth Hansen, as his chief of staff. Hansen was Senator George Voinovich's long-time State Director before joining the Kasich campaign.
- Kasich also created the new position of state policy director and named Wayne Struble to the job. Struble was Kasich's policy director when he chaired the U.S. House Budget Committee in the 1980s, more recently serving as U.S. Representative Steve Austria's Chief of Staff. Struble will coordinate the governor's policy initiatives in the cabinet.
- In his first cabinet appointment, Kasich announced that Ohio's next Budget Director will be Tim Keen, the Senior Policy Advisor to the Ohio Auditor of State. Keen was previously an Assistant Director of OBM, and briefly the Director following the resignation of Director Tom Johnson in February 2006, under Governor Bob Taft.

### Kasich has continued to name cabinet directors at a steady pace throughout November:

#### *Representative James Zehringer (R - Ft. Recovery) - Department of Agriculture*

- Representative Zehringer currently represents the 77th House District, which encompasses Mercer and Preble counties as well as portions of Darke County. He currently serves as the Ranking Minority Member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Zehringer is the former owner and operator of the Meiring Poultry and Fish Farm.

#### *Bob Blair - Department of Administrative Services*

- Blair is the retired development director at EMH&T Engineering, and served 18 years in state government, serving as both human resources director and assistant director in the

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and also as director of human resources at the Ohio Department of Transportation.

#### *Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) - Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC)*

- Senator Buehrer currently represents the 1st Senate District, which includes Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams and parts of Auglaize County. He currently serves as chairman of the Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee. Buehrer has a long history of working in government, having previously served as a chief of Human Resources at BWC, director of Legislative Affairs for the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services and deputy director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

#### *Jerry Wray - Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

- Wray will be taking on the job for the second time, having previously served as the director of ODOT under former Governor George V. Voinovich from 1991-99. Prior to that Wray was the Licking County engineer and deputy engineer from 1977 to 1991 and an ODOT engineer from 1969-77. He recently has been a marketing engineer for U.S. Bridge in Cambridge, Ohio, which manufactures pre-engineered bridges.

Kasich still has approximately 20 cabinet level appointments to make, including such important departments as Education, Job and Family Services, Rehabilitation and Correction, and Taxation. One department whose fate remains unclear is the Ohio Department of Development. Kasich announced during the campaign that he intends to privatize the economic development aspects of the department and reassign its remaining responsibilities to other departments.

### *Republicans sweep statewide races*

The election also saw Republicans taking control of all statewide offices - regaining the offices lost to the Democrats in 2006. The Republican candidates easily overcame the Democrats, with only incumbent Attorney General Richard Cordray able to keep his race close.

### Winners included:

Attorney General:	Mike DeWine
Auditor:	David Yost
Secretary of State:	Jon Husted
Treasurer:	Josh Mandel





The winners in the Auditor and Secretary of State races are particularly important, as they, along with the Governor, will be members of the Apportionment Board and in charge of drawing Ohio's new electoral districts. The drawing of the districts, which happens every ten years after a new federal census, will help shape state politics for the coming decade.

In the Supreme Court races, Republicans Maureen O'Connor and Judith Lanzinger defeated their Democratic challengers. Republican Paul Pfeifer ran unopposed. Maureen O'Connor's win in the Chief Justice race leaves her current seat open to be filled by a gubernatorial appointment of Yvette McGee Brown.

### *Republicans regain the majority in the Ohio House and make gains in the Ohio Senate*

Republicans wrested back control of the Ohio House from the Democrats, picking up at least 13 seats.

#### **Results in some of the more hotly contested races include:**

17th District - Marlene Anielski (R) - Wins the Democrat-leaning Josh Mandel seat in Cuyahoga County.

19th District - Anne Gonzales (R) - Defeats incumbent Marian Harris.

20th District - Nancy Garland (D) - Held on in a seat targeted by the Republicans.

21st District - Mike Duffey (R) - Democrats had hoped to pick up this seat.

28th District - Connie Pillich (D) / Mike Wilson (R) - Remains too close to call.

31st District - Denise Driehaus (D) - Keeps a seat that Republicans were targeting.

43rd District - Todd McKenney (R) - Takes a traditionally Democratic seat from Stephen Dyer.

89th District - Terry Johnson (R) - Wins the Speaker Vern Riffe seat.

93rd District - Andy Thompson (R) - Wins a traditionally Democratic seat on the Ohio River.

#### **The leadership teams for the House of Representative in the 129th General Assembly include:**

Bill Batchelder (R-Medina) – Speaker of the House

Lou Blessing (R-Cincinnati) - Speaker Pro Tem

John Adams (R-Sydney) - Majority Whip

Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City) - Assistant Majority Whip

Matt Huffman (R-Lima) - Majority Floor Leader

Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania) - Assistant Majority Floor Leader

Armond Budish (D-Beachwood) – Minority Leader

Matt Szollosi (D-Toledo) - Assistant Minority Leader

Tracy Heard (D-Columbus) - Minority Whip

Debbie Phillips (D-Athens) - Assistant Minority Whip

Speaker-elect Bill Batchelder also has selected two important committee chairs. Representative Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster) was selected to lead the House Finance and Appropriations Committee. Amstutz, who has spent close to 30 years in the Ohio House and Senate, currently serves as the Ranking Minority Member on the committee. Joining him as vice-chair will be Representative-elect John Carey (R-Wellston). Carey, who is returning to the House, comes to the committee with several years experience as the chair of the Senate Finance and Financial Institutions Committee.

#### *Ohio Senate:*

While control of the Senate was not in question, Republicans were also able to pick up two seats with the defeat of Democratic incumbents Fred Strahorn of Dayton and Sue Morano of Lorain. Frank LaRose was also able to retain the open seat in the 27th District for Republicans despite a strong challenge from Frank Comunale.

#### **The Senate leadership teams for the 129th General Assembly include:**

Tom Niehaus (R-New Richmond) – Senate President

Keith Faber (R-Celina) – President Pro Tem

Jimmy Stewart (R-New Albany) – Majority Floor Leader

Shannon Jones (R-Springboro) – Majority Whip

Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) - Minority Leader

Shirley Smith (D-Cleveland) - Assistant Minority Leader

Edna Brown (D-Toledo) - Minority Whip

Jason Wilson (D-Columbiana) - Assistant Minority Whip

Both Stewart and Jones are new faces to the leadership team as the Republicans are losing Harris to retirement and current Majority Whip Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) to the Kasich administration.

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