

2022 OOWA Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs

Zak Sherman, President

Ohio University 1994-1998 College of Communication, Dept. of Interior, National Park Service wastewater specialist / septic installer (1999-2006), Territory Manager for Infiltrator Water Technologies 2006-Present, Technical Advisory Committee- Ohio Department of Health 2012-Present, IOWPA board of Directors 2011-2017.

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Michael Rogich, Past President

Michael has worked in public health since 1997. He is currently a Sanitarian III in the Residential Service Unit at Delaware General Health District. Michael has been a presenter on sewage related topics at both NEHA and OEHA conferences. He recently participated in filming an online tutorial for ODH concerning mound design requirements.

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Robert Wildey, Treasurer

Robert has a broad background spanning several industries. He has been with Clermont County Public Health since 1995 and has been the director of the Water and Waste Division since 1998. During that time he has given numerous presentations and served on multiple boards. He was part of the founding committee for OOWA in the late 90s and was on the Board of Directors from its inception until 2002. Robert served as President of OOWA in 2001 and 2017 and also participated on ODH's Rules Advisory Committee.

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Chris Mandich, Vice President/Communications Committee Chair

Chris is the Director of Operations for Jet, Inc. He has over 13 years of experience in construction management and the application of advanced onsite treatment systems. He is currently a member of the Ohio Department of Health Sewage Treatment System Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), a past voting member of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) Board of Governors and the State Onsite Regulators Association (SORA) Captains of Industry.

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Jason Menchhofer, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor

Jason worked extensively in the household sewage treatment program in two local health departments over a period of seventeen years before recently moving into his current position as Administrator and Accreditation Coordinator for Mercer County Health District. He has been a member of OOWA for 15 years and was a member of the STS Rule Advisory Committee.

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Walter Sandefur, Director and Events & Programming Committee Chair

Walt is a sewage treatment system designer who has been working in central Ohio since 2006. He has an Ohio Professional Engineer's license, was a member of the Ohio Department of Health's Rule Advisory Committee and is currently on the Ohio Department of Health Sewage Treatment System Technical Advisory Committee.

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Nathan McConoughey, Director

Nate has been an OOWA member since its inception and was Vice President in 2008 and 2009. Nate is a registered sanitarian, has been employed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for 20+ years and is currently the program manager of the household sewage program. He has been an active participant in the sewage legislative process and was a member of the Rules Advisory Committee.

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Ralph Benson, Director

After retiring from the Clermont County General Health District, Mr. Benson formed his own consulting company. He served on the NOWRA Technical Practices Committee, was involved with the NEHA installer credential development project and is a former Director of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA). Ralph has worked diligently on a Standards of Practice program and an Installation Quality Assurance plan. He also developed Clermont County's SNARP program, which takes a HSTS replacement installation and breaks it down in to several manageable steps allowing the homeowner the opportunity to save money over a full replacement.

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Ed Nolan, Director

Ed works for Proformance Fields & Landscape, where they have been actively installing, servicing, and designing septic systems for 2 years in central Ohio. They install chambers, mounds, drips, and sprays.

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Chris Griffith, Director

Chris Griffith has been Director, Division of Water Quality, Hamilton County Public Health, since 2005. He was a sanitarian in the Water and Waste Division at Clermont County General Health District from 1997-2002. He authored and implemented the STS Regulations used in Hamilton County since 2004. He successfully implemented over 1,200 alternative technologies (mounds, drip, etc.) STS in Hamilton County. Chris oversees an operation permit inspection program with over 19,000 septic systems and 12 STS inspectors. In 2001 Chris published ASABE's On-site Wastewater Treatment for work on modified mounds on difficult soils.

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Jason Little, Director

Jason is a registered professional engineer and professional surveyor in Ohio. Jason is an alumnus of Ohio Northern University and Columbus State Community College with experience in both public and private projects working on design/maintenance of water/wastewater projects. Jason began his own consulting company in 2012 designing sewage systems for residential and commercial clients.

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Zach Gossett, Director and Membership Committee Co-Chair

Zach is a septic inspector and installer for Tidy Tim's, Inc. in Mt. Gilead. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and has been working with Tidy Tim's for 5 years. He works to educate homeowners on septic system operations as well as how to properly maintain them. He also has developed a relationship with a local real estate agency to further educate all their agents regarding septic systems.

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Don Carabin, Director

Don Carabin is a National Sales Representative for Norweco, Inc. a manufacturer of wastewater treatment products, systems and chemicals. He works from the Norweco corporate offices headquartered in Norwalk, Ohio. Don serves a diverse customer base consisting of distributors, engineers, installers, regulators and county health departments. He has been a frequent presenter at the Ohio Environmental Health Association (OEHA) conferences as well as Ohio county health department sewage treatment continuing education seminars. He presents various industry related topics at factory training classes accredited by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). He participates in industrywide tradeshow held by the OOWA, OEHA and OPCA associations. Don holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from the University of Toledo.

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Nathan Otto, Director

Nathan is the owner of KN Excavation which is an excavation company specializing in residential/light commercial excavation. They do basements, backfills, final grading, site prep, land clearing, driveways, septic systems, and farm drainage systems "installation and repair".

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Dominic Dowell, Director

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Kyle Bianco, ODH Representative

O.O.W.A. Directors each serve a three-year term. The Board members represent different professions in the industry throughout the state of Ohio. The Board of Directors meets every 6-8 weeks on a Friday morning at City Barbecue restaurant, in Reynoldsburg. All O.O.W.A. members are invited to attend and participate.