



Director's Report

By Matthew A. Szollosi



Szollosi

When I was hired for this position well over 3 years ago, the directive from the Executive Board was quite clear – we need to build relationships on both sides of the aisle. As such,

one of our organizational goals has been to increase awareness of the Building Trades' business model in Columbus and Washington, D.C.

A fundamental tenet of ACT Ohio is that we support those who support our members' ability to go to work and our contractors' ability to

compete – irrespective of party affiliation! As you can see from our list of endorsements (See Page 2), there are significant numbers of both Democrats and Republicans that have earned our support.

Now, instead of supporting or opposing individuals based simply on their political affiliation, we are proactively marketing our strengths – safety, training, experience and value. House members and Senators on both sides are touring our apprenticeship training centers, networking with Building Trades leaders and contractors and making more educated decisions on construction-related issues in the Legislature.

Our efforts to work with the Kasich Administration resulted in a \$6.5 billion energy project on which we finalized a PLA in May. Governor Kasich

has been vocal against the need for "So Called" Right-to-Work in Ohio, and I've personally heard him tout the quality of Ohio's Building Trades members to potential investors.

In June, the Republican-controlled Senate overwhelmingly rejected an ABC initiative to ban public sector Project Labor Agreements. Fifteen Senate Republicans joined with 10 Senate Democrats to emphatically extinguish the effort.

In Washington, Senator Sherrod Brown has been in our corner for years, and is currently working with our office to push the Obama Administration for a PLA on a significant project in Southwest Ohio.

Senator Rob Portman has worked closely with ACT Ohio and the National

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New Apprenticeship Training Center opens in Lima

On Sept. 8, the United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Technicians Local 776 in Lima hosted a grand opening of their new state-of-the-art apprenticeship training facility.

This facility adds 8,000 square feet to the previous training center, and represents a \$1.8 million investment, made entirely through private dollars, meaning no taxpayer funds contributed to the project.

Local 776 Business Manager Mike Knisley spoke prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony about how the key component to success is training.

"It has been refreshing to see the training program come so far in the last 30 years," Knisley said. "I will leave the program in a better place than it was when I began, which is really the true job of a labor representative; to



improve the lives of our members whether it is through better wages, fringe benefits, safety on the jobsite or improved training opportunities."

The new addition included an upgraded pipefitting lab, welding lab and two classrooms. The pipefitting lab houses such technology as orbital welding equipment, which is

used by apprentices on projects for companies like Dannon Yogurt and Proctor & Gamble.

The welding lab has 20 booths that each include the tools needed to master the craft. The facility is able to offer training for over 100 welding certificates.

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ACT Ohio Endorsements

The ACT Ohio Executive Board has endorsed the following candidates for office. To ensure the continued growth of our industry, please give these candidates your thoughtful consideration. PLEASE VOTE!

President of the United States:

Hillary Clinton (D)

U.S. House:

Rep. Joyce Beatty (D)
3RD DISTRICT

Rep. Bill Johnson (R)
6TH DISTRICT

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D)
9TH DISTRICT

Rep. Marcia Fudge (D)
11TH DISTRICT

Rep. Pat Tiberi (R)
12TH DISTRICT

Rep. Tim Ryan (D)
13TH DISTRICT

Rep. David Joyce (R)
14TH DISTRICT

Rep. Steve Stivers (R)
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Rep. Jim Renacci (R)
16TH DISTRICT

Ohio Senate:

Sen. Randy Gardner (R)
2ND DISTRICT

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R)
6TH DISTRICT

Sen. Joe Uecker (R)
14TH DISTRICT

Rep. Stephanie Kunze (R)
16TH DISTRICT

Sen. John Eklund (R)
18TH DISTRICT

Sen. Troy Balderson (R)
20TH DISTRICT

Sen. Larry Obhof (R)
22ND DISTRICT

Matt Dolan (R)
24TH DISTRICT

Sen. Dave Burke (R)
26TH DISTRICT

Vernon Sykes (D)
28TH DISTRICT

Sen. Lou Gentile (D)
30TH DISTRICT

Rep. Sean O'Brien (D)
32ND DISTRICT

Ohio House:

Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R)
3RD DISTRICT

Rep. Tim Ginter (R)
5TH DISTRICT

Rep. Marlene Anielski (R)
6TH DISTRICT

Sen. Tom Patton (R)
7TH DISTRICT

Rep. Kent Smith (D)
8TH DISTRICT

Dave Greenspan (R)
16TH DISTRICT

Adam Miller (D)
17TH DISTRICT

Rep. Kristin Boggs (D)
18TH DISTRICT

Rep. Anne Gonzales (R)
19TH DISTRICT

Rep. Heather Bishoff (D)
20TH DISTRICT

Rep. Mike Duffey (R)
21ST DISTRICT

Rep. David Leland (D)
22ND DISTRICT

Lee Schreiner (D)
23RD DISTRICT

Sen. Jimmy Hughes (R)
24TH DISTRICT

Bernadine Kent (D)
25TH DISTRICT

Rep. Jon Dever (R)
28TH DISTRICT

Brigid Kelly (D)
31ST DISTRICT

Rep. Alicia Reese (D)
33RD DISTRICT

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D)
34TH DISTRICT

Rep. Greta Johnson (D)
35TH DISTRICT

Rep. Tony DeVitis (R)
36TH DISTRICT

Casey Weinstein (D)
37TH DISTRICT

Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R)
43RD DISTRICT

Rep. Michael Ashford (D)
44TH DISTRICT

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D)
45TH DISTRICT

Rep. Mike Sheehy (D)
46TH DISTRICT

Rep. Kirk Schuring (R)
48TH DISTRICT

Thomas West (D)
49TH DISTRICT

Rep. Nathan Manning (R)
55TH DISTRICT

Rep. Dan Ramos (D)
56TH DISTRICT

Tom Dunlap (D)
57TH DISTRICT

Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D)
58TH DISTRICT

Rep. John Bocchieri (D)
59TH DISTRICT

Rep. John Rogers (D)
60TH DISTRICT

Glenn Holmes (D)
63RD DISTRICT

Rep. Michael O'Brien (D)
64TH DISTRICT

Larry Householder (R)
72ND DISTRICT

Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D)
75TH DISTRICT

Alex Wendt (D)
79TH DISTRICT

Rep. Steve Arndt (R)
89TH DISTRICT

Rep. Terry Johnson (R)
90TH DISTRICT

Sarah Grace (D)
94TH DISTRICT

Ginny Favede (D)
95TH DISTRICT

Rep. Jack Cera (R)
96TH DISTRICT

Rep. John Patterson (D)
99TH DISTRICT

County Races:

Ilene Shapiro (D)
SUMMIT CO. EXECUTIVE

Denise Driehaus (D)
HAMILTON CO.
COMMISSIONER

Kevin Boyce (D)
FRANKLIN CO. COMMISSIONER

John O'Grady (D)
FRANKLIN CO. COMMISSIONER

Steve Slesnick (D)
STARK CO. COMMISSIONER

Ohio Supreme Court:

Judge John O'Donnell

Central Ohio Building Trades volunteer to rebuild Antrim Park pier

Volunteers from various Locals that make up the Columbus/Central Ohio Building Trades worked with the AFL-CIO, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to rebuild the pier at Antrim Park.

Antrim is a nearly 120-acre park, which sits on a lake near the Olentangy Greenway Trail. The 2,400-square-foot deck had fallen into disrepair and required renovations to its railing, decking and benches.

This volunteer project aimed to improve the structure and to add improvements such as benches and fishing rod holders. The project lasted two weeks, with a ribbon cutting and opening ceremony held on Sept. 22, featuring remarks from Ohio AFL-CIO

President Tim Burga and Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther.

Trades that volunteered on the project included the IUPAT, Laborers, Sheet Metal Workers, Bricklayers, UA Sprinkler Fitters and others. Many members took time off from work and surrendered a day's pay to assist, while others donated time over their weekend in hot weather conditions.

Completion of this project required \$20,000 in materials, provided free to the city thanks to the Union Sportsmen's Alliance, which donated funds raised

through their annual Conservation Dinner Fundraiser in March.

In addition to the cost of the materials, the project required 1,000 man hours, 400 of which were in painting and staining alone. ■



A Message from the Legal and Research Department

By Rob Dorans



Dorans

Due to several changes in local union leadership and retirements, the Northwest Ohio region has seen a new crop of business agents and organizers come on staff in

recent months. These business representatives will be on the front lines for the Building Trades helping to put our contractors to work and safe-guarding Ohio's prevailing wage law.

One of the goals of the ACT Ohio Legal and Research Department is to make sure that our affiliates have every tool at their disposal.

The ACT Ohio Legal and Research Department and the Northwest Ohio

Building Trades Council (NWOBTC) hosted training for these new business agents and organizers on Aug. 12.

More than 25 local union staff attended the day-long class. Attendees learned how to use the legal and research support provided by ACT Ohio in their everyday organizing and business development activities.

Shaun Enright, Executive Secretary

of the NWOBTC, organized and hosted the training.

"I wanted to make sure that all of our agents and organizers are taking full advantage of the resources provided by ACT Ohio," Enright said. "Building a strong market share for our members and contractors should be everyone's top priority, and using the tools offered by ACT Ohio will help in that mission." ■

ACT Ohio Partners with Ohio Laborers District Council on RUMA Investigation

The oil and gas boom in Eastern Ohio has brought significant work opportunities to many Building Trades members, including pipelines, processing facilities, and roadway construction.

Due to the increased wear and tear, local governments in Eastern Ohio began to enter into Road Use Maintenance Agreements (RUMAs) as early as 2010. A RUMA is a contract between a county or township and an oil and gas firm to repair any damage to roadways, bridges or other public infrastructure caused by the industrial development.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine (R) issued a legal opinion in September 2012 that required prevailing wage to be paid by contractors hired under RUMAs. Subsequently, the Ohio Laborers District Council began to closely



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monitor RUMA projects for prevailing wage compliance. After an initial investigation, it became clear that many counties were failing to fully enforce Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law. The Ohio Laborers District Council then partnered with ACT Ohio to fully investigate the issue.

ACT Ohio's Legal and Research Department filed dozens of public records requests and analyzed hundreds of pages of public documents

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Secretary-Treasurer

in order to determine which counties were complying with prevailing wage.

"Our investigation revealed that many counties were failing to comply with the basic requirements of Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law," said Ralph Cole, Business Manager of the Ohio Laborers District Council and ACT Board Member.

The Ohio Laborers District Council and ACT Ohio issued a RUMA prevailing wage compliance report and presented it to Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine in August. "I appreciate the time Attorney General DeWine gave us with regard to our findings, and he understood our desire to see adherence to the law," said Dennis Duffey, ACT Ohio Executive Board Secretary-Treasurer.

Mike Engbert, marketing representative of the Ohio District Laborers Council, has investigated prevailing wage compliance on RUMA projects for the past several years. "RUMAs generate reconstruction projects on county and township roads and are public improvements. Prevailing wage is essential to provide wage protection and a fair bidding environment on these projects." said Engbert. ■

Training Center

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The new classrooms all have video and smart board capabilities. The in-class training equipment includes training software that offers 360 degree/virtual reality views of a job-site. This training approach is more interactive and visual, which helps with learning and engagement.

Like most apprenticeship programs, this program allows students to earn while they learn and to graduate debt free. Apprentices earn 36 college credits towards an Associate's

Degree at Owens College, completing 40% of the coursework needed for the 90 credit degree. This is all debt free to apprentices, who upon completion of the program, will be earning top wages.

Jim DeMoss, Training Coordinator for Local 776 for the past six years, stated: "The new facility will aid in preparing apprentices for upcoming work in refineries, chemical plants, factories, hospitals, schools and universities. There is a real need for highly skilled workers. With the expansion, we are able to accommodate larger class sizes than in the past to accommodate this demand." ■

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Building Trades Department on a range of issues, including tens of millions of dollars for a disposal cell in Piketon; streamlining regulatory permit hurdles so much needed projects can start faster; and the removal of harmful language in a bill that would have negatively impacted Davis-Bacon.

The ACT Ohio Executive Board has made critical decisions in its commitment to broaden our political support. Through its leadership, our members' significant contributions are valued, not

taken for granted. More importantly, we're marginalizing threats to prevailing wage and other key issues impacting the organized construction industry.

One look at the states of Michigan, Indiana and West Virginia is all the reminder we need to realize what could happen here.

Please give these endorsed candidates your careful consideration, as they have earned our support. Remember, elections matter! As members of the Building Trades, never underestimate the impact of public policy on your daily lives. Please work safe. ■

Congrats to the participants and winners of the MCAA skills competition

On Sept. 17, the Annual MCAA Skills Competition for the region took place at the Southern Ohio-Kentucky Regional Training Center in Batavia. Twenty competitors from Ohio and Michigan competed, with the first place winners from each year moving on to compete in the upcoming World of Concrete Skills Competition in Las Vegas on Jan. 18, 2017.

The judging was difficult and the results were close, as the competitors proved to be the best of the best from the region.

Congratulations to the winners!

- **1st Year:** First Place - Victor Walls (SORTC)
Second Place - Rocco Rinna (Local 2 Michigan)
Third Place - Chase Harshey (NORTC)
 - **2nd Year:** First Place - Travis Buda (Local 2 Michigan)
Second Place - Charlie Coburn (Local 2 Michigan)
Third Place - Eric Six (SORTC)
 - **3rd Year:** First Place - Benjamin Grzegorzczak (Local 2 Michigan)
Second Place - Vitaliy Kusmiy (NORTC),
Third Place - Cornelius Nix (Local 2 Michigan)
- Shania Clifford, a senior at Sciota CCTC, also competed with the 1st Years. ■



OPCMIA Apprenticeship Competition

The OPCMIA recently had its 2016 Great Lakes Apprenticeship Competition at the Ohio State Fair. Congratulations to First Place winners Marcus Manson, Plasterers Local 132, and Logan Mack, Cement Masons Local 886. Once again, Gov. John Kasich attended the competition.

"These apprentices represent the best we have to offer, and I'm excited for the future of our organization," said Joe Ciacchi, Business Manager for Local 132 and ACT Board Member. ■

Outing raises money for Lima charities

The Husky Refinery in Lima hosted their annual golf outing in July, raising \$214,000 for local charities. The Lima Building Trades raised \$96,500, almost half of the total amount. Husky will distribute the funds to several local charities.

The following union contractors, construction trade unions and building trades council collectively raised the money: RMF/Nooter, Gem Industrial, Plumbers - Pipefitters and Service Technicians Local 776 Labor Management, Lima Building Trades Council, IBEW Local 32 Labor Management, Madison Industrial Services, Sidney Electric, Jeffers Crane, Laborers Local 329, Nooter, Peterson Construction Company, Barnhart Crane and Rigging, BMW Contractors, Brand Energy Services, CTS, Degen Excavating Co., Insulators Local 41, Iron Workers Local 290, Jacobs, Smith - Boughan, TMI, Tuttle Construction and Carpenters Local 372. ■

LIUNA invests in research

At the recent LIUNA International Convention, doctors from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center addressed the delegates. They each related advancements made through the donations and efforts of the Laborers' ■

International Union of North America.

While a cure may not be imminent, they stressed the importance of LIUNA's continued involvement.

"The men and women investing their lives to find a cure for these terrible afflictions are true heroes – we must re-double our efforts to help," said International Vice President and ACT Board Member Ralph Cole. ■

Insulators support Breath of Life



The Insulators Central State Conference held their annual Breath of Life Golf Outing in Toledo to raise funds to defeat mesothelioma. With more than 100 golfers and sponsors participating, several thousands of dollars are estimated to have been raised. ■

IBEW Local 573 supports Joshua's Haven



Members of IBEW Local 573 upgraded the kitchen and electrical supply at Joshua's Haven, a rescue mission and food pantry in Masury, Ohio.

"We strongly support efforts to help the less fortunate in our community," said Local 573 Business Manager Jack Morris. ■

Roofers acknowledge service



Roofers Local 75 in Dayton recently awarded Stanley Perry and Leonard Hoke special recognition for 60 years of service to the Local.

"60 years of service to Local 75 is an extraordinary accomplishment and reflects their dedication and determination to our craft," said Business Manager and ACT Board Member John Hayes. ■

IUEC celebrates retirees



In Late July, IUEC Local 17 celebrated its retirees during its annual Retiree Dinner, with more than 100 guests in attendance.

"We like to carry on this tradition because our forefathers and retirees have paved the way for all future IUEC members. We have much to be thankful for," said Local 17 Business Representative and ACT Board Member Tim Moehnnich. ■

IUPAT President visits Cleveland



IUPAT General President Kenneth Rigmaiden visited Cleveland in September. He spoke to seventy IUPAT members about the importance of supporting Hillary Clinton for President to ensure PLAs, Davis Bacon, Prevailing Wage and infrastructure projects are protected and maintained to keep members working. Rigmaiden was joined by Ohio Minority Leader, Sen. Joe Schiavoni, 33rd District.

During his visit, Rigmaiden also spoke to the fourth-year Glazier Apprentices at the IUPAT District Council 6 Training Center in Strongsville. ■



UA Local 120 pedals for a cause



UA Local 120 had numerous bikers once again participate in the MS Buckeye Breakaway Bike Tour (formally known as Pedal to the Point).

The Breakaway begins in Brunswick and continues to Ashland University.

Since 2013, Team 120 has raised more than \$15,100 for the MS Society.

"We believe in this fight, as Multiple Sclerosis afflicts so many of our members and their families – we're proud to help," said UA Local 120 Business Manager Terry McCafferty. ■

Golf outing supports D.A.D.'s Day



The Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council (OSBCTC) hosted its annual golf scramble in July. More than 100 golfers attended the outing, representing more than 15 Local union halls and trades.

The event collected \$45,935 for Dollars Against Diabetes (D.A.D.'s Day), a charity which raises funds for diabetes research. This sum was the second largest donation D.A.D.'s Day has received from a single event. ■