

Perspectives

Serving OPERS Members Since 1948

3rd Quarter 2024

Mission Statement:

To protect and preserve OPERS pension and benefits programs and advocate for changes that are in the best interest of PERI members, while providing value through communications and education of the membership through our districts, local chapters and external partnerships.

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Chairman's Column

by Richard L. Ross



It has been a busy spring and summer meeting season. Since my last column, I have spoken in district meetings at Hillsboro, Ravenna, Stockport, and Ottawa, as well as at chapter meetings in Logan and McConnelsville. I always enjoy meeting, or meeting again, PERI members from many backgrounds and all areas of the state.

The biggest concern consistently brought to me since I became chair in the fall of 2021 is the pain felt by many by the WEP/GPO reductions of Social Security benefits of OPERS beneficiaries. House Joint Resolution 6 unanimously passed both chambers of the Ohio legislature, urging our national legislature to rectify this injustice. The US House of Representatives has 322 co-sponsors of HR 82, and the bill has had two hearings in the House Ways and Means Committee. In the US Senate

SB 297 has 59 co-sponsors. Sen. Sherrod Brown brought the Senate Finance Committee to Columbus on June 7 to hear proponent testimony. While not certain, the repeal effort in this Congress has more support than any previous effort.

This is an election year. As you have contact with any candidates or their representatives, make clear that their position on pension-related matters will be among the items you consider when deciding who will receive your vote. I have never met a candidate running for state representative or senator campaigning on doing something to or about any of the five state pension systems. You must educate them on the importance and the position of the defined benefit pension system, which has served our state so well. OPERS does not have the problems that STRS has, so any "fix" of that system's problems need not be a "fix" for OPERS which is not in the same situation.

Please reach out to your former colleagues with whom you worked and point out to them the strong work that PERI does for retirees. In late June, "National Review" had an article urging the repeal of all defined benefit plans. We must stand united in PRESERVING the defined benefit plan. The more members that we have, the greater our voice at Broad and High. Every state representative and state senator has both active and retired OPERS members in their districts that they cannot afford to ignore representing their constituents.

Ohio Legislative and Political Update

by Mara White, Byers, Minton & Associates



We hope this update finds you in good health and spirits. I want to take this opportunity to share some important public policy updates with you as the Ohio Legislature gets ready to wrap up work for the Summer. The General Assembly will break on June 27th and return sometime

in the fall for just a few session days before the election.

Legislative Update

HCR6 To urge Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset (King) passed the Senate unanimously in April after passing the House Chamber unanimously at the end of 2023. Read what State Senator Terry Johnson said regarding HCR6:

"Ohio is blessed to have many dutiful public servants throughout our state. Our police officers, firefighters, teachers, and countless others deserve to know their earned retirement benefits actually belong to them," Johnson said. "I urge Congress to step up for the Ohioans who keep our state safe and moving forward."

SB6 (Schuring), regarding environmental, social, and corporate governance policies with respect to the state retirement systems, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and state institutions of higher education, continued its forward momentum this quarter. SB6 passed the Senate on a party-line vote in April and has had two hearings in the House so far this Spring.

PERI, Inc. has submitted proponent testimony supporting SB6. As a refresher, PERI's position on SB6 is that this legislation strikes an important balance of ensuring financial institutions maintain their fiduciary duty to beneficiaries while remaining independent of political considerations. Read Rich and Lezlie's full testimony here.

This Quarter in Retirement System News

Attorney General Dave Yost announced in May that his agency has launched an investigation regarding claims that the State Teacher Retirement System (STRS) may be the victim of a "hostile takeover." The governor first voiced these concerns earlier this Spring after the 10th Court of Appeals overturned his appointment of Brian Perera in lieu of Kasich administration appointee Wade Steen.

Ohio Retirement Study Council Chairman Mark Romanchuk announced in June's hearing that the Council would create a subcommittee to address issues at STRS.

Why does this matter for PERS beneficiaries?

Investigations into STRS may result in recommendations for reform that could apply to other state retirement

We hope this update finds you in good systems. It will be important to be aware of what the nealth and spirits. I want to take this results and potential recourse these investigations return.

State Budget Outlook

As the state closes out its final quarter of the 2024 fiscal year, the Ohio Office of Budget Management released reports showing that while tax revenues lag, projections each of the last two quarters, expenditures did as well, and the state will end the year \$606 million in the black. However, some analysts are concerned that income tax cuts in the most recent budget have led to a larger than anticipated decrease in tax revenue.

Important Note for Our Members

Public Employee Retirees, INC (PERI) is not POP5 (Protect Ohio Pensions), nor do we have any affiliation with the organization. We keep a full-time lobbyist at the statehouse, Mara White of Byers, Minton & Associates. We are the only association that is focused exclusively on OPERS' pension and benefits and always advocate on behalf of the retiree.

All of PERI's communications will have the State of Ohio flag as the E in our logo. Receiving this newsletter confirms that you have an active membership with us. If you are an annual or associate member, you will be notified of membership renewals in mid-November. Please call our office at 1-800-247-7374 if you need any assistance.

District News

PERI Announces Search for District 4, 6, and 8 Representatives

We are seeking candidates to fill the positions of District 4, 6, and 8 Representative. Counties within these districts can be found on page 12. To be a District Representative, one needs to live in the district and be willing to travel throughout the district and to Columbus for bi-monthly board meetings. If you are interested and want more details, please call us at (800) 247-7374 or send us an email at laurie@operi.org.

A Message from Your Executive Director

by Lezlie Garcia



PERI Members,

I have been honored to attend almost all our District Meetings across Ohio, and I recommend that members within the state investigate their local chapters to get involved and to be informed. You can

simply call our office for chapter meeting details or go to our website, www.operi.org, and click on chapters for the information.

The PERI Board of Trustees voted to increase our annual dues and collect over 78 chapter dues this past April. Our membership dues will increase to a yearly amount of \$30. Five dollars of these dues will provide credit to the local chapter in your county, and you will automatically be a member of that chapter. We encompassed the chapter dues to assist the leadership in collecting dues and streamline the process. Local chapters work very hard for our retirees within the local community and grassroots efforts on the local side. Suppose you live outside an area of a local chapter. In that case, we hope you understand that the increased dues are necessary to continue supporting our mission and advocating for current and retired OPERS recipients. Your continued membership is essential to us and you!

The additional five dollars will go to PERI's state office for operating expenses and to maintain the high level of representation. PERI has not increased their dues since 2016 and has managed our finances to avoid increases as much as possible. PERI's Board of Trustees and Executive Director are hopeful that we will not need to increase our dues for the next several years by continuing to identify and reduce costs in any areas possible. We have provided you with some examples below of what some of our more considerable annual operating expenses are currently and the percentage increase over twelve months:

| • | Office Building rent Postage(newsletters/dues) | \$28,800.00 \$66,522.65 | 10% increase 8% increase |
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| • | Insurance policies | \$6,991.00 | 12% Increase |
| • | IT Support & programs (computer programs/support) | \$44,289.07 | 8% increase |
| • | Board expenses (more travel after Covid) | \$46,198.02 | 10% increase |
| • | Office supplies/printer ink | \$4,344.03 | 4% increase |
| • | Payroll (annual raise) | \$156,200.00 | 3% increase |

In addition, the information below will show you what PERI has done to decrease in many areas over the last two years, which has helped us avoid raising our dues and make it work. The Board of Trustees and Executive Director will continue identifying and recommending areas to decrease.

| • | Salary from \$229,221.00 | \$156,200.00 | 15% decrease |
|---|--|--------------|----------------|
| • | Printing | \$72,568.00 | 24% decrease |
| • | Utilities changed phones company | \$5,614.05 | 5% decrease |
| • | Bank processing | \$7,235.26 | 300% decrease |
| • | Office Cleaning from \$2,400 (Staff does) | \$0.00 | 100% decreased |
| • | Bi-Monthly Board mtg | \$10,000.00 | 50% decrease |

The OPERS pension fund is completely solvent and is the best pension fund in Ohio, one of several nationwide. We support modest reforms to strengthen the pension fund and give OPERS the best chance to improve the long-term solvency of the health care fund so that it remains a solid benefit for many years to come. PERI was pleased with the OPERS Board of Trustees' decision to increase the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) by up to \$50.00 for the next five years.

We will also support OPERS in their efforts to increase employer contributions to aid in putting money back into the Health Care fund to lengthen life expectancy, and we will be working diligently with legislators to support our efforts in requesting additional retiree board members to the OPERS Board based on the retiree numbers rising faster than current workers.

In other important news, I attended the federal Senate field hearing on restoring social security for Ohio law enforcement, firefighters, and public servants hosted by Sherrod Brown (OH-D) on June 7, 2024. They are also known as Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset (WEP/GPO), Senate Bill 597, sponsored by Sherrod Brown. SB 597 has 59 cosponsors as of June 17, 2024, and may go to the floor for a vote. There are 100 Senators seated, and Sherrod Brown and the Senate Finance Committee are hopeful to get 60 cosponsors before bringing it up for a vote to secure passage.

The federal House of Representatives has bill HR 82, Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset, sponsored by Rep Garrett Graves (R-LA), and holds 322 cosponsors as of June 17, 2024. There are 435 House seats, and the bill has enough to go to the floor for a vote. The House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman Jason Smith held a Social Security hearing on April 16, 2024. A Social Security Benefits sub-committee met on June 4, 2024, regarding their SB 4583 Social Security 2100 Act, which looks to increase revenue and grow the Social Security program by lifting caps and eliminating federal taxes sponsored by Rep John Larson (D-CT). The SB 4583 Social Security 2100 Act also incorporates the WEP and GPO elimination and has 186 cosponsors as of June 17, 2024.

PERI continues to be present and advocate for Ohio public servants. Our full-time legislative representative, Mara White, Board Chair Richard Ross, and I continually look for legislative backing to speak on behalf of every single member.

Our membership growth is vital to advocating for upcoming actions we want to start and the continued protection of your pension and benefits as we move forward. Remember, there is a voice in numbers, so please reach out to any past and current public employees and refer them to our office. PERI appreciates all your past and future support.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR YOU TO HAVE ON HAND

| (800) 222-7377 | OPERS |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| (844) 287-9945 | Medicare VIA Benefits* |
| (833) 939-1215 | Non-Medicare VIA Benefits* |
| (888) 262-4874 | Metlife Dental & Vision |
| (800) 633-4227 | Medicare |
| (877) 556-4582 | AMBA |
| (800) 772-1213 | Social Security |
| (877) 644-6457 | Deferred Comp |
| (800) 686-1578 | OSHIIP |

^{*}If you need information concerning your HRA account or insurance, call VIA Benefits. If you have questions concerning your pension, please call OPERS.

Spirit of PERI Nominee

Our mission at PERI is to support and protect our retirement system and its benefits; to promote educational resources and programs for our members; to study and compare OPERS with other retirement systems; to acquaint the members with legislation pertaining to the general welfare of our members; and to provide a means for the fellowship of its members.

Our mission is not just something we do; it's who we are.

As we approach our 50-year anniversary of Annual Meetings, and 76 years of working with OPERS retirees as an organization, we want to collectively celebrate those in our PERI community who exemplify our values every day. We will be presenting the 2024 Spirit of PERI to one recipient at this year's PERI Annual State Meeting (September 16).

The Spirit of PERI is demonstrated in our organization through our actions and through the relationships we build every day.

The recipient of our 2024 Spirit of PERI Award should:

- Be a member of PERI
- Be selfless in their desire to help others
- Loyal to PERI and the PERI members
- Recognize and seize opportunities to lead initiatives that make a difference for OPERS retirees and our PERI community
- Have gone above and beyond most expectations in service for PERI and our members

We are now accepting nominations to help us select our 2024 award recipient. If you know someone who embodies these characteristics and is deserving of this honor, we want you to tell us about them.

Write a couple of paragraphs (no more than one page) detailing the nominee's relationship with PERI and actions that make them a candidate for this award.

Send your written nomination letter to: laurie@operi.org

Nominations must be received in the PERI office no later than August 15, 2024.

The Board Chair will assign a 3-person committee to review nominations and select the winner from the pool of nominees.



Medicare Cost Saving Programs

Medicare Savings Programs, or MSPs, help pay your Medicare costs if you have limited income and savings. There are three main programs, each with different benefits and eligibility requirements. If your income is up to around \$1,700 per month as an individual, or around \$2,300 per month as a couple, you may qualify for an MSP. Your exact eligibility requirements depend on the state in which you live, though. Some states have higher income limits, and others don't have any limits on your assets. If you qualify for any one of the three MSPs, your Part B monthly premium will no longer be deducted from your Social Security check. One of the MSPs, called QMB, also eliminates all cost-sharing for Medicare-covered services. You cannot apply for a certain MSP; you will be enrolled in the MSP that corresponds to your income, assets, and application details.

Extra Help is a federal program that helps pay for some to most of the out-of-pocket costs of Medicare prescription drug coverage. The Extra Help program pays for your Part D premium up to a state-specific benchmark amount and lowers the cost of your prescription drugs. Additionally, it eliminates any Part D late enrollment penalty you may have. Extra Help also gives you Special Enrollment Periods throughout the year to enroll in a Part D plan or switch between plans. It's important to know that Extra Help is not a replacement for Part D on its own. You must still have a Part D plan to receive Medicare prescription drug coverage and Extra Help assistance. You should be automatically enrolled in Extra Help if you have Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, or an MSP Otherwise, you may be eligible for Extra Help if your income is up to around \$1,900 per month as an individual, or up to around \$2,500 per month as a couple, and you have limited assets. If you are not automatically enrolled, you can apply for Extra Help through the Social Security Administration.

Finally, you may be eligible for Medicaid, which may cover services that Medicare doesn't, like dental services and long-term care. Medicaid can also coordinate with Medicare, as a secondary payer, covering Medicare's out-of-pocket costs. Generally, your income and assets must be below a certain amount to qualify. These limits vary from state to state and from program to program.

There are a few important things to know about MSPs. First, Medicare Savings Programs are available to all people with Medicare, not just those enrolled in certain Medicare Advantage Plans. Some Medicare Advantage Plans offer to assist beneficiaries with the MSP application, but this assistance should not be described as a supplemental benefit or as a "premium-free" Medicare Advantage Plan. All people with Medicare can apply for an MSP.

Second, if you are enrolled in the QMB MSP, providers cannot bill you for any Medicare deductibles, coinsurance charges, or copays as long as they accept Medicare or are in-network for your Medicare Advantage Plan. (Note that some states may impose small Medicaid copays, though.) Providers who violate improper billing protections may be subject to penalties. If you have a QMB MSP and your provider bills you for services, tell them you should not be billed.

Call OSHIIP if you have further questions about any of the Medicare Cost savings programs. OSHIIP is available Monday -Thursday 7:30a-5pm, at 800-686-1578.

IMPORTANT

Please notify PERI when a member is deceased so that we don't continue mailing to them. Either call us at (800) 247-7374 or email us at laurie@operi.org

DISTRICT 01 ANNUAL MEETING





The District 1 Annual Meeting was held on April 29th at the Maumee Fraternal Order of Eagles #2562 in Maumee, OH. Guest speakers were Lezlie Garcia, Scott Judd, from AMBA and a representative from Representative Marcy Kaptur's office



L to R: Pam Sullivan and District 1 Rep. Chris Thompson and wife Sue.



Executive Director, Lezlie Garcia & event helper Pam Sullivan.

DISTRICT 02 ANNUAL MEETING



The District 2 Annual Meeting was held on June 20th at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Ottawa. The speakers were Rich Ross, Lezlie Garcia, Tim Seitz and Scott Judd.





MC Vice Chair Merrill Asher. Scott Judd from AMBA.

DISTRICT 03 ANNUAL MEETING

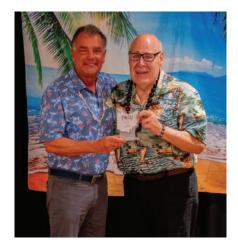




The District 3 Annual Meeting was held on May 21st at the Kohler Presidential Banquet Center in Dayton, OH. The speakers for the Hawaiian themed event were Ohio Representative Bernie Willis and OPERS retiree, Tim Steitz.







PERI Treasurer, John DiPietro and District 3 Rep. Doug Smith

DISTRICT 04 CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING







The second picture featured Rosemary Dahmann, John DiPietro and the District 4 Treasurers who were at the meeting. Each had received a PERI Treasurer license plate from John.

DISTRICT 04 ANNUAL MEETING



The District 4 Annual Meeting was held on May 9 at the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Hillsboro, Ohio. The speakers were Senator Shane Wilkin of the 17th District, Tim Steitz, Richard Ross, Leslie Garcia, and Bonnie Norris.

DISTRICT 05 KNOX COUNTY



Dena Hess-McKinstry spoke about the Woodward Opera House restoration and use by the community at the June 10 Knox County PERI meeting.

DISTRICT 05 ANNUAL MEETING











Tim Steitz, OPERS Board Retiree Representative, and Frank Larose, Ohio Secretary of State as the keynote speakers. They also heard from several of the providers including AMBA, OSHIIP, SMP and OCC. NAMI also shared information and the Morrow County Hospital staff were on hand.

IMPORTANT

If you have a seasonal address, please call or email us when you move. Our mail is sent out bulk rate, therefore the post office does not forward it.

DISTRICT 05 RICHLAND COUNTY



Connie Dailey, Board 3rd Vice Chair; Brenda Harden, PERI District 5 Representative; and Connie Bloom, Richland chapter treasurer at the Area on Aging Spring Fling at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

Richland chapter members heard about the programs offered by the Area Agency on Aging, and some upcoming opportunities from Trae Turner, Chief of Community Living at the May 21 meeting at the Golden Corral.



DISTRICT 08 AMBA RECRUITING BREAKFAST



AMBA representative, Andrea Bussert, hosts morning breakfast to introduce retirees to PERI and its benefits. Pictured is PERI Chair, Richard Ross speaking with a retiree.

DISTRICT 08 HOCKING COUNTY



From left to Right Guest speaker, State Senator Shane Wilkins, Karen Cottrill, Hocking Co. chapter President, Richard Ross, PERI Chair, & Kenneth Wilson, retired Hocking Co. Auditor at the Hocking County chapter meeting.

DISTRICT 07 ANNUAL MEETING





The District 7 Annual Meeting was held on June 21st at the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. Guest speakers were Tim Steitz, Richard Ross and Lezlie Garcia.

DISTRICT 08 ANNUAL MEETING





Andrea Bussert



Rich Ross, Chair



Tim Steitz from **OPERS**



Executive Director Lezlie Garcia

from AMBA

DISTRICT 09 ANNUAL MEETING









The District 9 Annual Meeting was held in the press box at Wagner Field in Cadiz, Ohio. Wagner Field is the home of the Harrison Central High School "Huskies" football team. There were 50 people in attendance plus vendors and speakers Jim Cain of AMBA, PERI Treasurer John DiPietro and State Representative Ron Ferguson (96th District).

DISTRICT 10 ANNUAL MEETING

District 10 Annual Meeting will be held on August 15th at the Carlisle Reservation Visitor Center (Lorain County Metro Parks), 12882 Diagonal Road, LaGrange, Ohio at 10:30am. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be provided. The guest speakers will be representatives from Senator Brown's and Senator Vance's office.

Contact: Stan (440-366-6831) or Rita (440 453-8239) email perichapter83@oh.rr.com to make a reservation.

DISTRICT 11 ANNUAL MEETING

The District 11 Annual Meeting was held on June 12th at The Elks Club in Ravenna, OH. Guest speakers included Lezlie Garcia, Tim Steitz and Jim Cain from AMBA.







David Benjamin and Jerry Garvin

Jim Cain



District 11 Rep., Reggi Witsaman and former 11 Rep. John Haught.



Reggi Witsaman and event planners from Portage County Chapter #63.



Pictured above (L to R) is Mahoning County V.P., Marilyn Abramski, Barbara Holzschuh, President, Walt Duzzny, Janice Mottram and Deanna Santillo.

PERI 2024 Webinars

Learn more and register for upcoming webinars by scanning the corresponding QR code.

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October 15

4:00 p.m. EST



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PERI State Annual Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024 Crowne Plaza Hotel ● 6500 Doubletree Avenue ● Columbus, Ohio 43229 Registration will be from 8:30am – 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us for the PERI State Annual Meeting which will again be held at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northeast Columbus. On Monday, September 16th. The hotel is conveniently located just minutes off Interstate 71 and State Route 161. Features include free parking, a covered drop-off area outside the lobby, and sleeping rooms, if needed. Please provide them with the room code of PE6 when making a reservation by calling (614) 885-1885

Registration will be from 8:30 a. m. to 9:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and pastry will be available during that time. This year's meeting will be exciting. PERI will have Karen Carraher; OPERS Executive Director as one of guest speaker and then move to educational breakout sessions in the morning offering attendees the opportunity to learn from a variety of experts who will make presentations in a 45-minute breakout session on five different topics of interest to retirees.

These experts will talk about:

Attorney General

New twists on old scams! Recognizing a scam that looks like legitimate communication. How to report and get help if you've been scammed. New information on elder abuse.

OPERS

You and your HRA. Updates on the latest information and working with VIA Benefits.

Legislation Networking

Richard Ross to present What's happening in the legislature? Grassroots lobbying and the PERI Legislative Network.

AMBA

Making connections. Let's keep working together to grow our membership and learn about all membership benefits.

OSHIIP

Stay up to date on Medicare.

We will not be doing seat/table assignments this year. We highly recommend you arrive early to secure your preferred seat location. Coffee and pastries will be in the walkway to the ballroom south entrance, where you can enter. Please, do not enter through the doors on the side hallway. The event will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.

After lunch, we will have the PERI business meeting where you will hear brief remarks from PERI Chairman, Richard Ross, PERI Executive Director, Lezlie Garcia, PERI Treasurer John DiPietro and a legislative report from PERI Legislative Counsel, Mara White.

The meeting will conclude with special door prize drawings.

Come with great expectations for a rewarding time of learning and sharing with your fellow PERI retirees.

Registration is open on our website at <u>www.operi.org</u>, where you can pay with a credit card or mail your registration to our state office.

2024 REGISTRATION FORM PERI State Annual Meeting • Monday, September 16, 2024

Registration: \$39 per person

Registration deadline: Mon, Sept. 3, 2024

We highly encourage registration on our PERI website (www.OPERI.ORG) under EVENTS with options to pay via credit card. If you do not have computer access, please use the attached registration form, make checks payable to PERI and mail to:

PERI 659 PARK MEADOW RD. STE. F WESTERVILLE, OH 43081 Each registrant, including spouses or guests, must fill out our registration form below.

There are two forms on this sheet, and it may be copied. There must be a phone number included with the registration. If special seating is needed due to a wheelchair or walker note your request on the "Seating Request" line. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but it is not guaranteed.

Reminder to Chapters: Group forms submitted by chapters will no longer be accepted.

Chapters can send one check for all attendees, however, an individual registration form for each attendee must be filled out with their meal choice and breakout session choices listed. Thank you!

We will NOT have assigned seating for the event.

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- 1. Fill in your personal information (including phone number)
- 2. Select a meal.

- 3. Choose a breakout session.
- 4. Included your check payable to PERI.

Or you can register and pay at www.operi.org



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<u>District 2 Counties:</u> Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert

<u>District 3 Counties:</u> Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble

<u>District 4 Counties:</u> Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, Warren

<u>District 5 Counties:</u> Crawford, Hancock, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot

District 6 Counties:

Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, Union

District 7 Counties: Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton

<u>District 8 Counties:</u> Athens, Hocking, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Washington

<u>District 9 Counties:</u> Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Tuscarawas

<u>District 10 Counties:</u> Ashland, Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Summit, Wayne

<u>District II Counties:</u> Ashtabula, Columbiana, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Trumbull