NACE ANNUAL STATE REPORT - OHIO (2023)

State Association Name: County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO)

Number of Counties: 88 Number of State Assoc. Members: 88

Number NACE Members: 87

State Annual Meeting/Conferences held at: CEAO/CCAO (County Commissioners) Winter Conference, Hyatt

Regency, Columbus, Ohio on December 6-8, 2023

Other Conferences in 2023: CEAO Engineers Conference February 2-3, 2023

CEAO Storm Water Conference March 13-14, 2023
CEAO Bridge Workers Conference April 4-5, 2023
CEAO Land Records Conference June 13, 2023
CEAO Ohio Bridge Conference August 8-9, 2023

CEAO GIS Conference September 11-13, 2023
CEAO Superintendents Conference October 11-12, 2023
CEAO/CCAO Winter Conference December 6-8, 2023

Notable achievements of the OHIO Association and/or Individual members in 2023:

CEAO Board President (2024) — Patrick Ginnetti PE, PS, Mahoning County Engineer CEAO County Engineer of the Year (2024) — Roger Wright PE, PS, Washington County CEAO Dave Brand Safety Award — Doug Cade PE, PS, Hancock County

NACE Urban County Engineer of the Year (2023) **Nominee** – Brion Rhodes PE, PS, Allen County NACE Rural County Engineer of the Year (2023) **Nominee** - Scott Coleman PE, PS, Logan County NACE Dave Brand Safety Award (2023) **Nominee** – Doug Cade PE, PS, Hancock County

Important Events in which State Association participated in during 2023:

- 1. Ohio Council of County Officials Legislative Reception (OCCO)
- 2. Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC)
- 3. Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Local and State Small Government Committees
- 4. Ohio Society of Professional Surveyors committees and Conference.
- 5. NACo Transportation Steering committee
- 6. NACE Fly-In to Washington DC (including FEMA, USDOT and met w/ White House Representatives)

State Issues:

- 1. Finalized work with Ohio Legislature to update Force Account Laws (\$\$ limits on work done by Co. crews)
- 2. Continued effort to educate Ohio Legislature on the importance of Professional Licensure requirements for Engineers and Surveyors.

National Issues:

1. CEAO has representatives serving on various national committees: AASHTO, ACEC, APWA, ARTBA, ASCE, ASHE and NACo

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NACE Ohio Director Date: 04/06/2024