

2019 Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award

Daniel G. Fredendall, PE

Vice President & Principal, OHM Advisors



Daniel Fredendall is Vice President at OHM Advisors, an architecture, engineering and planning firm based in Livonia, Michigan. A licensed professional engineer, Dan has spent 35 years with the firm in various project and leadership roles helping grow the firm from a 25-person team to a 500-people full-service company. He is respected by industry colleagues for his professional expertise and unmatched perspective regarding state infrastructure issues across the public and private sectors.

Dan's passion for engineering is reflected by his active service as a leader at local, state and national levels within multiple professional and educational organizations over his 40-year career. As past president of ACEC Michigan and past chair of the ACEC Michigan Political Action Committee, Dan played a critical role in transforming ACEC Michigan into a legislative force, consulted by state agencies and legislative committees alike. During his tenure within the leadership team, ACEC Michigan drove new Qualification-Based Selection requirements; a revised contract with the Department of Technology, Management and Budget; and renewed the MDOT/ACEC partnership. He also served on the executive team that recruited current ACEC Michigan Executive Director Ron Brenke.

Dan recently was appointed to the Michigan Infrastructure Council, where he is one of nine experts tasked with developing a strategic, comprehensive, long-term investment and management strategy for Michigan's infrastructure assets. This appointment to the Infrastructure Council was preceded by his year-long engagement with the Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot, where Dan offered his seasoned insights in a comprehensive report to former Governor Rick Snyder.

Additionally, Dan has served as past president of ASCE Southeastern Branch, Michigan Section and currently serves on the Design Professionals Risk Control Group Board of Directors.

As a Michigan State University alumnus, Dan served on MSU's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department's Advisory Board for four years and assisted Lawrence Technological University in resurrecting their Civil & Environmental Engineering Department, where he is currently an Advisory Board Member Emeritus. He has been involved in the ABET accreditation process for both institutions.

In his executive leadership role at OHM Advisors, Dan monitors legislation that affects the industry and the firm. He serves as a mentor to young engineers and actively encourages firm members to provide leadership beyond its own walls by becoming involved with industry organizations.

Dan and his wife Martha, the parents of three grown children, reside in Livonia, Michigan where they are actively involved in the community.