

Governing Board Members



Joe Logan



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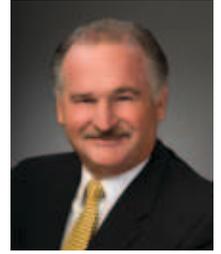
Jerome G. Solove



Michael Watkins



Roger Wise



Fred Yoder

Joe Logan

Board member, 2007 – present
Representing family farmers
Hometown: Kinsman

In addition to being an active farmer, Joe Logan serves as director of agricultural programs for the Ohio Environmental Council. He is the past president of the Ohio Farmers Union and served on the board of directors of the National Farmers Union, where he was chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee and vice chairman of the Legislative Committee. He previously served as president of the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees, representing the interests of locally elected committees in 2,500 Farm Service Agency offices nationwide.

Anthony Peto

Board member, 2009 – present
Representing organized labor
Hometown: Chesterland

Anthony Peto serves as state political director for the Ohio Vicinity Regional Council of Carpenters (OVRCC). Previously, Mr. Peto served as an organizer for the OVRCC and as a journeyman carpenter with experience working on commercial projects, single family homes and condominiums. He graduated from the Harvard Trade Union Program and graduated from a four-year carpentry trade program at the Joint Apprenticeship Training Center in Richfield.

Jerome G. Solove, past chairman

Chairman, 1999 – 2011
Board member, 1998 – 2011
Representing residential customers
Hometown: Powell

Jerome G. Solove is the president and owner of the commercial real estate firm, Jerome Solove Development, Inc., headquartered in Columbus. Mr. Solove is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, as well as a former board member of the Columbus Area Apartment Association and the Rickenbacker Port Authority in Franklin County. Mr. Solove earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with dual majors in real estate and finance from The Ohio State University. Mr. Solove also completed a year of study at the London School of Economics.

Michael A. Watkins

Board member, 2010 – present
Representing organized labor
Hometown: Elida

Michael A. Watkins has served as a member of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lima Lodge No. 21 since 1976, when he began his career as a police officer in the city of Lima. He currently is serving his third term as president of FOP Lodge No. 21 after working for 12 years as its secretary. He is currently employed by the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. in Columbus as the Administrative Assistant. Mr. Watkins was trustee of the FOP's 6th district from 1993 – 1995 and re-elected to the position, which he has held since 2007. As a civilian employee with the Lima Police Department, Mr. Watkins developed a series of video and audio public service announcements and a television program demonstrating activities and the work of various special department units. He attended The Ohio State University-Lima campus where he studied psychology.

Roger Wise

Board member, 2006 – present
Representing family farmers
Hometown: Fremont

Roger Wise is supervisor for the Sandusky Soil and Water District and president of the Ohio Farmers Union, the progressive family farm organization advocating for social and economic well-being for all Ohio families. He is a trustee for Jackson Township in Sandusky County and previously served on the county's boards of education and health. He is vice president of the Farmers Union in Sandusky County.

Fred Yoder

Board member, 2011 – present
Representing family farmers
Hometown: Plain City

As a fourth generation family farmer, Mr. Yoder is the owner and operator of Fred Yoder Farms. He also is a partner and executive vice president with Yoder Ag Services LLC, which markets seeds and consulting services. Mr. Yoder currently serves as an Ohio delegate to the USA Poultry and Egg Export and U.S. Grains Councils; on the Ohio Corn and Wheat Political Action Committee, Wheat Growers Association and Ohio Corn Marketing Boards of Directors; Madison County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees; and as chairman of the Ohio chapter of the 25 by '25 Alliance and National 25 by '25 Adaptation Work Group.

Governing Board Members



John Moliterno



Gene Krebs



Harold Cassel



Sally A. Hughes



Dorothy L. Leslie

About the Governing Board

By statute, the Ohio Attorney General appoints the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel's (OCC) bipartisan, nine-member Governing Board. The Board consists of three members representing organized labor, residential customers and family farmers, respectively. No more than five members of the Board may be from the same political party. Board members are confirmed by the Ohio Senate and serve three-year terms. The Governing Board is responsible for appointing the Consumers' Counsel and Deputy Consumers' Counsel. The Governing Board conducts regular bimonthly public meetings in Columbus.

John Moliterno, chairman

Chairman, 2011 – present

Vice chairman, 2006 – 2011

Board member, 2003 – present

Representing residential customers

Hometown: Girard

John Moliterno is president and chief executive officer of Pegasus Printing Group, which includes printing-related companies in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In addition, he is the treasurer of the City of Girard. Previously, Mr. Moliterno served as president and chief executive officer of the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is a board member of the Youngstown State University Penguin Club and Better Business Bureau of Mahoning Valley and chairman of the Trumbull County Workforce Development Board. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

Gene Krebs, vice chairman

Vice Chairman, 2011 – present

Board member, 2005 – present

Representing residential customers

Hometown: Camden

Gene Krebs is co-director of Greater Ohio, an organization working to revitalize Ohio communities through land use reforms. He served as a state representative for House District 60 from 1993 – 2000, chairing the Economic Development and Small Business Committee, and served on the Finance and Appropriation Committee and the Farmland Preservation Task Force. Mr. Krebs was appointed by Gov. Kasich to the Local Government and Innovation Council and serves as a board member of the Ohio Mathematics and Science Coalition. Additionally, he is a member of the Camden Chamber of Commerce and the Preble County Farm Bureau and has served on the Eaton City School Board, Preble County Commission, and the Preble County Planning Commission. Mr. Krebs, a seventh generation farmer, graduated from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in biology, and has published articles in both scientific and general publications.

Harold Cassel

Board member, 2010 – present

Representing organized labor

Hometown: Castalia

Harold Cassel was appointed to the Governing Board in 2010. Mr. Cassel is retired from Chrysler Corp. and was an international representative of the United Auto Workers (UAW). He became a member of the UAW in 1974 at the Chrysler Plastics facility in Sandusky. He served in several positions, including president and chairperson of Local 1879 and on various regional advisory councils. He worked on organizing campaigns in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Mr. Cassel was appointed to the International UAW staff in October 1995.

Sally A. Hughes

Board member, 2011 – present

Representing residential customers

Hometown: Columbus

Sally A. Hughes serves as president and chief executive officer of Caster Connection, Inc., a company she founded. Ms. Hughes quickly expanded the business by providing heavy duty casters and wheels to industrial companies, which included General Motors. Ms. Hughes led her company's efforts to implement and advance safety measures for moving heavy equipment, eventually expanding to the food service, commercial laundry and bakery industries. Ms. Hughes currently serves on the Board of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Entrepreneurs Organization (EO), Women's Presidents Organization (WPO) and Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). Ms. Hughes graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in English literature and Spanish.

Dorothy L. Leslie

Board member, 2001 – 2011

Representing family farmers

Hometown: Upper Sandusky

Dorothy L. Leslie and her husband have operated a family farm since 1951. Mrs. Leslie served as state executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service from 1989 – 1993. She served as chairwoman of the state committee of that agency from 2001 – 2009 and has received multiple awards from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for her service to the farmers of Ohio. As a registered nurse, she served as a medical research associate working with farmers for The Ohio State University. She is an active member of a number of farm organizations, community projects and her church.