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2012-2013 OCA Officers and Trustees Elected

During its June 13 meeting the Ohio Cleaners Association Board of Directors elected **Tom Perry** of Long Cleaners, Inc. (Miamisburg) President. Elected Secretary/Treasurer was **George Gardner**, Custom Cleaners (Bryan). Immediate Past President is **Mark Kimmel**, Kimmel Corporation (Upper Sandusky).

Trustees elected include **Dennis Bell**, Sunbury Cleaners (Sunbury); **Barry Bernzweig**, E.J. Thomas Co., LLC (Cleveland); **Larry Long**, Long Cleaners, Inc. (Miamisburg); **Bernie Otte**, State Dry Cleaners (Martins Ferry); **Seth Rowe**, Ross Cleaners (Columbus) and **Roger Stevenson**, RR Street Company (Lawrenceburg, KY).

Educational Opportunities



OCA would like to thank **Hudson Equipment Inc.** for hosting the May 24, 2012 Spotting and Wet Cleaning Seminar. Additional sponsors included **E.J. Thomas Co.**, **ADCO**, **Unipress** and **Wascomat**. Speakers Dan Goldman, Wascomat and Greg Reinhardt, ADCO provided live demonstrations on wet cleaning and spotting while Bob Crawford, Unipress, informed attendees about the latest in pressing and tentioning equipment.

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New Law Makes EPA Less Threatening to Small Businesses



Sen. Tim Schaffer
(R) District 31

Just prior to its summer recess, the Ohio General Assembly passed SB 294, which contains a provision that expands confidentiality to small businesses seeking help in obtaining compliance with Ohio EPA's regulations. Under old law, small businesses that voluntarily went to the Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) (to ensure that they are being good environmental stewards and complying with regulations) only had protection from liability for non-compliance for air issues.

SB 294 extends the confidentiality provision to all regulatory programs at Ohio EPA.

In making this significant change, Ohio EPA is ensuring that small businesses can find help in navigating the myriad of environmental regulations. Small businesses will be able to rest easy when they utilize OCAPP knowing that this non-regulatory division of Ohio EPA has one goal, to help bring small businesses into compliance without the threat of a violation or penalty.

OCA thanks the bill's sponsor, Senator Tim Schaffer, for including this important protection in the legislation.

BWC Transitional Workplace Grants

Grant money is now available from the Ohio BWC! As of July 1, 2012, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation has re-introduced the Transitional Workplace Grant Program (TWP) for all Ohio employers.

The BWC has enhanced the Program this year to include an

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employer incentive of a 10% rebate on your annual workers' compensation premium for employers who have a future transitional work claim that utilizes this certified program. This incentive will only be available to employers who have and utilize a certified BWC Transitional Work Program. By formalizing your Transitional Work Program in accordance with the BWC rules and regulations, it will assure your ability to participate in the 10% incentive.

OSHA On-Site Consultation Program

The OSHA On-Site Consultation program is offered at no charge to employers through the Ohio BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene. This program is funded mainly by the US Department of Labor through the BWC. The On-Site Consultation is offered to small Ohio employers in high-risk industries and assists them in identifying potential safety hazards and what steps they can take to correct them.

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EPA Revises Its Vapor Intrusion Screening Levels for Perchloroethylene

In response to the recently completed IRIS assessments, EPA has revised the screening levels it is developing for vapor intrusion at hazardous waste sites. The Agency is proposing to weaken the perchloroethylene screening levels. The levels will be part of a package of guidance and other measures that EPA plans to release late this year addressing the vapor intrusion risks from chlorinated solvents.

New BWC Premium Payment Discounts

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation has added two premium discounts that a private employer may take advantage of beginning with the premium that is due to the BWC in August of 2012. Public employers can begin to take advantage of the discounts beginning with their July 1, 2013 payroll reports.

The "Go-Green Discount" will allow employers to receive a 1% Premium Discount (up to \$1,000 every six months) if they agree to receive and pay their payroll report electronically, in full, on the BWC website (www.ohiobwc.com).

The "Lapse-Free Discount" will provide an employer with an

additional 1% Premium Discount (up to \$1,000 every six months) if they have had no lapses in coverage during the past 60 months.

Dry Cleaners Advised on Use of Criminal History in Hiring

Any company that checks the criminal history of prospective employees should be aware of new enforcement guidelines issued by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the agency that enforces federal anti-discrimination laws. While the EEOC's recommendations are burdensome, they could help companies avoid a finding of discriminatory hiring practices.

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Ohio Small Businesses Push for Municipal Tax Uniformity

Small business representatives have made a strong case to the House Ways & Means Committee that Ohio must establish a uniform municipal tax code to minimize burdensome administrative and record-keeping duties on businesses. Speaking on behalf of the Ohio Chamber's small business affiliate, Tia Ramlow said adhering to the ever-changing tax rules and regulations of multiple cities is a huge potential liability and significant cost. She urged the

committee to adopt a uniform set of rules with which small businesses can easily understand and comply.

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