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Schedule Changes Prove Beneficial to OTA Members

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) staff and Board of Directors made several schedule changes to the format of its annual Winter Conference, and it was once again deemed a success. More than 1,500 township officials attended the four-day educational conference, held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center Feb. 9-12.

Changes included the addition of workshops on Wednesday afternoon, a full slate of Certified Public Investment Management (CPIM) certification courses for township fiscal officers, and additional time to visit the Trade Show, which consisted of more than 100 vendors, including several heavy equipment displays and a demonstration by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

More than 60 educational workshops, ranging in topic from collaboration and proper expenditure of public funds, to roads, and water services and annexation, were made available to attendees. Optional events were also planned and included a welcoming casino night and luncheon, with keynote speaker Chris Spielman.

Active members of the OTA voted on a constitutional amendment at the Thursday morning General Session. The amendment included language that the annual conference be scheduled anytime in the first quarter of the year, rather than in January. The amendment passed, and an updated version is available on the OTA website at www.ohiotownships.org.

The conference concluded with a Saturday morning General Session which included guest speakers John Honeck, Center for Community Solutions; Gene Krebs, Greater Ohio; and Wendy Patton, Policy Matters.

The 2012 Winter Conference will occur Feb. 8-11.

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The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The Association was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. The Association has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 3,000 associate members.

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