Keith Blosser, Esq., CCAO Managing Director of Operations

As managing director of operations, Keith Blosser manages the CCAO Service Corporation and assists with the budget and internal operations of CCAO. Prior to joining CCAO in 2015, Keith worked for the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Insurance and Ohio Attorney General’s office. In addition, he was a judge advocate general with the Ohio Adjutant General, U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve. Keith has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Ohio University, a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army JAG School.

David Brooks, CPCU, CCAO Managing Director, Property & Casualty Insurance

Dave Brooks is CCAO's managing director of property & casualty insurance and manages the daily operations of the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) – our property and liability insurance program - and the CCAO Service Corporation Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan. Prior to joining CCAO in 1995, Dave was a loss control consultant for national accounts of the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, and a sales manager of property & casualty insurance at PENCO. Dave received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University.

Timothy Bubb, Licking County Commissioner and Chair, CCAO Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee

Four-term Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb began his career as a staff executive at the Newark Area Chamber of Commerce and on the commander's staff at the former Newark Air Force Base. He has been a Newark Public Library trustee and Board president. Tim was elected as Newark City treasurer in 2002. Tim serves on the CCAO Executive Committee, Board of Directors and chairs the Jobs, Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee. Tim is a graduate of Newark High School and received an undergraduate degree from Ohio University. He also graduated from the National Chamber of Commerce Institute at Notre Dame University.

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Brad Cole is CCAO's managing director of research and coordinates the research, data and technical publications prepared and distributed by the association, maintains research data bases, develops survey instruments and promotes the CCAO Educational and Research Foundation. On the legislative side, Brad's legislative advocacy is in taxation and finance, permissive taxes, auditing and accounting, county budget procedures, county debt, purchasing, investment policy, and general government legislation that impacts counties including transportation and infrastructure, tax abatement and solid waste management. Brad is the liaison to the CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee and Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee. Prior to joining CCAO in 1986, Brad worked for the Ohio Railroad Association and in the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House. Brad has a Bachelor of Arts cum laude and a Master of Arts in History from Bowling Green State University.

Robert Cornwell, Executive Director, Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association

Bob Cornwell is a life-long resident of the Columbus area. He is currently the executive director of the Buckeye State Sheriffs’ Association (BSSA), a position he has held for the past 33 years. BSSA keeps the county sheriff abreast of the latest advancement in law enforcement techniques, technology, legal precedent, legislative action, training and acts as an information exchange between sheriffs throughout the State. Prior to working for the Sheriffs’ Association he was employed by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in Columbus for ten years. Cornwell is a graduate of Bishop Watterson High School and Ohio Dominican University.
Stacy Crall, Clerk, Richland County Commissioners

Stacy Crall has been the clerk for the Richland County Commissioners for 14 years and has worked in county government for almost 19 years. Stacy performs the statutory duties of clerk and assists with budget and legal matters. She is responsible for the records retention schedule; office operations; and administration, enforcement, and execution of the board's policies and resolutions. As the liaison for the board of commissioners, Stacy works with other agencies and departments concerning board directives. She serves as secretary for the Richland County Land Bank. Stacy is the president of the County Commissioners’ Clerks and Engineer’s Administrative Professional Association – CCAO’s oldest affiliate organization. Stacy holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University.

Jonathan Downes, Esq., Attorney, Zashin & Rich

Jonathan Downes has more than 30 years of experience and expertise in representing public and private employers in labor and employment law and human resource management. He represents employers in arbitrations, organizing campaigns and administrative hearings. In addition, he also defends employers in state and federal courts. Jonathan has been selected as one of the “Best Lawyers in America – Employment and Labor Law” every year since 2010, as an “Ohio Super Lawyer” every year since 2004, one of “Central Ohio Top Lawyers” since 2009, and received the OHPELRA “Award of Excellence” in 2016. He is also certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a Specialist in Labor and Employment law.

Suzanne Dulaney, Executive Director, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Suzanne Dulaney is the executive director for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Suzanne worked at CCAO from 1999 to 2006 as a senior policy analyst. Prior to her return to CCAO in 2014, she served as the associate CEO for the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities which represents Ohio’s county alcohol, drug addiction and mental health boards. Suzanne obtained her law degree with a concentration in governmental affairs from Capital University and her undergraduate degree in political science from Miami University.

Julie Ehemann, Shelby County Commissioner and 2nd Vice President, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Shelby County Commissioner Julie Ehemann is a graduate of Ohio Northern University with a major in pharmacy. She has worked as a retail pharmacist managing several different pharmacies. Continuing her involvement in the profession, Julie is a member of the Ohio Pharmacists Association serving on the Legal and Regulatory Committee. She has been involved in her community as a volunteer EMT, councilmember and then as mayor for the Village of Anna before her election as county commissioner. Julie is a graduate of the JoAnn Davidson Institute and is serving her second term as a Shelby county commissioner. At CCAO, Julie serves as 2nd vice-president, and on the Water Quality Task Force, Justice and Public Safety Committee, Taxation and Finance Committee, and Jobs, Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee.

Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner

Lenny Eliason has been an Athens County commissioner since 1998. He was president of CCAO in 2006 and currently serves on the Board of Directors. He has served as a CORSA board member for six years and is a past president and a board member of CEBCO. On the national level, Lenny served as the 2011-12 president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and continues to serve on the Board of Directors and the NACo Financial Services Advisory Board. Lenny earned a Master’s of Public Administration Degree from Ohio University. He serves as a mediator for the Athens Area Mediation Service. He is a member of the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution.

Marc Fishel, Esq., Partner, Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht Downey LLP

Marc Fishel is a partner in the law firm of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht Downey. Marc regularly represents public employers throughout the State of Ohio in all matters relating to labor relations. He has extensive experience in areas of represen-
tation including collective bargaining, discipline (arbitration and civil service), contract negotiations, mediation and conflict resolution procedures. Named a Super Lawyer since 2011 for his work in employment and labor law, Marc has also been recognized by his peers as one of the Best Lawyers® in America since 2011. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Cleveland State University and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University.

Douglas Foust, CEBS, SPHR, Managing Director, Health and Wellness Programs, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Doug Foust is CCAO’s managing director of health and wellness programs and is responsible for sales growth and management of the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) – CCAO’s health insurance program - and develops and manages relationships with CEBCO vendor partners. Prior to joining CCAO in 2013, Doug was director of health care services at the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio, assistant director of health care administration at the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. He has over 20 years of experience in private sector human resource management. Doug has a Bachelor of Science in Business – Marketing from The Ohio State University and a Master in Business Administration in Management and Labor Relations from Cleveland State University.

Michael Heldman, Hancock County Sheriff

Hancock County Sheriff Michael Heldman has worked in the law enforcement field for more than 40 years. He started his career at Owens Technical College majoring in law enforcement. In 1972, he began his career at the Hancock County Sheriff’s office serving in various positions. He has been a certified instructor with the Ohio Peace Officer’s Training Council for basic police and corrections training, and has assisted with training at various crime prevention seminars. He is past president and currently chairing Training and Education Committee and the Community Corrections Committee for the Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association. Michael represents the BSSA on the Ohio Jail Advisory Board.

Patrick Herron, Wayne County Administrator

Patrick graduated of the University of Akron with a degree in accounting. He is also a certified public accountant. Patrick has worked in the private sector as a controller and handled a variety of human resource responsibilities. He has been the Wayne county administrator since 1994.

Brandon Huddleston, Greene County Administrator and President, County Administrators Association

Brandon Huddleston has been the Greene County administrator since 2014. In this role, he is responsible for implementing the policies and procedures adopted by the Board of County Commissioners as well as overseeing the day-to-day operations of the county. His primary duties include recommending the annual general fund budget, review and recommendation of contracts, and oversight of all county expenditures. The county administrator is the immediate supervisor of the 16 department heads under the board. Previously, Brandon was the central maintenance supervisor in the Sanitary Engineering Department and director of county services.

Edwin Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner and President, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Ed Humphrey became a Clermont County Commissioner in 2008 and is the current CCAO President. Prior to serving as county commissioner, Ed was a Miami Township trustee for 19 years. He is
the past president of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors, and is currently a member of the board. He serves on the statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee, the Clermont County CIC, the Clermont County Investment Advisory Committee and the Adams/Clermont Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors. He is retired from Procter & Gamble, and has worked as a computer consultant and trainer. He holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Karl Kuespert, Director, Franklin County Purchasing Department

Karl Kuespert has been the director of the Franklin County Purchasing Department since 2001. Prior to working in Franklin County, Karl served in the U.S. Army from 1977 to 2001 and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with over 24 years of active duty service in various Department of Defense and Army commands where he specialized in acquisition and supply management. Over 15 years of his Army career were devoted to U.S. government purchasing management including six years of warranted contracting officer experience in Army, Air Force, and Naval weapon systems, major assemblies, equipment end items and computer software. He also has three years of experience in international contracting and treaty negotiations while serving with the Office of Defense Cooperation in Athens, Greece. Karl holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi; Certified Level III in Contracting and Program Management from the Department of Defense; and a life-time designation as a Certified Purchasing Manager from the Institute of Supply Management.

Mark Landes, Esq., Partner, Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Teetor

Mark Landes is a partner in the law firm of Isaac Wiles. Before leaving for active duty as a military prosecutor overseas, Mark had already served on everything from student council to city council. Later he worked as a civil lawyer in the Pentagon where he defended the Department of Defense in federal courts around the country. Mark has been a special master and special monitor for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, a member of the Ohio Jury Instructions Drafting Committee for the Ohio Judicial College and a mediator appointed by federal and state courts to mediate all types of disputes. Mark was a 2013 Central Ohio Lawyers of the Year and Ohio Super Lawyer since 2005. Mark has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University.

Linda Langston, Director of Strategic Relations, National Association of Counties

Linda Langston is the director of strategic relations for the National Association of Counties (NACo) in Washington DC. Linda previously served on the Linn County Board of Supervisors from 2003-2016. Langston is a former NACo president. Also during her time at NACo she chaired the Health Steering Committee, the Healthy Counties Advisory Board, the Finance Committee and the Arts and Culture Commission. Linda graduated from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois with a degree in history. She is a 2007 graduate of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government for State and Local Officials.

John Leutz, Esq., Legislative Counsel, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

As legislative counsel, John Leutz provides legislative advocacy and member services in law enforcement, courts and corrections, other criminal justice issues, public safety, economic development and land use. John is the liaison to the CCAO Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee and Water Quality Task Force. John served eight years as the mayor of Grandview Heights, along with years on City Council, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. Prior to joining CCAO in 2000, John worked for the Ohio Township Association. John has a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude from Capital University and a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School.

Brad Lutz, Pickaway County Administrator

Brad graduated from Ohio University with a degree in accounting. He has worked as an accountant for several financial institutions. In addition, he performed audits of various schools, counties, villages and cities for the Auditor of State from 2007 to 2011. He has been the Pickaway County Administrator 2011.
Kate Neithammer, Policy Analyst, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Kate Neithammer is a policy analyst who concentrates on legislative advocacy and member services in health and human services, including Medicaid, children services, child support, workforce development, developmental disabilities, behavioral health, county hospitals and county homes. She is the liaison to the CCAO Health and Human Services Committee and the Jobs, Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee. Prior to joining CCAO in 2015, Kate was the manager of government relations for The Columbus Chamber of Commerce and worked for the Ohio House. Kate has a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work with a Minor in Psychology from Ohio University.

Paul Nick, Esq., Executive Director, Ohio Ethics Commission

As executive director of the Ohio Ethics Commission, Paul Nick oversees the state-wide responsibilities of the Commission that includes providing ethics advice, investigating alleged unethical actions of state and local public servants, managing financial disclosure of public office holders, conducting public education and providing information. Prior to joining the Ethics Commission, Paul served in the Columbus City Attorney’s Office as an assistant city prosecutor and assistant city attorney in the civil division. Paul received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

John O’Grady, Franklin County Commissioner and Chair, CCAO General Government and Operations Committee

John O’Grady has assumed leadership roles in Franklin County economic development initiatives that attract and retain businesses, improve neighborhoods and encourage tourism. He sees a strong local food system, robust public-private partnerships and a long-term planning perspective as key to these efforts. On the state level, John serves on the CCAO Board of Directors and chairs the General Government and Operations Committee. Nationally, he is the vice chair of both the Large Urban County Caucus and the Workforce Development Subcommittee of the National Association of Counties. Prior to becoming commissioner, John worked as an administrator in the Treasurer of State’s office, owned his own business, and served two terms as the clerk of courts for the Franklin County Common Pleas Courts and the 10th District Court of Appeals. John is serving his third term as commissioner.

Joel Potts, Executive Director, Ohio Job and Family Services Directors Association

Joel Potts is the executive director of the Ohio Job and Family Service Directors Association (OJFSDA) and represents Ohio’s 88 counties on public assistance matters, which includes welfare reform, workforce, child support, child welfare, food stamp and health care programs, with the state and federal government. Prior to joining OJFSDA in 2007, Joel served as the chief of federal relations for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and was responsible for working with Ohio’s congressional delegation, federal employment and human service agencies and national associations regarding issues relevant to ODJFS.

Philip Richter, Esq., Executive Director, Ohio Elections Commission

Phil Richter is the executive director and staff attorney of the Ohio Elections Commission where he is responsible for all activities of the independent Commission. As staff attorney, Phil makes recommendations for determination of all cases that come before the Commission, advises the Commission on procedures and issues relating to cases, and prepares advisory opinions for consideration. As executive director, he performs as the administrative, budget and fiscal officer. Prior to joining the Commission in 1996, Phil was an administrative officer in the Elections Division and deputy director for the Uniform Commercial Code Division for the Secretary of State. Phil has an Artium Baccalaureatus Degree in Public Administration from Miami University and a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University.

Amy Roehrenbeck, Esq., Executive Director, Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agencies Directors Association

Amy Roehrenbeck is the executive director for the Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agencies Directors Association (OCDA) and has over sixteen
years' experience in the child support program. In her role for OCDA she provides leadership in policy and legislation development; training for other child support professionals, judges and private attorneys; and collaborates with a variety of organizations and other professionals to promote and strengthen the Ohio Child Support Program. Amy joined OCDA in 2007 as a senior policy analyst and became executive director 2016. Prior to this, she was an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Morrow County CSEA. Amy is a graduate of Indiana University, with a double major in history and Slavic languages and literature, and a graduate of Capital University Law School.

Scott Sanders, Executive Director, Delaware County Regional Planning Commission and President, County Planning Association

Scott Sanders has been with the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) since 2001, serving as director since 2006. The DCRPC includes full membership of all 18 townships and 5 villages in Delaware County. During his time with the Commission he has assisted or directed numerous projects including township and village comprehensive plans, township zoning resolution amendments, OEPA Educational Grant project, Delaware County’s Go Healthy! Initiative and others. He serves on numerous committees and projects including at the Delaware General Health District, United Way and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. He is currently President of the County Planning Directors Association of Ohio, a CCAO affiliate organization.

Angela Sausser, LSW, Executive Director, Public Children Services Association of Ohio

Angela Sausser is the executive director of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO), an association of the county public children services agencies charged with child protection throughout Ohio. Prior to joining PCSAO in 2014, Angela was the chief of the Bureau of Children and Families for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; project director for the department’s four-year federal grant called ENGAGE (Engaging the New Generation to Achieve their Goals through Empowerment); and director of Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council. Angela graduated from The Ohio State University with a Master of Social Work in Social Administration and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Psychology with a minor in Gerontology from Miami University.

Christiane Schmenk, Esq., of Counsel, Bricker & Eckler

Chris Schmenk has vast public sector experience. Serving most recently as director of the Ohio Development Services Agency, she restructured the department after the launch of JobsOhio and was a member of Governor Kasich's cabinet. Before becoming director, she was chief legal counsel for the department and assisted in the formation and launch of JobsOhio. From 2008 to 2011, she was the elected mayor of Marysville. From economic development issues, public improvement projects, public-private partnerships to financing issues, she serves as counsel to community improvement corporations, port authorities, counties, municipal corporations and other political subdivisions. Chris had a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Northern University.

Cheryl Subler, Managing Director of Policy, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Cheryl Subler is CCAO’s managing director of policy and coordinates CCAO’s legislative program. She is responsible for legislative advocacy and member services in personnel and labor relations, employee benefits, elections, environment and general local government issues. Cheryl is the liaison to CCAO’s General Government & Operations Committee. Prior to joining the staff in 1996, Cheryl worked at Ohio Township Association and in the Ohio House and Ohio Senate. She is a past president of the Ohio Lobbying Association. Cheryl has a Bachelor’s degree from Miami University.

Louis Tobin, Esq., Deputy Director, Ohio Judicial Conference

Louis Tobin is a graduate of The Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh - School of Law where he earned his Juris Doctor Degree. Louis currently serves as deputy director for the Ohio Judicial Conference where he previously held the positions of legislative analyst, legislative counsel and judicial
services counsel. Prior to coming to the Judicial Conference in 2009, Louis worked as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives.

John Trott, Co-Chair, Workforce Investment Board Directors Consortium & Executive Director, Area 7 Workforce Investment Board

John Trott began his career in the Ohio House as a Legislative Services Commission intern following his graduation from The Ohio State University with a Business Degree in International Business as well as Economics and a minor in Russian Language and Literature. John held several positions at the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services before it became the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. John oversaw the complete restructuring of delivery of unemployment benefit delivery in Ohio, closing the state’s unemployment offices and shifting services exclusively to call centers and internet application. The Area 7 Workforce Investment Board, located on the Clark State Community College Campus, supports 43 member counties.

Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner and 1st Vice President, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Lake County Commissioner Daniel Troy is currently serving his fifth term in office. Prior to his election as commissioner in 1998, Daniel served seven terms in the Ohio House of Representatives. During his tenure in the House, he chaired the Ways and Means Committee, Education Subcommittee of the Finance and Appropriations Committee and Joint House-Senate Education Oversight Committee. Prior to serving in the House, he served on city council and was council president for the City of Willowick for five terms. At CCAO, Daniel is 1st vice president and previously served as president in 2008. On the national level, he serves on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and the Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. Daniel is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a degree in political science and is a U.S. Army veteran.

Cheri Walter, Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities

Cheri Walter has provided more than 35 years of leadership and management within non-profit organizations, association and large state departments in Ohio. She holds a Master of Administration from Tiffin University and a Bachelor of Arts in Community Health and Recreation from Bluffton College and is a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. Cheri has served as the chief executive officer of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, representing the county alcohol, drug addiction services and mental health boards for the past 15 years since its inception.

Shane Wilkin, Highland County Commissioner and Vice Chair, CCAO Human Services Committee

Highland County native Shane Wilkin is serving his third term as county commissioner. He is involved in his community and serves on the CIC and the hospital foundation boards. Since economic development operates out of the commissioners’ office, and Shane has been involved with attracting several major employers to Highland County. In private industry, he is involved in real estate development and owns a small business. At CCAO, Shane is a member of the Board of Directors and is vice chair of the Human Services Committee.

Tim Young, Esq., Ohio Public Defender

Tim Young has been the Ohio Public Defender since 2008 after serving as a county public defender for 14 years. He has led reform efforts for indigent defense in Ohio, and he started the Ohio Wrongful Conviction Project, a non-DNA exoneration project. Tim is chair of the National Association for Public Defense. He also serves as a committee member on the Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Defendants in Capital Cases, Task Force on Access to Justice and the Ohio Sentencing Commission. Tim previously served as chair and vice chair of the American Council of Chief Defenders and also served on the Task Force to Study the Administration of Ohio’s Death Penalty, and the Task Force on Funding of Ohio Courts. He has tried numerous cases throughout his career ranging from misdemeanors to homicide cases. Tim received his Bachelor of Arts and his Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Dayton. He has devoted his career to serving the indigent population of our society.