



Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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[OVRDC 2013 Second Round County Caucus Meetings](#)

All OVRDC 2nd Round County Caucus meetings have been scheduled (see schedule below) and notices will be mailed to all members at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please be aware that meeting dates are subject to change for justified reasons.

COUNTY	MEETING LOCATION	DAY	MEETING DATE	TIME
ADAMS	Commissioner's Office 110 West Main Street West Union, Ohio (937-544-3286)	Mon.	5-13-13	9:00 a.m.
BROWN	County Commissioners Office Administrative Building Georgetown (937-378-3956)	Mon.	5-13-13	1:30 p.m.
CLERMONT	101 East Main Street Administration Building 3rd Floor Conference Room Batavia (513-732-7300)	Wed.	5-15-13	2:00 p.m.
FAYETTE	County Commissioners Office County Admin. Services Building 133 South Main Street, Suite 401 Washington CH (740-335-0720)	Mon.	06-10-13	1:30 p.m.
GALLIA	Courthouse, 2nd Floor Meeting Room 18 Locust Street Gallipolis (740-446-4612)	Thurs.	05-30-13	10:00 a.m.
HIGHLAND	County Commissioners Office Administration Building 114 Governor Foraker Place Hillsboro (937-393-1911)	Wed.	05-15-13	11:00 a.m.
JACKSON	County Commissioners Office County Annex Building 275 Portsmouth Street Jackson (740-286-3301)	Tues.	05-21-13	1:30 p.m.
LAWRENCE	County Commissioners Office Courthouse, 111 S. Fourth Street Ironton (740-533-4300)	Thurs.	05-16-13	11:00 a.m.
PIKE	Pike County Government Center Conference Room 230 Waverly Plaza Waverly (740-947-4817)	Mon.	06-03-13	1:30 p.m.
ROSS	County Commissioners Office Courthouse, 2 N. Paint Street, Suite H Chillicothe (740-702-3085)	Mon.	06-10-13	10:00 a.m.
SCIOTO	Department of Job & Family Services Left-side meeting room 710 Court Street Portsmouth (740-355-8313)	Thurs.	05-16-13	2:00 p.m.
VINTON	County Commissioners Office Courthouse, 100 East Main Street McArthur (740-596-4571)	Mon.	06-03-13	10:00 a.m.

[OVRDC Development Director Position](#)

Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Development Director will be responsible for the overall supervision, coordination, and implementation of federal and state agency grant and loan programs (including Economic Development Administration, Appalachian Regional Commission, Ohio Public Works Commission and Community Development Block Grant, etc.); and oversight and implementation of planning, geographic information systems and transportation programs of the agency.

Bachelor's or Master's Degree in planning, public or business administration or related fields and at least one year of supervisory experience and three to five years of experience in a public economic development, planning agency; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Excellent benefit package including major medical, dental, and vision insurance and Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. Annual salary range \$40,000 and up. For more information please visit www.ovrdc.org.

Submit cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Development Director Position, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, P.O. Box 149, Waverly, Ohio 45690-0149, or email to slark@ovrdc.org. All resumes must be received by **2:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2013**.

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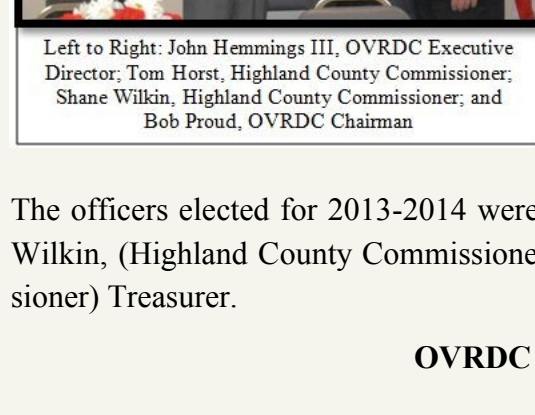
[OVRDC Full Commission Banquet and Election of Officers](#)

OVRDC'S Full Commission Banquet and Election of Officers was held in Highland County on March 22nd at the Hi-Tech Center in Hillsboro, Ohio with over 80 members and guests attending. Keynote Speaker for the evening was State Senator Bob Peterson.



Bob Peterson, State Senator
Keynote Speaker

Presiding at the head table were Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman and Clermont County Commissioner, Shane Wilkin, Highland County Commissioner and OVRDC Vice Chairman, Lee Shirey, Economic Development Administration, John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director, State Representative John Becker, 65th District and State Senator Bob Peterson, 17th Senate District.



Left to Right: John Hemmings III, OVRDC Executive Director; Tom Horst, Highland County Commissioner; Shane Wilkin, Highland County Commissioner; and Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman

Mr. Proud presented an Appreciation Certificate to the Highland County Commissioners for hosting the event. The award was accepted by Shane Wilkin and Tom Horst, Highland County Commissioners. Mr. Proud also presented the OVRDC Outstanding Officer Award to Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner in recognition of his six years of service as treasurer of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission. Mr. Corcoran was unable to attend the meeting and the award was accepted on his behalf by Steve Neal, Ross County Commissioner.

The officers elected for 2013-2014 were Bob Proud, (Clermont County Commissioner) Chairman; Shane Wilkin, (Highland County Commissioner), Vice-Chairman; and Blaine Beekman, (Pike County Commissioner) Treasurer.

OVRDC Officers & Executive Committee

Member Nominations

2013-2014

County	Member	OVRDC Office/Seat
Adams	Brian Baldrige	Caucus Chair
Adams	Russ Brewer	Member-at-Large
Brown	Tony Applegate	Caucus Chair
Brown	Harry Foxworthy	Private Sector Rep
Clermont	Bob Proud	OVRDC Chair/Caucus Chair
Clermont	Matt Van Sant	Member-at-Large
Fayette	Jack DeWeese	Caucus Chair
Fayette	Jim Gusweiler	Private Sector Rep
Gallia	Jay Cremeens	Caucus Chair
Gallia	Lori Neal	Member-at-Large
Highland	Shane Wilkin	OVRDC Vice-Chairman/ Caucus Chair
Highland	Charles Stevens	Private Sector Rep
Jackson	Jerry Hall	Caucus Chair
Jackson	Rick McNelly	Private Sector Rep
Lawrence	Doug Cade	Caucus Chair
Lawrence	Rick Griffith	Private Sector Rep
Pike	Blaine Beekman	OVRDC Treasurer
Pike	Ted West	Caucus Chair
Pike	Shirley Bandy	Member-at-Large
Ross	Doug Corcoran	Caucus Chair
Ross	Jack Everson	Mayor of Chillicothe
Ross	Tom White	Private Sector Rep
Scioto	Mike Crabtree	Caucus Chair
Scioto	David Malone	Mayor of Portsmouth
Scioto	Wayne Kempf	Member-at-Large
Scioto	Eugene Collins, Sr.	Minority Representative
Vinton	Jerry Zinn	Caucus Chair
Vinton	Clyde Hall	Member-at-Large

The OVRDC 2012 Annual Report was also presented to members that evening by John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director. Click here to see the OVRDC 2012 Annual Report.

The Full Commission Appreciation Banquet will be held in Lawrence County in September.

[City of Jackson RFP Available](#)

On October 30, 2012, US Rail Corporation, the current operator of the City of Jackson-owned rail line serving companies in Ross, Vinton and Jackson counties, notified the City of Jackson that they will terminate the lease agreement on April 30, 2013.

Since that time, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has been working with the City of Jackson to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the line. I am pleased to tell you that on Monday, March 25, 2013, the ORDC has issued an RFP on behalf of the City of Jackson for interested parties wishing to become the new operator of the rail line. The RFP is attached and can also be found with the referenced exhibits at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Rail/Pages/City-of-Jackson-RFP.aspx>.

[Deadline Approaching to Submit Business and Organization Listings for ARC Food Map Project](#)

Spearheaded by the Appalachian Regional Commission, Bon Appalachia! is a newly created marketing effort of the ARC Tourism Council designed to showcase the unique local foods of the Appalachian Region.

ABOUT BON APPALACHIA

The Appalachian Regional Commission will produce both a printed piece (map) and an interactive website to promote Bon Appalachia! The printed piece will be distributed within American Heritage Magazines in their Spring 2014 Issue. The interactive website, www.visitappalachia.com, will release at the same time, and will include much more detailed information and searchable maps to locate food businesses and events throughout the 13-state region.

GET LISTED

Any local foods restaurant, festival, winery, distillery, special food producer, or farm tour may participate as long as they are located in one of Ohio's 32 Appalachian Counties. Bon Appalachia! participants will be selected through a online nominations process. All nominations are FREE, and participation in the project will cost you nothing.

To access the online nominations process, please visit appfoodguide.com. **Nominations must be submitted by May 15th.** The nominations form takes about 10 minutes to complete. Nominees should submit the form themselves.

All nominees will be considered to participate in the printed piece as well as being included on the interactive website. The ARC Tourism Council will make the final decision on who will be featured in each piece. Our goal is to get as many Ohio features as possible!

SPREAD THE WORD

Help spread the word about the great opportunity to feature Ohio's Appalachian Region in Bon Appalachia! by sharing this email and the nominations link with local foods restaurants, farms, food producers, festival organizers, wineries, distilleries and any other local foods groups that might meet the criteria. Keep reminding your partners to nominate themselves!!

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For more information, contact Paige Alost of the Athens County CVB at 740-592-1819 or pairst@athensohio.com. Additional information is available by emailing info@arc.gov.

[Upcoming Export & Business Assistance Events in Ohio](#)

May 1-3, 2013 – Xavier University will be hosting **MedCon 2013** in Cincinnati. This conference will cover many topics including the newest regulations and legislation that affect the medical device industry. The FDA and industry experts will deliver these very important presentations. To register, go to <http://xaviermedcon.com>.

March 7, 2013 – The Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University and the Small Business Administration (SBA) will host their monthly **Exporter Forum** from 7:30am-9:00am at Mason Hall on the OSU campus. This month's topic will be *Trade Missions*. Participants will have a chance to hear Wes Aubihl with the Ohio Office of Export Assistance on what trade missions are and how to participate. For more information and to register, please go to <https://fisher.osu.edu/tlapps/events/EventRegistration.aspx?event=13338>.

May 7, 2013 – The Columbus Council on World Affairs will be hosting a **Signature Luncheon** featuring Ahmad Ashkar, CEO and Founder of the Hult Prize. For more information or to register, please visit here.

May 8, 2013 – The International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) at Wright State University, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Small Business Administration (SBA) will host their monthly **Exporter Forum** from 7:30am-9:00am at Rike Hall on the WSU campus. This month's topic will be *Using the NAFTA: Canada and Mexico*. Participants will have a chance to hear Deborah Durr with the U.S. Commercial Service in Dayton on the ins and outs of free trade agreements and how they benefit Ohio exporters. For more information and to register, please go to <http://sbdcwu.wordpress.com/training-events/exporter-forum-workshop-series/>.

May 9, 2013 – The SBA will be holding an **8(a) Training** on Doing Business with the EPA in Columbus. To register, please contact Jill Nagy-Reynolds or Stephen Ash.

May 14, 2013 – The SBA will be holding a **HUB Zone Boot Camp** in Piqua. This event is designed to introduce your business to the program, help determine if your business is eligible, and support your business' efforts to participate in the program. To register, please contact Jill Nagy-Reynolds.

May 16, 2013 – The Miami Valley International Trade Association (MVITA) will be hosting the **2013 World Trade Day** in Sharonville, Ohio. This annual event will have presentations focusing on pertinent international trade topics followed a lunch with a world recognized speaker on global trends and international business. To register, please contact Jim Ireton.

May 21, 2013 - The Greater Cincinnati Chinese Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an **Executive China Roundtable** in Cincinnati. The topic for this roundtable is *The Impact of the Chinese Financial Market and RMB Trend on the Global Economy* and will feature the President of the Bank of Communication. To register, please visit here.

May 22, 2013 – The Northeast Ohio ITAC, NEOTEC, and the U.S. Commercial Service will be hosting a **Customs Broker and Border Compliance Seminar** in Twinsburg, Ohio. This event will feature customs officials from Mexico, Canada, and the U.S., as well as twin brokers and legal representatives. To register, please visit here.

May 28, 2013 – The Central Ohio ITAC at Columbus State and the SBA will be hosting their FREE monthly **Rise and Export** series in Columbus. This month's topic is *How to Start Exporting*. Attendees will learn the basics of exporting and the resources available to guide them through the process. For more information and to register please visit here.

June 26, 2013 – The US-Saudi Arabian Business Council (USSABC) will be hosting the event **Madigan Arabia: New Auto Market Hub for the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia** in Birmingham, Michigan. This event will feature various high level Saudi officials and company representatives. To learn more and to register, please visit www.us-sab.org/autocollaboration.

Save the Date! September 25, 2013 – The International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Columbus State will be hosting the **2013 Export Match-maker**. The second installment of this event will feature a trade show, one-on-one meetings with international trade facilitators, and breakout sessions on various international topics. More information will be forthcoming.

The Ohio International Market Access Grant for Exporters (IMAGE) program is now accepting applications!

IMAGE is a program funded by the State of Ohio and the U.S. Small Business Administration as part of the National Export Initiative to double U.S. exports by 2015. This program is designed to increase exports and create jobs by helping small businesses to promote their products and services in new international markets. Ohio has received additional funding for this program that will extend until September 30, 2013. There are updates to the program including increased reimbursement amounts and activities covered. Please visit the website to learn more.