

OHIO WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

2022 Year in Review



December 2022

Dear Members,

We are pleased to share a look back at our activity during the past calendar year with you. We are grateful for your membership and hope you will reach out whenever you have ideas for programming, membership recruitment, speakers, event venues, or other ways to continue making Ohio Women in Government the premier non-partisan space for women in our industry to connect and grow!

In 2022, the **Connect** program kicked off its pilot year. Connect is a networking program that allows OWIG members to forge meaningful one-on-one connections with each other throughout the year. This program creates member pairings to promote mentorship, learning, or the forging of new professional and personal relationships to supplement regular OWIG programming. Over 30 members of OWIG elected to participate in the program, and over 15 connections were successfully made after the applications were reviewed in February 2022. The Connect program recruited several new members for OWIG. Overall, the connections through the program provided professional and personal benefits for OWIG members, which those members traditionally may not have received from participating in regular programming and events. We are excited to kick off Connect's second year in 2023!

The **Strategic Planning Workgroup** was formed in the summer of 2022 to tackle the action items that came out of OWIG's 2021 Strategic Planning Process. Some of the improvements and new efforts the committee is working on are as follows: creating an OWIG student scholarship, launching event and corporate sponsorship programs, enhancing internal organizational archiving, building orientations for Steering Committee and officers, improving succession planning and making compliance more efficient. Significant progress has been made in creating the outlines for these efforts, and the group plans to complete its work by spring of 2023.

Just this past month, OWIG officially expanded our presence to **Northeast Ohio** with a kickoff event at CoHatch in Ohio City. Attendees included many representatives from local government, and at least eight new members were generated in this one evening. We look forward to partnering with our first formal event sponsor in recent history, G2G Consulting, in 2023 to continue serving our new members and connecting with more women working in and around government in Northeast Ohio.

Looking ahead, there are many exciting new initiatives in the works for 2023 and beyond. We hope you will continue to enjoy, engage in, and influence the variety of programs our Steering Committee and workgroups are planning. Thank you for making OWIG the resource we are today!

Warmly,

The Ohio Women in Government Executive Team

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2022 At a Glance

January: Virtual Networking & Strategic Plan Unveiling
February: Networking Happy Hour at El Arepazo
March: "The Feedback Loop: How to Give & Receive Constructive Advice" with Barb Utrup
April: Women on the Rise: A Northeast Ohio Regional OWIG Event Sponsored by G2G Consulting
 CONNECT Matchmaking Happy Hour
June: Speed Networking event benefitting the Mid-Ohio Food Collective
August: Volunteering at the MidOhio Food Collective
September: "Doing Good That Matters: How Female Philanthropists Can Change the World" with Sophia Fifner
November: Women, Entrepreneurship & Government Networking Event in Northeast Ohio
 Plant & Sip Member Appreciation Event
 Women Leaders in the Arts and Humanities Happy Hour and Panel Discussion
December: Annual Meeting - Reflections on Government Service at the State and Local Levels



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members

60+

organizations

12

events