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## **County engineers announce Peterson and Smith legislators of the year for 2015**

COLUMBUS — The County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) will bestow their highest award to Ohio State Senator **Bob Peterson** (Senate District 17) and State Representative **Ryan Smith** (House District 93), and present a number of other awards during its annual business meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 in Columbus.

“Senator Peterson and Representative Smith are aware of the pressures county engineers face maintaining county roads and bridges in today’s economic world,” said CEAO Executive Director **Fredrick B. Pausch**. “They also understand that every trip begins and ends on a local road.”

Defiance County’s **Warren J. Schlatter** will be named the group’s County Engineer of the Year.

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**Warren Schlatter** of Defiance County will be Ohio's National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Rural County Engineer of the Year nominee.

**Chris Bauserman** of Delaware County will be named as Ohio's nomination for the NACE Urban County Engineer of the Year.

CEAO Lifetime Membership Awards will be presented to **Timothy J. Piper**, retired Allen County Engineer; **David A. Brunkhorst**, retired Ottawa County Engineer; and **Terrence R. Recker**, retired Putnam County Engineer.

The 2016 CEAO officers will be installed. Leading the association next year as president is **Mark Zimmerman**, Seneca County Engineer. **Chris Bauserman**, Delaware County Engineer, will take office as first vice president. The CEAO second vice president will be **Paul Gruner**, Montgomery County Engineer. **James Wiechart**, Mercer County Engineer; continues as treasurer and current president **Douglas Davis**, Muskingum County Engineer; moves into the immediate past president office.

The CEAO business meeting will be conducted during the annual County Commissioners Association of Ohio and County Engineers Association of Ohio (CCAO/CEAO) Winter Conference.

County engineers are responsible for the maintenance, repair and capital improvements of county highways, roads and bridges in Ohio. County engineers are responsible for 28,971 miles of urban and rural roadways and 26,326 bridges that are vital to the combined growth and prosperity here in the state of Ohio. Since 1940, the County Engineers Association of Ohio has worked to unify its members in their goal to provide the highest quality transportation, drainage, surveying and land record keeping services.

For more information about CEAO, please visit [ceao.org](http://ceao.org).

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*Photographs of the award presentations will be available on Dec. 9. To view and download award photos, please click [here](#) and click on the photo you wish to download. Then click on the down arrow on the screen.*