

2025 Steward Conference Agenda

RENAISSANCE COLUMBUS WESTERVILLE-
POLARIS HOTEL • JUNE 7, 2025



FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

5:30–7:00 PM	Early On-site Check In
6:00–9:00 PM	Basic Steward Training
6:00–9:00 PM	New Contract Training

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

8:30–10:00 AM	On-site Check In & Informational Tables, Breakfast
10:00–10:15 AM	DR&C State Honor Guard, Presentation of Colors
10:15–11:00 AM	Welcome from OCSEA Statewide Officers <i>Christopher Mabe, President</i> <i>Gerard "Rocky" Jolly, Vice President</i> <i>Kathy Gersper, Secretary-Treasurer</i>
11:00–11:45 AM	Speakers Jack Buettner & Mike Hunter
11:45 AM–12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45–1:30 PM	Speakers Jack Buettner & Mike Hunter
1:30–1:45 PM	Break
1:45–2:30 PM	Speaker Amy Acton
2:30–3:00 PM	Closing and door prizes (must be present to win)
3:00 PM	Adjourn

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GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Amy Acton

Dr. Amy Acton is a physician and community leader who has spent over 30 years pursuing her passion for public health and wellness.

She was appointed by Governor Mike DeWine to serve as the former Ohio State Health Department Director. As Director, she helped save countless lives by leading the Covid response for 11.7 million Ohioans in addition to passing Tobacco-21, anti-vaping policies, and more.

For The Columbus Foundation, Dr. Acton served as the Vice President of Human:Kind and Director of Kind Columbus. She promoted kindness as an enduring community value to ensure a vibrant community in which all Ohio citizens can lead flourishing lives. Acton is also running for Governor of Ohio, and believes it is time to give power back to the people and our communities.



Jack Buettner

Jack Buettner joined the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) in August 1973 and was assigned to the Cleveland Regional Office. He was responsible for mediating labor-management disputes with the public, private, and federal sectors throughout the United States.

In addition, Jack has presented a wide variety of training programs at both the state and national levels. He has served as the health care coordinator, the district director, the preventive mediation coordinator, director of mediation services, and as regional director for the Midwestern region of the FMCS. He has worked with several international agencies to include the Western Caribbean Nations, the Irish Mediation Service, and the Taiwanese government.

Outside of work, Jack has served on the Cuyahoga County Library Board, the Advisory Board of the Catholic Social Services Agency, the Labor and Employment Relations Association, and as an instructor at Cleveland State University.



Mike Hunter

Mike Hunter became a State Employee in 1969 when he was hired as an Aide at the Athens Mental Health Center. He served as the President of AFSCME Local 1782 at the Center from 1973 to 1977. In 1977, he became employed by AFSCME as a Staff Representative, a position he held until 1982. In that role, he serviced public and private sector units, processing grievances, negotiating collective bargaining agreements, and organizing new units.

In the fall of 1982, Mike left his position with AFSCME in order to attend Capital University Law School. After graduating from Law School in 1985, he practiced union-side labor law, initially with the firm of Cloppert, Portman, Sauter, Latanick and Foley. In 1996, he co-founded the firm of Hunter, Carnahan, Shoub, Byard and Harshman, where he continued until stepping back from the day-to-day practice in 2019.

Mike is admitted to practice before the state courts of Ohio, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts in Ohio, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the Columbus Bar Association, the Ohio Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.