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OHIO ORGANICS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Ohio Organics Council (OHOC) brings together passionate individuals and industry professionals dedicated to advancing composting, organics recycling, and sustainable practices across Ohio.

Our committees turn that mission into action through education, advocacy, collaboration, and industry engagement. They provide opportunities for members to share their expertise, build valuable connections, address industry challenges, and help shape the future of organics recycling in our state.

Explore our committees below and connect with a committee chair to learn how you can help move our mission forward.

MEMBERSHIP

Builds and strengthens the OHOC community through member outreach, recruitment, engagement, and communications. Supports the website, Facebook page, email newsletter, and opportunities for members to connect.

James Hoffer
Chair, OHOC Board
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ADVOCACY

Tracks state and national policy developments and advocates for regulation and funding that support organics diversion, compost manufacturing, compost use, and access to collection services. We will be spending much of 2027 building alliances across the state in support of OHOC's policy platform.

Elsa Higby
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Nathan Rutz
Co-Chair, OHOC Board
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AUDIT

Reviews financial statements, budgets, and accounting controls; helps safeguard chapter assets; coordinates financial reviews or audits when needed; and reports findings and recommendations to the Board.

Bob Schanz
Chair / Treasurer
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Marcie Kress
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EDUCATION

Develops educational resources, workshops, and learning opportunities that share research, best practices, and practical guidance on composting and organics recycling with communities, professionals, and other stakeholders.

Fred Michel
Chair
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CODE OF REGULATIONS

Reviews and helps maintain the Council's governing code and related organizational procedures, recommending updates to support clear, consistent governance.

Jim Skora
Chair
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NOMINATING

Solicits and reviews nominations for the OHOC Board of Directors and supports the annual board election process.

Steve Mack
Chair
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Plans and coordinates the Council's annual conference, including program development, speakers, logistics, attendee experience, and opportunities for industry networking and education.

David Andre
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