

Richard Lewis, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
Ohio School Boards Association

As OSBA's chief executive officer, Lewis is responsible for providing leadership in developing and maintaining programs and services that assist Ohio's 711 boards of education in fulfilling their leadership responsibilities in public education.

Lewis, a native of Amherst, Ohio, joined OSBA in 1984 as a labor relations specialist. He went on to serve as a policy specialist and business and marketing manager. He also has held numerous leadership positions within the association, including deputy director of information services, director of labor relations and management services, and director of communication and information services. He was promoted to deputy executive director in 2002 and served in that position until becoming executive director in July 2006.

Lewis has served on numerous state and national committees, including Ohio's School Employees' Health Care Board Advisory Committee, the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council, the Ohio Grantmakers Forum Standards Committee, the KnowledgeWorks Ohio Transformational Dialogue Team, the Education Tax Policy Institute, and the Ohio Public Education Supporters. He has also served on the State Teachers' Retirement System Health Care Task Force, School Employees Retirement System Health Care Task Force, Power4Schools Committee and the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund as a trustee. Other National School Boards Association committees include the NSBA National Affiliate Member Advisory Committee, NSBA Conference Planning Committee, and NSBA *Key Work of School Boards* Advisory Team, two terms on the National School Boards Association Leadership Development Subcommittee, the NSBA Liaison Committee, the NSBA Strategic Finance Committee, NSBA Service Partnerships Committee and the New NSBA Task Force. Lewis was awarded NSBA's Thomas A. Shannon Award for Excellence in School Board Association Leadership in 2013.

He is a graduate of Ohio University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration. He was named by the university as the 2011 Samuel L. Hicks Executive in Residence, an honor that recognizes outstanding leaders in the field of education. He also holds the designation of Certified Association Executive (CAE) from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and is certificated in convention management by ASAE.

Lewis belongs to the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators, Ohio Society of Association Executives and American Society of Association Executives.

Lewis and his wife Laura are the parents of two sons, Jason and Jacob.