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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Land Improvement Contractors, Associates and Friends,

We have been blessed again this year with another beautiful fall. As harvest and fall tillage are wrapping up, let us reflect on how blessed we are for this land that is entrusted to us and provides so much for us.

Please put on your calendars and plan to attend our state convention in January. There are a lot of good speakers on the schedule and great vendors to showcase all their products. It will be a great time to get together with like-minded Contractors, Farmers, Vendors and Friends to talk shop and reminisce.

I want to thank you all for trusting me to be your 2023 President. I look forward to seeing you all in January and turning over the gavel to Nick Bower to be your 2024 President.

I want to wish you all a Great Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Doug Nieman

OLICA President

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

It's hard to believe that we are almost to the end of another year. Time seems to fly by. Before we know it the holidays will be over and it will be time for the 2024 OLICA Annual Winter Meeting. I encourage you to become more involved in your organization and a good place to start would be by attending the annual meeting. Our Event Director, Pat McConnell, has been working hard on the agenda and has seminars set up that are relevant to your business.

2023 FARM SCIENCE REVIEW FIELD DAY

Thanks to our wonderful associates and contractor members, the 2023 Farm Science Review Field Day was a huge success. We installed approximately 45,000 feet of 4" tile during the three day event. We are extremely grateful for the support we received from our members and we look forward to working with you on future projects. Plans are already underway for next year's FSR which will be held September 17-19, 2024.

2024 OLICA ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

OLICA's Annual Winter Meeting will be held January 3-4, 2024 at the Embassy Suites, Dublin, OH. We will be starting the convention off with a cornhole tournament on Tuesday evening, January 2nd. Our educational seminars, annual member meeting, associates night and awards luncheon will be held January 3rd and 4th. On Friday, January 5th, (9:15-11:30 a.m.) we will be offering 1st AID, CPR/AED Training at the Washington Township Fire Department. This training is for attendees at the convention and is being offered free of charge to our members. An agenda and registration information can be found on pages 6-8.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Medina, OH 44256

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2024 NATIONAL LICA WINTER CONVENTION

The 2024 National LICA Winter Convention will be held at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, February 13-17, 2024. The Winter Convention Agenda has changed. National LICA Committees are now Thursday. Seminars & Associates' Night are Friday. Pre-tours will include the Military Aviation Museum, Nauticus Maritime Museum, USS Wisconsin, Guided Tour of Colonial Williamsburg and Merchants Square. More information can be found under the Events Tab on National LICA's website (www.licanational.com).

2024 OVERHOLT DRAINAGE SCHOOL

The 2024 Overholt Drainage School will be held March 11-14, 2024 at The Ohio State University Campus, Columbus, OH. The 2024 school will engage participants in a combination of lectures, hands-on activities, practical exercises and panel discussions. More information can be found on page 11.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership renewals have been sent. A big **THANK YOU** to those who have already sent payment. There is still time to send in payment for your 2024 membership. If you need another copy of your dues invoice, please email me at ohiolica@gmail.com and I will get one to you.

THANK YOU for being an Ohio LICA member.
Amy Gerten, Executive Director



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Digger is hidden within the pages of this issue. When you find him send his location to OLICA's Executive Director at

ohiolica@gmail.com

by January 15, 2024. Your name will be entered into the drawing for a \$50 VISA gift card.



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the annual business meeting of the Ohio Land Improvement Contractors Association. The meeting will take place at the winter convention, Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 3:15—4:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH.



Conservation Drainage Network Annual Meeting Coming to Ohio in 2024

The 2024 Conservation Drainage Network Annual Meeting will be held at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris Hotel in Westerville, Ohio on April 3 – 5, 2024. The meeting will focus on substantially advancing implementation of conservation drainage practices. Topics will include partnerships for conservation drainage adoption, stories of successful implementation of drainage projects, and opportunities to learn about conservation drainage implementation and research across the country. The program will follow a conference-style format on April 3 and 4, with an optional field tour to sites across Ohio on April 5. The event is open to anyone with an interest in agricultural water management. In-person and online options are available. For more information, visit <https://go.osu.edu/cdn24>.

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January 2-4, 2024

We are busy finalizing plans for our **2024 OLICA Winter Convention** which will be held January 3rd and 4th at the Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio. We will be starting our 2024 Convention off with a cornhole tournament, which will also be held at the Embassy Suites on Tuesday, January 2nd from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. You are invited to join us Tuesday night for a fun-filled evening with associates as well as fellow contractor members.

We are also offering 1st Aid, CPR/AED Training at the Washington Township Fire Department (training facility is located approximately 5 miles from the hotel) on Friday, January 5th (9:15-11:30 a.m.). This training is for attendees at the convention and is being offered free of charge to our members. There is a 25 person limit for this class.

We have been informed by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) that attendees at OLICA's 2024 Winter Convention have been approved for a total of 10.25 (this includes the CPR training) continuing education (CE) hours.

Room reservations can be made by going to:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/olica2024winterconference-ol2/>

Room reservations can also be made by calling Embassy Suites at 1.800.220.9219 and asking for Group Name 2024 OLICA Winter Conference or Group Code OL2. Reserve your hotel room by Friday, December 22, 2023 to take advantage of the convention room rate of \$102/night. Registration information can also be found on OLICA's website (www.olica.org) under the Events Tab.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's convention.



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January 2-5, 2024

Contractor Registration Form

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Who Will Be Attending? (for name tags)



Attendees at this year's convention are eligible to receive one polyester moisture wicking mesh shirt (safety yellow w/reflective tape). The OLICA logo will be on the front pocket. If you would like a shirt, please fill in your shirt size on the registration form. **In order to receive your shirt at the convention you must have your registration submitted by December 15, 2023.**

Registration	Price	Quantity	Shirt Size	Total
Full Convention—Contractor Member	\$150.00			
Full Convention—Spouse	\$100.00			
Full Convention—Employee	\$100.00			
First Year New OLICA Member	Free			
Full Convention—Non-Member/or join OLICA for \$300 membership fee and attend convention for FREE	\$350.00			
One-Day Registration (Per Day) Member, Spouse or Employee Circle the day: Wednesday Thursday	\$100.00			
One-Day Registration (Per Day) - Non-Member Circle the day: Wednesday Thursday	\$175.00			
Cornhole—Tuesday, January 2 nd	Free			
1 st Aid, CPR/AED Training—Friday, Jan. 5 th (Class Size Limited to 25)	Free			
Early Bird Discount—you may deduct 10% if paid by December 15, 2023				
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				

**Mail registration forms and payment to:
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To take advantage of the convention room rate of \$102/night book your hotel room by December 22, 2023. Reservations can be made by going to: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/olica2024winterconference-ol2/> Room reservations can also be made by calling Embassy Suites at 1.800.220.9219 and asking for Group Name 2024 OLICA Winter Conference or Group Code OL2.

2024 OLICA WINTER CONVENTION TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 2nd

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Cornhole Tournament

Wednesday January 3rd

6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Embassy Suites Complimentary Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.
Welcome by Doug Nieman
OLICA President

8:15 – 9:15 a.m. (1.0 CE)
Murphy Tractor

- Job Site Hazards
- Equipment Safety

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. (1.0 CE)
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- Pre-Trip
- Tie Downs
- New Regulations

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. - Break

10:30—11:30 a.m. (1.0 CE)
Frank Riegler, OUPS

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.—Trade Show

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.—Lunch

1:00—2:00 p.m. (1.0 CE)
Mona Weiss

- BWC Safety Grants
- Drug Free Work Place

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Allison Hack/Caroline Krug

- LICA Benefits
- Safety Portal

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. – Break

3:15—4:15 p.m.
OLICA Business Meeting

4:15—5:15 p.m.
Trade Show

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Embassy Suites Complimentary Evening Reception

6:30 p.m.
Vendor's Night

- Dinner Buffet/Cash Bar
- Scholarship Auction with Jan Layman

Thursday, January 4th

6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Embassy Suites Complimentary Breakfast

7:45—8:00 a.m.
Welcome by Doug Nieman
OLICA President

8:00— 9:00 a.m. (1.0 CE)
Tony Bell, Lucas Grande, PRINS

- Trenching Safety
- Related Controls

9:00—10:00 a.m. (1.0 CE)
OHIO CAT

- Basic Machine & Undercarriage Maintenance

10:00—10:30 a.m. —Break/Trade Show

10:30—11:30 a.m.
Nathaniel Osborne, Sludgehammer (1.0 CE)

- The Birth of the Aerobic Bacterial Generator

11:30 a.m.— 12:00 pm.—Trade Show

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Awards Luncheon

2:00—3:00 p.m. (1.0 CE)
Ohio Department of Health

Friday, January 5th

9:15—11:30 a.m. (2.25 CE)
1st Aid, CPR/AED Training
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The Ohio Department of Health has approved a total of 10.25 continuing education (CE) hours for attendees at the convention.

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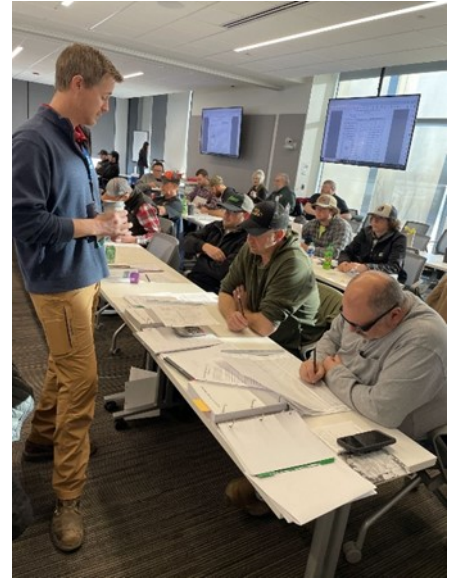
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Save the Date for the 2024 Overholt Drainage School!

The 2024 Overholt Drainage School will be held at The Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio from March 11 – 14, 2024. Topics will include drainage law and economics; drainage design, planning, and installation; safety; and conservation drainage. Participants will engage in a combination of lectures, hands-on activities, practical exercises, and panel discussions. The program is open to anyone interested in subsurface drainage design and installation. For more information, visit go.osu.edu/ods24. Contact Vinayak Shedekar at shedekar.1@osu.edu or Elizabeth Schwab at schwab.175@osu.edu with any additional questions.



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Topics will include:

- Agricultural drainage basic concepts
- Topographic mapping and soil basics
- Drainage design, planning, and installation
- Drainage law and economics
- Conservation drainage and water quality
- Safety considerations for construction and utility protection

Come prepared to engage in a combination of lectures, hands-on activities, practical exercises, and panel discussions.

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Updates from The Ohio State University Overholt Drainage Education and Research Program

By Vinayak Shedekar and Elizabeth Schwab, Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, The Ohio State University

OLICA Partnerships Key to Program Success

The Overholt Drainage Education and Research Program at The Ohio State University wishes to sincerely thank OLICA for the support that they have provided for our program over the years. Some highlights are below.

The Ohio State University at Lima drainage installation field day: Volunteer contractors, including many OLICA members, gathered in Allen County at the Ohio State Lima Regenerative Agriculture Farm to help install tile drainage on July 25, 2023. About 27,500 feet of tile were installed over 25 acres on two fields, with open house-style demonstrations occurring throughout the day. In total, about 100 people attended the event, with attendees including farmers, researchers, contractors, engineers, agency professionals, and media representatives. This was the second of two drainage installation field days at the farm (the first occurred in 2022). You can view more photos of the event at <https://u.osu.edu/hshw/events/past-events/#FD2023>.



Overholt Drainage School: Every year, we rely on OLICA volunteers and their expertise to help make our annual Overholt Drainage School a success. Volunteers have assisted in various capacities including serving on contractor panels, providing direct instruction, and engaging informally with attendees. We hope to see you at the 2024 Drainage School!

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Safety Matters

Snow Shoveling Safety

When winter arrives—often bringing low temperatures and snowfall with it—the seasonal transition may require you to start periodically shoveling snow. Although this task is necessary to help clear pathways and prevent ice buildup, shoveling snow comes with serious safety risks.

After all, repeated shoveling requires significant physical exertion, which—when paired with the frigid outdoor elements—can take a dangerous toll on your body. That’s why it’s crucial to utilize proper precautions while you shovel snow.

Review the following guidance to learn more about the risks of shoveling snow and what you can do to protect yourself.

The Risks of Shoveling Snow

The most prevalent risks associated with shoveling snow include:

- **Sprains and strains**—Because shoveling requires you to repeatedly move potentially heavy amounts of snow in an awkward position for an extended period, this task can easily cause sprains and strains if you aren’t careful. These injuries typically occur in your wrists, shoulders, back and ankles.
- **Hypothermia**—Working in cold weather can heighten your risk of experiencing hypothermia, which occurs when your body’s core temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms of hypothermia include shivering, drowsiness, shallow breathing, confusion, slurred speech, loss of coordination and unconsciousness. Severe cases of hypothermia can be fatal.
- **Frostbite**—Working in chilly conditions can also increase your risk of developing frostbite, which entails a freezing of the skin and its underlying tissues. Frostbite can result in stinging, numbness and blistering in the affected areas (usually your

fingers, toes or face). If left untreated, frostbite can cause permanent tissue damage.

- **Heart complications**—If you overexert yourself while shoveling snow, the cold weather could contribute to a sharp rise in your heart rate and blood pressure, thus decreasing your overall blood supply and potentially causing a heart attack—which could be fatal.

General Best Practices

Here are some basic safety precautions to keep in mind when shoveling snow:

- Avoid shoveling immediately after eating or while smoking.
- Take a few minutes to stretch before you begin shoveling to better prepare your body for the physical demands of the task.
- Try to push the snow instead of lifting it. If you must lift snow while shoveling, use a smaller shovel or only partially fill your shovel with snow to avoid lifting too much at a time. In addition, be sure to lift with your legs rather than your back.
- Don’t overexert yourself. Pay attention to how you feel while you shovel—never work to the point of exhaustion. If you begin to feel overly fatigued, stop shoveling and inform your supervisor.
- When handling large amounts of snow, consider utilizing a snow blower rather than a shovel to avoid the extra labor. However, make sure you are properly trained to do so. Always consult your supervisor before making any equipment changes.
- Make sure you know the key signs of a heart attack (e.g., chest discomfort, shortness of breath and pain in the arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach). If you start to experience these symptoms, stop shoveling and call 911 (or ask someone to call for you, if necessary).

Safety Matters

Continued

How to Prevent Hypothermia and Frostbite

Be sure to implement these additional safety measures to prevent hypothermia and frostbite:

- Always check the weather before working outdoors to properly prepare yourself. Try to limit your time shoveling if weather conditions are extremely cold, wet or windy.
- Make sure you dress appropriately for the task at

hand. Wear several loose layers of clothing, a warm hat that fully covers your head and ears, mittens (rather than gloves) and thick socks that will keep your feet dry.

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2024 National LICA Winter Convention

Virginia Beach, Virginia - February 13 - 17th

Agenda

Please note:

**The Winter Convention Agenda has changed.
National LICA Committees are now Thursday.
Seminars & Associates' Night are Friday.**

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 am - 3:30 pm Aviation Museum/
Nauticus Tour

Wednesday, February 14

8:30 am - 3:30 pm Tour of Williamsburg

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, February 15

7:00 am - 5:00 pm Committee Meetings

12:00 pm Opening Lunch

Friday, February 16

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Educational Seminars

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Executive Directors' Meeting

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Associates' Night
(Exhibition)

Saturday, February 17

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am Delegates' Meeting

10:00 am - 11:00 am Board Meeting

12:30 pm Lunch

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Reception

7:00 pm Awards Banquet

What does Registration Include?

Winter Convention registration includes all meal functions, Associates' Night, Educational Seminars, Committee Meetings, and the Board & Delegates' Meetings. All registered members will receive meal tickets, a name badge, and a program when they check-in on site and are welcome to attend any of the Committee Meetings and the Board Meeting. For a list of committees and their functions, visit LICANational.org.

Tours

Those who pre-register for any of the tours will receive an admission ticket to those events when they check-in on site. Tours leave promptly at the listed time.

Attire

The attire for our Winter Convention is mostly casual. Members do wear "dressier" attire for the Awards Banquet Saturday evening. Slacks, dresses, and nice shoes are often worn, but not required.

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront

LICA members will be soaking in the views of the Atlantic Ocean right in the middle of the Virginia Beach Boardwalk this February. The Boardwalk has a plethora of restaurants and activities just minutes from the Hilton. But you don't even need to leave the hotel for a bite to eat. Dine next to the Atlantic Ocean at Catch 31, for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Located on the first floor of the Hilton.

Scan Code for:
Convention Registration,
Hotel Reservations &
more details.





2024 National LICA Winter Convention

Virginia Beach, Virginia - February 13 - 17th

Convention Registration

Name _____

Name _____

Company _____

Name _____

City _____ State _____

Name _____

Email _____

Name _____

Early Bird Rate Postmarked by January 22, 2024	Price	# Attending	Total
Contractor Member, Spouse or Associate Member. Includes: Thursday Lunch, Friday Breakfast, Associates' Night, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Reception & Awards Banquet. Seminars & Meetings.	\$375.00		
Youth: 13 Years & Under	FREE		
Registration postmarked after January 22, 2024			
Contractor Member, Spouse or Associate Member. Includes: Thursday Lunch, Friday Breakfast, Associates' Night, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Reception & Awards Banquet. Seminars & Meetings.	\$400.00		
Youth: 13 Years & Under	FREE		
Tour Registration			
Tuesday, February 13 Military Aviation Museum/Nauticus	\$93.00		
Youth: 13 Years & Under (2 & Under FREE)	\$50.00		
Wednesday, February 14 Colonial Williamsburg	\$96.00		
Youth: 13 Years & Under (2 & Under FREE)	\$50.00		
Winter Convention Total (Registration plus Tours)	\$		

Accommodations:
 Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
 3001 Atlantic Ave. Virginia Beach, VA
 Room Rate: \$149/night (plus taxes & fees)
 Call: (757) 213-3000 - Option 1
 Group: LIC
 Deadline: Monday, January 22, 2024

Make check payable to: LICA
 3080 Ogden Ave. Suite 300, Lisle, IL 60532

Amount: \$ _____
 Cardholder: _____
 Card Number: _____
 Exp.: _____ 3-Digit Code: _____ Billing Zip: _____



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UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 OLICA Annual Winter Meeting • January 2-4, 2024 • Embassy Suites, Dublin, OH

2024 National LICA Winter Convention • February 13-17, 2024 • Virginia Beach, VA

2024 Overholt Drainage School • March 11-14, 2024 • Columbus, OH

2024 National LICA Summer Meeting • July 9-13, 2024 • Pittsburgh, PA

New members are always welcome. You can find a membership application on our website at:
<http://www.olica.org/about-us.html>

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Visit our webpage at www.olica.org for a complete list of benefits.

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