

NMA...The Leadership Development Organization Columbus Public Service Chapter

Our History

On September 17, 1981, the Columbus Public Service Chapter of the National Management Association was created. The objectives of this organization are:

- Develop a professional spirit and understanding of management as a profession.
- Provide opportunity for development of leadership and managerial skills through practice.
- Provide opportunity for exchange of ideas and information on management practices.
- Encourage the spirit of unity and cooperation among managers at all levels.
- Develop improved service to the community.

Vision

The vision of the Public Service Chapter of the National Management Association is to provide support, training and networking opportunities to its members. The Chapter is a partnership between managers and city leaders for creative problem solving, effective business management and community support.

The Chapter Concept

Founded in 1925 under the guidance of Charles F. Kettering, famed inventor and industrialist, the National Management Association has become the world's largest association of its kind.

Today, NMA is a national, non profit organization with over 20,000 members in six regions throughout the United States. The logo of NMA is a proud symbol of a professional society whose members are dedicated to the development and recognition of management as a profession and the promotion of the American Enterprise System.

NMA not only supports management development but also actually provides training activities to its chapters. These

courses were designed to encourage group discussion of actual City practices with a Chapter member having the role of the instructor or discussion leader. Many supervisors and Chapter members have completed NMA's Facilitorskills Workshop and participated in an extensive in-house training program so they could enhance their skills as group facilitators.

The Columbus Public Service Chapter is open to the management team of our City supervisors, technical and engineering personnel, staff members, middle managers and top executives. Membership is voluntary and the Chapter elects its own officers; establishes its own constitution and bylaws and determines its own policies and programs.

The Chapter membership meets regularly, usually monthly, and schedules featured speakers and special programs. They also take part in a wide range of projects between monthly meetings, which can be tailored to the special needs of the membership and the City. Most activities are devoted to management development plus civic affairs and occasional social events.

Programs produced by NMA are a major source of educational activities along with the Chapter's Professional Development committee members who arrange many educational seminars taught by professional educators.

The Columbus Public Service Chapter operates autonomously with assistance from NMA and advice and counsel from executive management. A membership dues program finances the Chapter operation and makes available the many resources and benefits of national affiliation. In addition to providing educational materials, services from the national headquarters of NMA include

leadership training, educational guidance, counseling and internal communications between members and chapters. The National headquarters is located in Dayton, Ohio and has a professional staff totally dedicated to membership services.

