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Over 150 attend – Central's Fall Conference

Student performances, district and board member recognitions, and a keynote about a painless technique to get the most out of data were highlights of the Fall Conference.

Following a social hour, Conference attendees were treated to an outstanding performance by the Dublin Jerome High School A Capella Choir. Jerome and the Columbus Alternative High School (Columbus City Schools) were recognized as "Triple Crown" high schools for being honored by US News, Newsweek, and the State Superintendent.

In addition to comments by OSBA President, Ed Bischoff, OSBA's Executive Director, Rick Lewis (left top) summarized important state information and entertained the audience with a personal story with a moral. Central Region's secretary, Dr. Mike Grote (left bottom) engaged the audience in some activities that helped them understand the purpose and technique of successfully analyzing data using specific protocols. The protocols prevent people from jumping to conclusions before the all observations have been made, all possible explanations have been examined, and a variety of solutions have been considered.



OSBA President Ed Bischoff addresses the audience at the Fall Conference held on October 15 at Villa Milano in Columbus.



Triple Crown recognized staff from Columbus Alternative HS pictured top and board members and staff from Dublin Jerome HS pictured directly above with Central Region President-Elect Joyce Galbraith.

Next time...

Mark your calendar now for the Regional Conferences in 2009! The Spring Conference will be March 11 and the Fall Conference will be September 30, 2009.



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Recognitions—who got what?

The region presented its **Outstanding School Employee Award** to Sewall S. Phelps who is employed by the Licking County Educational Service Center. Dr. Phelps is the assistant superintendent for the ESC. The region also named 5 **Friends of Public Education** and presented each with an engraved plaque. They were: Dawn Pettit, nominated by the Licking County ESC; Michael & Achea Redd, nominated by the South-Western City School District; William Schultz, nominated by the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District; and Sheri Spahn, nominated by the London

City School District. Nominations for these recognitions are accepted each spring. Now is a good time to begin thinking about who your district can nominate for one of these prestigious awards.

Three board members were recognized as Outstanding Board Members: Cathy Johnson of South-Western City, Freddie Latella of Licking County ESC, and Bill Short of Highland Local. Cathy Johnson was named to represent Central Region on the All-Ohio Board at this year's Capital Conference.



Cathy Johnson receives an OSBA Outstanding Board Member Award from OSBA President, Ed Bischoff.

News from the regional office

Visitors to the Central Region booth at Capital Conference received some great chocolates plus this useful leather binder with post-it notes and paper sticky marker arrows, complete with a pen!



Over 400 people attended our regional conferences this year and we issued 6 regional newsletters, four of these were distributed via e-mail. The executive committee met three times during the year to plan and monitor regional activities.

Financially, we are in good shape and will end the year having maintained or slightly increased our bank balance of approximately \$7000.

The region elected Walter Armes (Whitehall City), Ed Bischoff (Delaware-Union ESC and Delaware JVSD), Nancy Holtry (Knox County ESC and Knox County JVSD), Scott Johnson (Marysville Exempted Village, and Charlie Wilson (Worthington City) to the executive committee. They will serve with continuing members: Margie Bennett (Mt. Vernon City), Marilyn Carnes (Ross-Pike ESC), Howard Koons (Mid-Ohio ESC and Pioneer JVSD), Joyce Galbraith (Franklin ESC and Eastland JVSD), and Dean Ramsey (Licking County ESC and CTEC of Licking County) and the Big-8 members to be appointed from Columbus and South-Western.