

The Central Post

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Nominations now being accepted!

We will be recognizing up to 5 FRIENDS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS and 5 OUTSTANDING SCHOOL EMPLOYEES at the 2008 Fall Conference on October 15, 2008. Each district may nominate one person for each of the awards. A majority of the district's board members must sign the nomination application, but no formal action of the board is necessary. The Central Region Awards Committee will review the applications and select the recipients. Nominations must be received by July 1, 2008. This is a great way to recognize some outstanding individuals who have benefitted your district.

The FRIEND OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AWARD is limited to community members (the nominee may not be a current board member or employed by the district submitting the nomination) who have been visible and vocal supporters of public schools. Perhaps this person has chaired a levy campaign, worked voluntarily for the athletic/music program for many years, or provided expert advice and support.

The EXEMPLARY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE AWARD is someone other than a teacher or board member (because we have separate awards to recognize these two categories of individuals) who your board deems critical to the success of the district. It could be an administrator, a bus driver, a secretary, etc. who has gone well beyond the requirements of their job description in service to the district.

Complete the nomination form on the back of this newsletter, have it signed by at least a majority of your board, and send it to the regional secretary (Mike Grote) before July 1.

Spring Conference Sets New Attendance Record of 232

The spring conference broke our previous all-time attendance record of 225 as 232 board members, administrators, and guests gathered to hear an excellent program by



W. Carlton Weddington (Columbus City), Central Region President (right) and Ed Bischoff (Delaware-Union ESC and Delaware Career Cntr), OSBA President

Jamie Meade and Ted Knapke of the Franklin County ESC on effective responses to outside accountability measures. The assembly also heard briefly from Rick Lewis, Ed Bischoff, and state superintendent, Susan Tave Zellman. Entertainment was provided by the Metropolitan Singers (Columbus City). Central Region also recognized outstanding programs, outstanding teachers, board member milestones, and Award of Achievement recipients.



Two of the regions' board members were named Master Board Members: William Greg McCarty of South-Western City and Bernie Kessler (formerly of Buckeye Central Local). They are shown below receiving their marble plaques from OSBA President, Ed Bischoff.



New! Photo Depository for Central Region

Central Region photographs are now available online for viewing and download at any time. If you or someone from your district has received some recognition from Central Region, you can find the relevant photograph, download it, and print it to use in your district for publicity or present to the recipient as a memento. Presenting the award recipient with a photo is a great way to show your appreciation for his/her work. You'll also find candid shots at Central Region related activities that may include you or others from your district.

Thumbnails of each event are available so that you can quickly see which photos you want to examine. The photos are tagged and can be searched by name, event, or district so that you can quickly locate specific photos.

To see the photos, go to:

www.flickr.com/photos/mikegrote

and click on the **Central Region OSBA** Collection. You will see a screen showing the events for which we have posted photos. Clicking on the event will open a screen with thumbnail-sized photos of that event. Click on any thumbnail, and it enlarges. By clicking on the magnifying glass icon that says "all sizes" near the top of an enlarged image, you will be given the opportunity to download various sizes of the image. Of course, this is all free! Take advantage of this useful and interesting resource.



Central Region Recognition Nomination Form

We, an elected majority of the _____ School Board
hereby nominate: _____ for:

(Check one) Friend of Public Schools Exemplary School Employee

Legible signatures of at least a majority of the board members: _____

Briefly, while citing supporting evidence, explain why this individual is deserving of regional recognition. Your explanation must fit in the space below and use no smaller than a 12 point font. This form may be duplicated, but each district is limited to only one nomination in each category. Mail the nomination form to: Mike Grote, PO Box 3323, Dublin, OH 43016. Nominations must be received no later than July 1, 2008. Margin settings for word processing: Top 4 inches, sides 0.75 inches, bottom 0.75 inches.