

# The Central Post

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## Ohio Reception at NSBA Conference in Orlando

Central Region's own Ed Bischoff hosted the Ohio Reception at the National School Boards Association Meeting in Orlando. Ohio was the envy of all the states as OSBA was able to garner a reception at Sea World, thanks to generous donations from a number of corporate sponsors. After a full day at the convention, it was great to have some time to relax and network with other board members from Ohio. After the reception, Sea World was open to all the attendees at no charge! The seal on the right is just one of the many creatures that welcomed us. Mark your calendar now for NSBA 2009, April 4-9 in San Diego. With all that you can learn, you can't afford to miss it!



*Top: Ed and wife Terry greet attendees outside the pavillion.  
Bottom, l to r: Curtis Brooks (London City) and Don Swonger (Madison-Plains Local) enjoy the free food. Michael Collins (Westerville City) The Delaware Union ESC table is attacked by the SeaWorld FishMen.*



*Above: Registration at the Orange County Convention Center.*

*Below: Entrance to the Exhibit Area*



## Nominate Your District's Best Now

Now is the time to insure that your district's outstanding teachers, board members, staff, and community supporters are recognized for the great job that they do.

**OUTSTANDING BOARD MEMBER AWARD.** Under separate cover, you will be receiving the Outstanding Board Member Nomination form. Each board may nominate one member for this award. All nominees will be recognized with a plaque at our fall meeting and one will be chosen to represent Central Region on the All-Ohio Board: OSBA's top honor for a board member. Make certain that you recognize one of your own!

**OUTSTANDING TEACHER RECOGNITION.** Each district is encouraged to nominate a teacher for Ohio Teacher of the Year. We honor nominees at our spring conference, but you must nominate now. The application information is online. To view the application and details about the selection process, go to <<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDefaultPage.aspx?page=1>> and search keyword: OTOY.

**EXEMPLARY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE.** This award is for any person employed by the district other than a teacher (we recognize teachers via the award above). The nomination form is on page 2 of this newsletter. Please explain clearly with evidence why the individual is worthy of recognition as our committee can only select 5 recipients each year.

**FRIEND OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** Nominate anyone who is not an employee, but contributes positively to the district. This can be a levy campaign chair, a volunteer, a reporter, etc. Only 5 people are recognized each year, so please be explicit in your written explanation. The nomination form is on page 2.

### Help Conserve Resources

Are you doing your part to keep the earth green? This newsletter is available electronically. Subscribing to the electronic version saves paper, printing, postage (which means oil!) and money (also green). Simply have your board president return the form he/she received with all board member email addresses, and your board will receive electronic copies in the future. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Just a reminder that photos from all events related to Central Region are available online.**

You can find the link at the Regional Page of the OSBA web site or go directly there by typing: [www.flickr.com/photos/mikegreote](http://www.flickr.com/photos/mikegreote)



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.