

# Newsletter Northwest Region OSBA

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## Happy New Year NW Region Members!



President Linda Steinbrunner,  
Coldwater Exempted Village Schools

And the NW Region Executive Committee extend Best Wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy, safe and successful 2008!

**2007 Outstanding Board Member  
Mike Elliott, Ada Exempted Village**  
accepts award from OSBA Past President **Marty Rothery** at the Fall Conference in October.



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To view all pictures from the Region's Spring and Fall Conferences as well as the most up to date information on legal and state educational issues, workshops, activities, and more.

## Northwest Region Executive Committee Members



**President:** Linda Steinbrunner, Coldwater E.V.

**President-Elect:** Lisa Hatfield, Otsego Local

**Past President:** Sandra Griggs, Wauseon E.V.

### Members:

Kenneth Ault, Wood County ESC

Brian Baker, NW Ohio ESC

Kenneth Beck, Montpelier EV/4 Co. Career Center

Dr. Paul Lockwood, II Erie-Ottawa-Huron Co ESC/  
EHOVE Career Center

Thomas Patterson, Sandusky City

Marty Rothery, Findlay City

Joseph Rutherford, Lucas County ESC

Gene Wiley, North Central ESC/Tri-Rivers JVC

## Many Thanks to Northwest Region Departing Committee Members

**Russell Bretz, Bonnie Eddy**

**Valerie Kowalski, William McGough**

**Roma Wallace, Tim Meyer,**

**Dave Smith**



Your service to the committee and the region is very much appreciated and extremely valued.

## Become a Region Decision-Maker: Join the NW Region Executive Committee

Please consider joining the **NW Region Executive Committee**. Become more active in the region and build your member activity portfolio at the same time. Working with other great board members, share your ideas on the region's activities and expenditures at two luncheon meetings yearly. Assist with hosting the region's Spring and Fall Conferences and join the state's board members at Capital Conference.

## Want Less Time Commitment? Join a NW Region Committee

There are several important, but less time intensive committees in which you may choose to join:  
Book Grant Selection Committee: Reviews and Selects Academic Book Grant Recipients  
Outstanding Board Member Selection Committee: Reviews and Selects Outstanding Board Member  
NW Region Nominating Committee: Prepares Nominations and Ballots and conducts Elections  
Arrangements & Hospitality Committee: Greet and Register Guests at Conferences

Please contact the regional secretary,  
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## NW Region Celebrates Member Achievements at Fall Conference

### Certificate of Financial Reporting

This award was established in 1945 and is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in financial reporting by state and local governments. The treasurers receiving the award included Eastwood Local School District, David R. Michel, Treasurer; Findlay City School District, Michael Barnhart Treasurer; Port Clinton City School District, Dr. Paul R. Lockwood, II Treasurer; Sandusky City School District, A. Troy Bouts, Treasurer; Sylvania City School District, Carol McElfresh, Treasurer; Toledo City School District, Tony Ramono, Treasurer; and Anthony Wayne Local School District, Kerri Johnson, Treasurer. All of the districts have earned this award for three consecutive years.

### Veteran Board Members

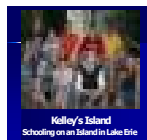
The region honored nine 10 year veterans, fourteen 15 year veterans and one 20 year veteran. **Ten year veteran board members** included Pam Haynam, Sylvania City Schools; Jim Hoying, Mercer County Educational Service Center; Stephen Kimmet, New Riegel Local; Colin Maxwell, Waynesfield-Goshen Local; Gary Stechschulte, Kalida Local; Dale Stonerook, North Bass Local; and Steve Zuber, Washington Local. **Fifteen year veteran board members included** James Brubaker, NW Ohio ESC; Ron Davis, Lincolnview Local; Esther Diener, NW Ohio ESC; Mark Diller, Ayersville Local; Dr. LeAnn Fritch, NW Ohio ESC; Norman Holcomb, New Bremen; Irene Jarvis, Auglaize Co ESC; Leroy Kahle, Miller City-New Cleveland; John Peters, Hancock Co ESC; Gary Roser, Anthony Wayne Local; David Warner, Margaretta Local; Elaine Waterfield, Perkins Local; David West, Perry Local; Joe Wilson, Clyde-Green Springs EV; Herb Wise, Seneca East; and Kerris Wright, Hardin Northern. Marilyn Helser, Allen East Local, rounded out the list as the only 20 year veteran board member.

### Fall Conference Entertainment provided by Wauseon Exempted Village

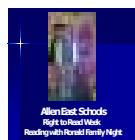


The troupe, directed by Deb Schnitkey, offered a great performance. The performers included Kathryn Lillie, Erica Smith, Morgan Williams, Kaitlyn Wells and Emily Wise.

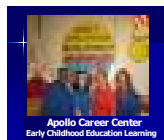
## NW Region Talent Shines at Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair



Kelly's Island  
Schooling on an Island in Lake Erie



Allen East Schools  
Right to Read/Week  
Reading with Parents Family Night

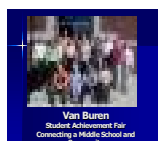


Apollo Career Center  
Early Childhood Education Learning

Not pictured Findlay City, Springfield Local, EHOVE Career Center, Bluffton Exempted, Perkins Local



Vanguard Sentinel Career Center  
Building & Grounds Maintenance



Van Buren  
Student Achievement Fair  
Connecting a Middle School and  
Community

### Educational Book Grant Recipients

The OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee is committed to inspiring and encouraging teacher education candidates to serve the youth of Ohio. The following outstanding seniors received \$500.00 Educational Book Grants in May of 2007.

Loveda Van Der Molen Findlay High School;  
Theresa Kaufman, Miller City High School;  
Amanda Verhoff, Fort Jennings High School  
and Leesa Corken, Eastwood High School.

***\$500.00 Book Grant Applications  
for 2008 will be available on  
Friday February 15 at  
[www.osba-ohio.org](http://www.osba-ohio.org)***

### Mark your Calendar

Spring Conference  
March 13 5:30 pm

Fall Conference  
October 2 5:30 pm

### Executive Committee Meetings

February 10  
June 1  
November 9

## MySpace and YourSchool

We are all witnesses to a technological revolution, which engages students at an earlier age. Students are communicating and interacting in ways foreign to those of us who grew up with Pong and computer fads rise and fall at a whirlwind rate. Friendster, which had little time to enjoy its mainstream success before giving way to MySpace, is presently surrendering its market share to the burgeoning Facebook. While these social networking websites are becoming more prevalent, they are often monitored merely by a student's own ability to identify and adhere to societal norms. As we know, restraint and adherence are usually not a teenager's best attributes. Usage of these sites is impacting educators and administrators on a daily basis. Unfortunately, schools are applying nineteenth-century solutions to twenty-first century problems.

The judicial system, too, struggles to adapt ancient standards to a new media. In October, a federal court held that a seventeen-year-old senior did not "substantially disrupt" the school's operations by creating a false MySpace profile of his principal which was laced with vulgarity and innuendo. After examining the school's disciplinary policy which was neither vague nor overbroad, without sufficient proof that the MySpace page (and not some other website) caused a substantial disruption, the court held the student could not be suspended and banned from graduation ceremonies. *Layshock v. Hermitage School District*, 496 F.Supp.2d 587 (W.D. Pa. 2007).

As a result, schools should be concerned with this type of behavior and must take a more proactive approach. Just recently, two local school administrators were in separate cases involving threatening and libelous information about other students and school administrators on these social networking websites. As these situations arise – and all signs indicate that this is a growing trend – educators, administrators and board members alike must vigilantly monitor their student disciplinary policies and update them to keep up with technology, and, most of all, to stay ahead of their students' ingenuity.

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