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Central Region News

The Central Region of the Ohio School Boards Association

Recognize excellence! 2015 Fall Award Applications

OSBA and Central Region award applications are due June 30. Please consider nominating an outstanding employee (non-teacher) for the Exemplary Employee Award or an invaluable community member for the Friend of Public Education Award. Nominate yourself or a fellow board member for OSBA's most prestigious recognition, the All-Ohio School Board member. Applications can be found at <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/cr-region>



In Memoriam

We extend condolences to the London City Schools and Ross-Pike Educational Service Center Boards of Education on the passing of their respective board members. Both members were beloved and actively serving at the time of their death. Dr. Martha Geib of London City Schools passed away on April, 5 at the age of 49. She served London City Schools for five years. On Feb. 13, Ronnie Dixon passed away. At 79 years of age, Dixon served the Ross-Pike ESC for 25 years. We are indebted to these individuals for their dedication to public education, their passion for children and their service to students and families.

Save the Date!

June 19

**Sports Law
Workshop**

Embassy Suites,
Columbus
9 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
\$160

July 25

**Pre-Board
Candidate
Workshop**

OSBA, Columbus
10 a.m. – noon

September 30

Fall Conference

Villa Milano,
Columbus
5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
\$40

Student Achievement Fair

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and innovative programs from school districts across the state.

The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, during OSBA Capital Conference.

**Nomination deadline is
Friday, June 27.**

Nominate a student-performing group or district program today! For more information visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/2014/saf-nominations>



Spring Conference

On March 11, the OSBA Central Region recognized area innovative instructional programs and outstanding schools. We also honored board members who earned the Award of Achievement and milestone service awards. The conference is a great professional development and district/board member award opportunity.

Robbins delivers keynote address

Our 322 attendees heard presentations from Richard Lewis, Ed Penrod and Damon Asbury. Kristine Robbins, chief of staff at Otterbein University, delivered the keynote address. Robbins filled-in for Dr. Kathy Krendl, Otterbein University president, who became ill the week of conference. A former Westerville City board member and board president, Robbins is no stranger to the OSBA Central Region – she presented an excellent address on the cornerstones of innovation.

Award of Achievement

The award of achievement was presented to five Central Region board members who have participated in extensive professional development and shown leadership at the local and state level. OSBA President Ed Penrod, and Central Region President, Dr. Margie Bennett presented the Award of Achievement pins. The following board members received this distinct honor: Renda M. Cline, Mansfield City; Ronald Rae Fowler, Bloom-Carroll Local Schools (Fairfield); Sean Ruth, Westfall Local Schools (Pickaway); Lee Schreiner, South-Western City; and Don Swonger, Tolles Career & Technical Center.

Entertainment was provided by the Mount Vernon City High School Mellow Jackets Jazz Band.



Call for Nominations

Board members from around the state serve on state and regional committees. These members give their time and talents to strengthen the association. Their efforts shape the Capital Conference, nominate members to elected OSBA positions and assist and plan regional events.

All members are encouraged to seek a nomination. By serving as an elected official or on a committee, you will have an opportunity to interact with board members from other districts, represent your district at state and regional events, and help strengthen OSBA.

Download the “Call for Region Offices and Committees” at

<http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/sites/default/files/2015CallNominations.pdf>.

This publication outlines the procedure for nominating an individual and includes an official nomination form. Individuals must be nominated by a school board or board member. The forms must be returned to Kim Miller-Smith by June 30.

Plan **now** to attend Fall Conference

Mark Sept. 30 on your calendar today! You will not want to miss the Central Region Fall Conference. Friends of Public Education, Exemplary School Employees, Outstanding Teachers, board members with more than 30 years of service, and the All-Ohio School Board nominees will be honored.

Additionally, OSBA news will be provided by our association president and executive director and important legislative updates will be shared. Our keynote address will be delivered by Youngstown State University President, James P. Tressel.

Once again, the event will be held at Villa Milano and the social hour will begin at 5 p.m.

Reservations will be taken until Sept. 20.

Individual reservations are \$40 and tables of eight can be reserved for \$320.

Registration will open in August – look for more information in the Central Region Summer Newsletter and upcoming editions of the *Briefcase*.



Volunteers Needed

Central Region has an OUTSTANDING volunteer opportunity for you and all it takes is one hour!

During Capital Conference, we need individuals to staff the Central Region booth. One-hour shifts are available on Monday, Nov. 9 and Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Requirements include greeting other Central Region board members and distributing materials provided.

That's it! If you have an hour to spare during conference, please contact Kim Miller-Smith at kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org or 614-635-1926.

Thank you in advance.



Ideas for Central Region?

If you have ideas you would like to share about the Central Region, please do! Are there events you want your region to sponsor? What type of news do you want published in the newsletter? Do you have thoughts about improving Fall or Spring Conference? Ideas are not limited to the questions listed above. Your officers, the region executive committee and region manager are interested in keeping our activities fresh and meeting the needs of our board members. Feel free to email your suggestions to region manager, Kim Miller-Smith at

kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org or call 614-635-1926.

Why is the Central Region Newsletter mailed and emailed to members?

The newsletter is mailed at a discount bulk rate to all Central Region membership and it is emailed to all Central Region membership with active email addresses. However, to reach the largest audience and to provide the greatest access to our news, printed mail is the way to go. On average, 27% of our membership opened the past email editions of the newsletter. (Data tracked from MailChimp.)

The Central Region Executive Committee serves you

Dr. Marguerite Bennett
Mount Vernon City & Knox County Career Center
President

Kevin Crosthwaite
North Union Local (Union)
President-elect

Randy Reisling
South-Western City
Past President

Kevin Archer, *Teays Valley Local (Pickaway)*
Walter S. Armes, *Whitehall City*
Ed Bischoff, *ESC of Central Ohio and Delaware Area Career Center*
Renda M. Cline, *Mansfield City*
Amy Eyman, *Lancaster City*
Joyce Galbraith, *ESC of Central Ohio and Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools*

W. Shawna Gibbs, *Columbus City*
Nancy Everett Hafer, *Elgin Local (Marion)*
Stu Harris, *Dublin City and Tolles Career and Technical Center*
Howard Koons, *Mid-Ohio ESC and Pioneer Career and Technology Center*
Dennis Leader, *Mid-Ohio ESC, Tri-Rivers Career Center and Pioneer Career and Technology Center*
Jennifer Lynch, *Washington Court House City*
Jane McGinty, *Madison Local (Richland)*
Adam C. Miller, *Grandview Heights City*
Ken Morlock, *Madison-Plains Local (Madison)*
Kevin O'Brien, *Olentangy Local (Delaware)*
Lee Schreiner, *South-Western City*
Ray Storts, *Union Scioto Local (Ross)*
Judy White, *Lakewood Local (Licking)*
Charlie Wilson, *Worthington City*
Kim Miller-Smith, *Region Manager*