



Central News

August 2015 – News of the Ohio School Boards Association Central Region



Mahoney to speak at Fall Conference

We are delighted to welcome Dr. James Mahoney, executive director of Battelle for Kids as our Fall Conference keynote speaker. For more than four decades, he has dedicated his life to bettering educational opportunities for all students, serving as a superintendent, principal, and teacher in Appalachian Ohio, as well as an adjunct professor at several Ohio universities. In 2001, he joined Battelle for Kids as the organization's first executive director.

Under Jim's leadership, Battelle for Kids has grown into a national not-for-profit, partnering with school districts, state departments of education, businesses, and philanthropic organizations to implement successful education-improvement strategies.

A well-known and accomplished speaker, Jim also co-authored the book, *Data-Driven Decisions and School Leadership: Best Practices for School Improvement*. Dr. Mahoney has also been recognized with numerous awards for his leadership in education.

Fall Conference is just around the corner! Are you registered?

Fall Conference will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at Villa Milano in Columbus. Dr. James Mahoney will address administrators, board members and award winners, speaking on the topic "My leadership, does it matter?"

Attendees also will hear updates from OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis and OSBA President Ed Penrod, Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking) and Tri-County Career Center. Additionally, OSBA Director of Legislative Services Damon Asbury will highlight recent legislative actions. With these pertinent updates and a great featured speaker, the Fall Conference is a deal at \$40 per person, which includes a delicious meal and entertainment provided by Mount Vernon City's Mount Vernon High School Chamber Orchestra.

Register early! **The deadline for conference registration is September 20.**

Region Conference Costs

The Central Region Executive Committee works diligently to sponsor a first-class dinner meeting/conference while keeping the price at \$40. We thought it would be informative to share with you a per-person breakdown of conference expenditures. Actual dollar figures are taken from the 2014 Fall Conference.

- 82% of the registration costs is used to pay for the meal and appetizers served during the social hour. Actual cost per person in the meal category = \$32.80
- Because of our long-standing relationship with Villa Milano, we enjoy a significant saving through gratis room rental, bar set-up, bartender and AV use.
- Approximately 12% of the \$40 registration is used to purchase plaques or gifts for award recipients. Actual cost per person = \$4.75
- 2% of the registration fee is used for postage (80 cents per person) and an approximate 1% (50 cents per person) is used for supplies.
- It is also important to note that our keynote speakers volunteer their service and talent to our event.

Total expense per person = \$38.85

Kids PAC

Political Action Committees (PACs) are accounts from which contributions to political campaigns can be made. *Kids PAC* is a way for us to focus attention on our legislative agenda and to support lawmakers who believe in our goals.

Kids PAC was established by the OSBA Executive Committee to give board members the opportunity to belong to a PAC whose membership was aware of the problems facing boards of education and whose goals were aimed at dealing with those issues.

Contributions can be made by personal check (up to \$100) made out to *Kids PAC* or cash. By law, school district and corporate checks can not be accepted. All contributors will be recognized in the *OSBA Journal*. You can also donate online with your credit card at KidsPAC.org.

Note: Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

For more information or to obtain a membership form, contact Marcella Gonzalez at mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org or call (614) 540-4000.

2015 Central Region Treasurers' Clinics

Plan to attend the 2015 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics. The Central Ohio clinic will be held on Sept.15 at the Embassy Suites. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m.; the clinic runs from 8:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$160, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or by contacting Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

The Embassy Suites is located at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, OH 43231.



Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to be a part of planning regional conferences and working Central Region event registration? Let your regional manager know! We can certainly use your help and the Hospitality Committee is an excellent way to get familiar with all the great folks who make up the Central Region. The time commitment is approximately one hour on the day of Fall or Spring Conference.

A second volunteer opportunity that takes just one hour occurs during the OSBA 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 the Capital Conference or regional conference, please contact Kim Miller-Smith at kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org or 614-635-1926. Thank you in advance.

Board Candidate Workshop

OSBA, Columbus
Saturday, Sep. 12, 2015 | 9 a.m. - noon
\$95.00

OSBA office is located at 8050 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43235.

Visit the Central Region booth at Capital Conference

There are numerous reasons why you should visit the Central Region exhibit at the OSBA Capital Conference. Perhaps, the most important reason is the opportunity to meet members of the executive committee, other Central Region board members and to make valuable professional connections.

If you attended either the spring or fall Central Region conference, you'll want to look at our digital display of photos from those events, as well. We have photos of each of the award presentations as well as candid photos of the event.

The regional booths are on the Main Concourse near registration. Also, stop by and pick up your free gift. We hope to see you at Capital Conference!

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Award of Achievement

Each year board members who have completed a combination of professional development and leadership activities are recognized with the Award of Achievement.

Generally, the recipient is recognized in the local media, sending a strong, positive message to the board member's constituents. To receive the award, a board member must earn at least 100 points during a two-year period.

For example, a member earns 15 points for attending the new board member workshop, 5 points for being a vocational board member, 10 points for serving as his or her board's board president, and 25 points for attending the OSBA Capital Conference. For a complete listing of the rules, eligible activities and points, see the application form at <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/award-of-achievement-and-master-board-member-awards>

The Master Board Member Award works similarly except that a member must earn at least 300 points during four years.

While the award is personally rewarding, the real benefit is from the board member development and professional networking acquired during the process.



Ohio High School Athletic Association School Board Liaison Committee

As part of OSBA's Visionary Initiatives for Strategic Action, the OSBA Board of Trustees adopted a vision priority to ensure our outreach efforts consisted of collaboration and participation with individuals and organizations that shape the future of education. In pursuit of that vision, regular meetings are held among OSBA staff and various organizations that can partner with the association to develop mutually beneficial initiatives.

In a recent meeting between OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis and Dr. Daniel B. Ross, commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), it was agreed that there may be a mutual benefit in establishing a liaison committee of school board members to meet with the OHSAA on a regular basis to serve as a sounding board and to provide the perspective of Ohio's elected school board members.

At its July meeting, the OSBA Board of Trustees approved a charter to govern this new committee. The Central Region is seeking interested applicants to fill the vacancies in a timely fashion for 2016 implementation.

Please contact Kim Miller-Smith if you are interested in more information about this committee.

Join the OSBA Book Club

Book: *Move Your Bus: An Extraordinary New Approach to Accelerating Success in Work and Life*, by Ron Clark.

Information about joining the book club and purchasing the book may be found at: <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-book-club>.

Three free discussion webinars have been scheduled. Webinar dates will be Thursday, Sept. 17; Tuesday, Oct. 6 ; and Thursday, Oct. 29. All webinars take place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.