



# SOUTHWEST NEWS

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## Save the date: In-person fall conference scheduled for Oct. 14



The OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee is excited to host an in-person conference in October. Fall conferences highlight the achievements of Southwest Region school board members, administrators, staff and students. Join us in honoring board members who have received the OSBA Aptitude and Recognition Awards; the region's Teacher of the Year nominees and Blue Ribbon schools; and outstanding student programs.

More information will be available in August. Save the date and join us for an outstanding event Oct. 14.

## Board members: Volunteer for an OSBA committees or position

Serving as an officer or committee member is a great way to interact with board members from other school districts and represent your board and district at region and state events. Applications for 2022 regional and state committee appointments are now being accepted. Review the committee positions available and download the application form at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/call-committee-nominations-2022](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/call-committee-nominations-2022).

**Applications are due June 30.**

Questions? Contact Mark Ewing, Southwest regional manager, at [mewing@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mewing@ohioschoolboards.org) or (800) 589-OSBA.



# STAR Awards recognize the work of board members



Board members deserve formal recognition for the time and talent they devote to their community's most important asset — public schools. OSBA's STAR Awards are comprised of four areas:

- Service Award points accrue from local school board, district, region and state leadership, including service on OSBA committees and local board offices and committees.
- Training Award points are earned from professional development events and activities delivered by OSBA or the National School Boards Association.
- The Aptitude Award requires a board member to demonstrate an understanding of a variety of board governance skills based on the six leadership areas.
- A board member may be nominated for the Recognition Award by his or her own school board. This award replaces the previous Outstanding Board Member Award and honors board members most dedicated to the craft of being a model board member.

Learn more about these awards and register to take the Aptitude assessment — available June 14-July 9 — at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/STAR-awards](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/STAR-awards).

## Southwest Region Executive Committee

### Region officers

**Region President:** Terry Gibson, Lockland Local (Hamilton) & Great Oaks Career Campuses\*

**Region President-elect:** Lynda O'Connor, Lakota Local (Butler)\*

**Region Immediate Past President:** Fred Hunt, Hamilton County ESC & Great Oaks Career Campuses+

Larry L. Besecker, Darke County ESC & Miami Valley Career Technology Center

Edward Bosse Jr., Ross Local (Butler)

Mary Cleveland, Princeton City & Great Oaks Career Campuses\*

Corine Doll, Tipp City EV

Michael J. Enriquez, Batavia Local (Clermont)

Bobbie Grice, Little Miami Local (Warren) & Warren County Career Center\*

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Vanessa Jeter-Freeman, Trotwood-Madison City & Miami Valley Career Technology Center

Kevin Johnston, Preble County ESC

Carolyn L. Jones, Cincinnati Public

Linda A. Jordan, Clark County ESC

Gail Martindale, Cedar Cliff Local (Greene) and Greene County Career Center

Daryl Michael Jr., Montgomery County ESC

Lori Parks, Kettering City

Jim Perdue, Reading Community City & Great Oaks Career Campuses

Anne Marie Reames, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center

Beverly D. Rhoads, Hillsboro City & Great Oaks Career Campuses

Dr. Mary Jane Roberts, Talawanda City

Dr. Bill Shula, Bethel-Tate Local (Clermont)

Jim Sommer, Greenville City

Darrell Thomas, Urbana City

Martin L. Yockey, Eastern Local (Brown) &

Southern Hills Career and Technical Center

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