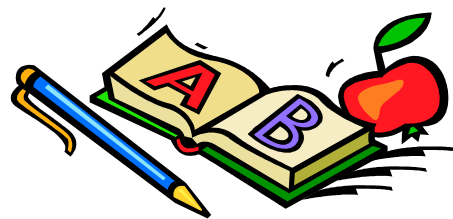


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2012-2013 NCOEA Leadership Team

Patty Levingston	President
Jen Lepard	Vice-President
Sue Jarvis	Recording Sec.
Brad Strong	OEA Director
Becky Cashell	Executive Sec. - Treas.

NCOEA 2012-2013 Calendar

- August 16 Treasurer's Workshop,**
Mansfield Sr. H.S. 8:30 a.m.
- September 13 *NCOEA Executive Comm.,
(If needed)**
- October 4 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- November 1 *NCOEA Executive Comm**
- November 12 NCOEA Fall RA**
Mansfield Sr. H.S., 5:00 pm, Registration required
- December 1 OEA Fall RA,**
Veterans Memorial, 9:00am
- February 7 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- March 21 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- April 22 NCOEA Spring RA,**
Mansfield Sr. H.S., 5:00 pm, Registration required
- May 2 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- May 10-11 OEA Spring RA,**
Veterans Memorial, 9:00am
- June NCOEA Retreat, TBA**
- June 30 - July 6 NEA Representative
Assembly, Atlanta, Georgia**
- August 5-7 OEA Leadership Academy**
Hyatt Regency, Columbus

***All NCOEA Executive Committee Meetings**
begin at 6:00 pm, at St. Timothy's Lutheran
Church, at Route 42 North and Route 30 East in
Mansfield. All **NCOEA** members are welcome to
attend. Pizza, salad and snacks are served at 5:15
p.m.

OEA Legislative Watch – Rob Fetters

Every election year, we hear that this is the most important election ever. And every year this is true. Educators throughout Ohio have learned this lesson, if not before the last election, then after it. Now we all know how political our jobs are. Now we all know how school funding is determined by elected politicians at the local, state, and national levels. Now we all know the importance of voting for, working for, and contributing to pro-public education candidates.

But where to start? OEA's website, www.ohea.org can help. You can become an ACE, an Advocate for Children and Education. You can volunteer on school levies, on pro-public education candidates' campaigns, make phone calls, and knock on doors. You can contribute to the Fund for Children and Public Education, our political action committee. You can also contribute \$50 to \$100 to a state candidate at no cost to you, by including this contribution on your state tax form, you earn a tax CREDIT, meaning dollar for dollar, it doesn't cost you anything but maybe a stamp. (See a tax professional for details).

There are ten OEA members running for the Ohio General Assembly this year. One of them is from North Central: Matt Lark, Past President of the Norwalk Teachers Association.
<http://larkforstaterep.com>

It is possible to divide up your support, as I did last year for these candidates who resisted enormous party pressure and voted NO on Senate Bill 5:

Committee to Elect Scott Oelslager
Committee to Elect Bill Seitz
Committee to Elect Terry Johnson
Committee to Elect Randy Gardner
211 South Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Friends of Tom Patton
17157 Rabbit Run Drive
Strongsville, OH 44136

President's Column – Patty Levingston

In the past few months, many of us have been working very hard making phone calls, canvassing neighborhoods and talking to anyone who would listen to us as we tried to make a difference on Election Day. We won some battles, like re-electing President Obama and Senator Brown, but we also lost some battles, like not passing Issue 2 or not electing all ten of the OEA members to their respected positions. Even though we had a roller coaster of a day on Election Day, we made our presences know and we weren't backing down.

In the past few months, we have also saw a change to when many of us can retire with the new retirement requirements becoming law for all 3 retirement systems. We will probably see many of our veteran colleagues retiring in the next couple of years, instead of staying on a little while longer; while the rest of us try to figure out how much longer we have to stay in education to meet the new requirements to retire. Many of the people I know are making plans to see the retirement specialists to see where they stand if they retire early, or have to follow the new requirements. No matter where you stand in the retirement limbo, again we made our presences known on many of the requirements, so they would not be so drastic of a change.

So in the upcoming year if you need to rest a little and figure out your plan for the rest of your career do so. But also keep in mind that education and the middle class are what keep America running. So be ready to come to action when called upon because the battles are not going away, and we will not go away either. As long as the government decides to take action that will hurt education and the middle class, we will always be here to let them know where we stand and to show them we can make a difference.

So enjoy your year and be ready for the next battle to come along.

***Patty Levingston,
NCOEA President***



NEA Representative Assembly – Washington D. C. July 2 – 5, 2012

The week surrounding the Fourth of July, the National Education Association meets for its annual Representative Assembly. This year it was held in Washington, DC, as it is every four years. The RA is a chance for delegates from all over the United State to come together and make decisions on how the NEA should proceed. This year the delegation heard motivational speeches from NEA President Dennis Van Roekel, NEA Executive Director John Stocks and special guests, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden. President Obama was in Ohio during the RA, but he did call President Van Roekel during one of the business meetings, and the delegation had a chance to listen in on the conversation.

Besides the speeches business was conducted as well. Delegates voted on amendments to the NEA Constitution and Bylaws, Legislative and Resolution documents. The delegates also have the right to bring new business items before the delegation. All of this is very interesting because you experience the democratic process at work. This year 89 new business items were submitted to the RA over the 4 days. Some new business items got moved to a committed to be review so that sped up the process, some were not considered based on object to consideration motions, and the rest are debated, some were modified, then approved or defeated. Read more about the amendments and business items at <http://www.nea.org/grants/nbis-amendements-resolutions.html>.

This year was also a special RA for the Ohio and NCOEA because one of our members won a very special award. Rob Fetters, a Social Studies teacher from Mt. Vernon High School, won the Applegate-Dorros Peace and International Understanding Award. The awards ceremony was a special event that happened on July 1st and was an honor to have one of our own be a part of it. Congratulations Rob for all the hard work you have done and will continue to do.

The evening events were a chance to mingle with other NCOEA members as well as members from the rest of Ohio, such as Ohio Night: dinner and dancing for the Ohio delegation, The Awards Dinner to celebrate with Rob, and a combined dinner cruise with the North Western District.

The experience of the RA is a chance to be a part of what makes the NEA a strong union.



In order to keep the costs of the newsletter as low as possible, there will only be 1 newsletter mailed each year. That will be the one in the Fall.

If you have any information for the newsletter please email it to me. The deadlines for submission are:

November 15: Winter
February 1: Spring
May 1: Summer

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Thank you for your help.
Shelly Barr
Chalkdust Editor

Local Elections

Ashland City TA March 7, 2013
Centerburg May 16, 2013
East Knox May 14, 2013
Galion Fall 2012
Knox County CC SA April 2013
Madison LEA April 24, 2013
Mansfield SEA Oct. 3 & 4, 2012
Monroeville MTA May 15, 2013
Mt. Vernon EA April 10, 2013

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://ncoea.ohea.us/>

OEA Legislative Watch – Rob Fetters cont.

Committee for Jim Hughes
14 East Gay Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Committee to Elect Casey Kozlowski
5718 N. Richmond Rd.
Pierpont, OH 44082

Citizens for Ross McGregor
5524 Old Columbus Road
Springfield, OH 45502

Committee to Elect Gayle Manning
5380 Barton Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

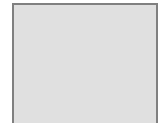
Remember, this election is the most important one. We need to vote, but we must do more than just voting. We must phone bank, we must canvass, and we must contribute. Our schools and our students depend upon it.

Respectfully,

Rob Fetters
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