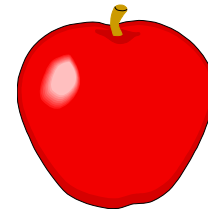


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2006-2007 NCOEA Leadership Team

Brad Strong	President
Donna Christman	Vice-President
Jen Lepard	Recording Sec.
Cathy Aleshire	Past President
Patti Dice	OEA Director
Becky Mayer	NEA Director
Chris Swank	Executive Secretary-Treas.

NCOEA 2006-2007 Calendar

April 18-19	OEA Board , OEA Head- quarters
April 20-21	OEA Spring Representative Assembly , Convention Center, Columbus, 9:00 am
April 24 May 1	Lobby Day , 9:00 am Lobby Day , 9:00 am, & Legislative Reception , 5:00 – 7:30 pm.
May 10 May 14	*NCOEA Executive Com. NCOEA Awards Dinner, Dutch Heritage , Bellville (I 71 & S.R. 97), 5:00 pm
May 22 June 1 June 1-2	Lobby Day , 9:00 am DLC , OEA Headquarters OEA Board , OEA Head- quarters
June 2	NEA Delegate Briefing , Crown Plaza Columbus North
June 12	Lobby Day , 9:00 am – NCOEA will plan to participate on this date. CentWest RCC, TBD
June 14 June 15-16 (new date)	NCOEA Executive Com. Retreat , Mohican State Park, Perrysville, 3:00 pm
June 29–July 5	NEA Representative Assembly , Philadelphia DLC , TBD
July 29 July 29-August 1	OEA Leadership Academy Doubletree, Worthington

***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 pm.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – Brad Strong, Mansfield City A New Chapter

On March 1, 2007 I took over as President of NCOEA, due to our former President (Cathy Aleshire) getting a new job as an LRC in Westerville. As some of you know, I am also the current President of the Mansfield School Employees Association (MSEA). It was not my intention to have both of these jobs at once, but as fate would have it here I am. I have now been elected as the new President of NCOEA at the Spring NCOEA RA (the RA was one of my first duties as President) and I have decided not to run for the President of MSEA, but to run for the position of Treasurer (a job I used to hold). I tell you all that because the next few months are going to be tough. I am trying to complete all the items that are in the works for NCOEA (Awards program, Retreat, etc.) while dealing with the mess the Mansfield City Schools are facing at this time. Allow me to inform you of the Mansfield Mess.

In June 2006 it was discovered that our Superintendent, Vocational Director, and Curriculum Specialist had created a for-profit educational firm to assist with starting conversion & charter schools. This led to months of front page coverage and further investigation that our former superintendent had spent approximately \$6,000 on the district credit cards for unauthorized items. This money was reimbursed to the district and an interim superintendent was appointed. Next it was announced that a Federal investigation of the district was taking place. The investigation had to do with how money was spent or reportedly used. Next, the district

was placed in fiscal caution and told to create a recovery plan for the state. The plan created by the district was rejected by the state and the district was placed in fiscal watch. Again the state instructed the district to create a recovery plan for the state and this plan was later approved. We had a RIF of 14% of our Food Services employees. Next, our Treasurer quickly resigned over Christmas break and went to another district. Remember his books are being investigated. On January 1st Mansfield had a new Superintendent take over at Central Office. Next, we had a Board of Education member who was also an OEA LRC who voted on two occasions to RIF OEA employees. The MSEA filed complaints with the OEA and the board member resigned his board position. Then, there was another RIF of our Secretaries and Paraprofessionals in late February. During this RIF 37 employees lost their positions. Next the district announced it was going to RIF 95-100 teachers in the spring of 2007, as well as close 5 buildings (Simp-

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Donna Christman, NCOEA Vice-President, and Brad Strong, NCOEA President, preside at their first Executive committee meeting on March 1, 2007.