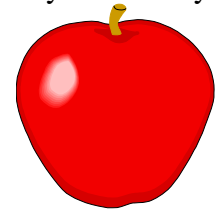


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## 2007-2008 NCOEA Leadership Team

Brad Strong	President
Patty Levingston	Vice-President
Jen Lepard	Recording Sec.
Patti Dice	OEA Director
Becky Mayer	NEA Director
Chris Swank	Executive Secretary-Treas.

## NCOEA 2007-2008 Calendar

January 3, 2008	*NCOEA Executive Com.
January 24	C.A.R. UniServ, Lexington
January 25-27	NEA Mid-Atlantic Regional Leadership Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
February 7	*NCOEA Executive Com.
February 11	Region 4 Local Presidents' Meeting/ OEA, Dutch Heritage, Bellville
February 25	HCC UniServ, Bucyrus
March 3	"Read Across America"
March 6	*NCOEA Executive Com.
March 11	NCOEA Spring Workshop, Mansfield Senior H.S.
March 13	CentWest, Tiffin
March 31	NCOEA Spring RA, Mansfield Sr. H.S. Registration 5:00 pm
April 10	*NCOEA Executive Com.
April 18-19	OEA Spring RA, Columbus Convention Center
May 4-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6	National Teacher Day
May 8	*NCOEA Executive Com.
May 12	HCC UniServ Council, Willard
May 22	C.A.R. UniServ Council, Lexington
June 7	NEA Delegate Briefing
June 12	CentWest, PTBD
June 20-21	NCOEA Retreat, Mohican
July 1-6	NEA RA, Washington DC
November 8	State ESP Conference, Mansfield Sr. H.S.

\*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 – Guest Columnist Patty Levingston – Madison Greetings from Your Vice- President

As the holidays wrap up and we all head back to school from a well deserved break, I have been reflecting on my first six months in office. This time has brought a few challenges and changes in the way I view the work of the Association, from the local level all the way to the state and even the national level. All the meetings I have attended and the people I have met along the way have been amazing. It is wonderful to see how we can come together for one common goal: To improve education and the people involved with it.

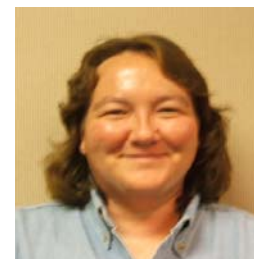
During the past few months I have been attending meetings for my local as well as the district. It all started at the end of May when I was appointed Vice-President of NCOEA. Since then, I have been working with the other officers to make North Central a stronger, better district. I attended the OEA Leadership Conference in July, where I participated in the New Leaders' Workshop. This helped me to see some of the strengths as well as weaknesses that I have as a leader and how to use those traits to perform the duties of my office, as well as in other areas of my life. I have attended the monthly NCOEA Executive Committee meetings, even presiding over the November meeting in the absence of President Strong when he was at a conference in Texas, and the NCOEA Local Presidents' Meetings, where I had a chance to meet several Presidents and other members from the district. I have attended the monthly District Leaders Council meetings as well as a few of the OEA Board of Directors' meetings in Columbus. These meetings have given me a chance to see how other locals around the area as well as the state are

handling different situations that arise in education. These meetings have given me a new network of people to help run ideas and problems by when the need arises, and hopefully come up with a way to solve the problems in a reasonable way.

I was officially voted in as Vice-President at the NCOEA RA in November and then attended the OEA RA in December. I will continue to attend meetings in the state and am planning to attend the NEA Convention in Washington DC in July.

I started out as an Association Representative (about 5 years ago), then became a Regional Representative to NCOEA, and now the Vice-President of NCOEA all because I was asked by my Local President to take an active part in the Association. This makes anything seem possible. If **YOU** would like to get involved all you have to do is go to your Local meetings or offer your help to your Local President or District Officers. There is always a committee that could use your knowledge whether you are a new or seasoned member, and NCOEA is planning a workshop in March for association members and is in the process of developing a program to help members identify their leadership skills to help them become better leaders.

Enjoy the rest of the school year and I hope to see you at a workshop or meeting soon.



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