

NCOEA Representative Assembly – April 27, 2009

Positions up for election at NCOEA Spring RA

The Spring NCOEA Representative Assembly will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009, at Mansfield Senior High School starting at 5:00 pm. One of the purposes of the RA is to prepare delegates for the Spring OEA RA. All the OEA officers will be at the NCOEA RA and will address the delegates and answer questions.

The NCOEA is also seeking candidates to run for several positions on the NCOEA Executive Committee. **NCOEA President**, 2 year term currently held by Brad Strong who has declared his candidacy.

NCOEA Vice-President, 2 year term currently held by Patty Livingston who has declared her candidacy.

NCOEA Representative to the Convention Planning Committee, 3 year term currently held by Dan Bishop.

NCOEA Representative to the Professional Efficacy Core Function Committee, 3 year term currently held by Kelly Bell.

These positions will be elected at the RA on April 27.

The NCOEA is also recruiting members from the 7 regions that make up the NCOEA. County Representatives, 2 year terms on the NCOEA Executive Committee as follows: (These representatives are elected by the locals in the respective counties)

Ashland County – 2 Representatives
Crawford County – 2 Representatives
Huron County – 3 Representatives
Knox County – 1 Representative
Morrow County – 1 Representative
Richland County – 5 Representatives
Mansfield City – 3 Representatives that are appointed by the Mansfield President for 1 year terms

If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please contact Chris Swank at cswank44@embarqmail.com by April 22, 2009.

NCOEA delegates will be notified by email/mail by April 10, 2009, and need to reply by April 22, 2009 to the above email address.

Listening, Learning, Leading: Keys to Empowering Members

OEA Summer Leadership Conference 2009

Save the Date: August 3-5, 2009

OEA Summer Leadership Conference Scholarships are available from NCOEA and CentWest. The scholarships cover the cost of registration, most meals, and lodging. The cost is minimal and the experience is priceless!

The conference is held at a Columbus hotel and conference center. Participants have a choice of attending leadership sessions that stress association leadership, collective bargaining, political advocacy, or professional leadership. In addition to the training, participants are able to hear nationally recognized speakers who provide much food for thought on educational topics of interest to all. There is also plenty of time for socializing and networking. Many people who have taken

advantage of leadership scholarships find the experience to be so worthwhile that they come back to the conference the following year.

OEA, NCOEA and CentWest especially encourage new and emerging leaders to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. First time attendees will be given preference.

NCOEA will grant twenty scholarships (10 from NCOEA and 10 from OEA through NCOEA). The forms for the scholarships are available on NCOEA's website www.northcentraloea.org or contact Chris Swank at cswank44@embarqmail.com. The form must be submitted to NCOEA by May 5, 2009 in order to qualify.

Importance of STRS Board Elections Magnified by Pension and Health Care Discussions

Three Candidates for STRS Endorsed by OEA

The STRS Board plays an important role in setting policy that impacts the future retirement security of our members. The economic crisis and discussion of possible changes in STRS health care and pension benefits places an even greater importance on the upcoming Board election.

Carol Correthers is running for the Active Seat and is a special education teacher in Lorain City Schools. She is in her 11th year of teaching and serves on the OEA Board. She is taking rigorous course work in pension and health care issues through the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans. As a Board member, Carol will dedicate herself to protecting pension benefits and maintaining access to affordable health care for current and future retirees.

Jim McGreevy is running for one of the Retired Seats and is a retired teacher from Zanesville. He retired in 2005 after 35 years as a social studies teacher and serves on the OEA Board representing retired teachers. He has received a Certificate of Achievement in Public Plan Policy (CAPP) in both pension and health care issues and has attended STRS Board meetings since 2005.

David Preslan is running for one of the Retired Seats and is a retired teacher who resides in Bowling Green. He taught industrial technology in Toledo Public Schools and is a lifetime member of the Ohio Federation Teachers (OFT). He is extremely interested in health care issues and serves as an STRS Health Care Advocate.

These three are endorsed by OEA. Be sure to Vote.