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NEA President Reg Weaver on Teacher Sexual Misconduct

"America's educators dedicate their lives to driving, nourishing, counseling, and teaching our nation's students. Our teachers are highly regulated and under intense scrutiny. Students must be protected against sexual predators, and teachers must be protected against false accusations. Although we are not familiar with specific cases, the National Education Association's 3.2 million members denounce all teacher sexual misconduct and feel that those proven guilty should be punished to the maximum extent of the law."

NEA MB December 2007 Web Site Giveaway:

Three \$100 Barnes & Noble Gift Cards! NEA members can register anytime during the month of December 2007 in the Free Giveaways area of the NEA Member Benefits Web Site (neamb.com) for a chance to win one of three Barnes & Noble Gift Cards. Shop at the NEA Bookstore online (powered by Barnes & Noble.com) and get an additional 5% off your purchase plus free shipping on orders of \$25 or more. You've bought gifts for everyone else—**now indulge yourself a little!**

NCOEA's Representative on OEA's Legislative Committee

(Editors note: We are trying to let our members know a little bit about the people who represent them on the NCOEA Executive Committee.)



Rob Fetters

Rob Fetters grew up in Canal Winchester, Ohio, near Columbus, studied political science at Wittenberg University, history at Bowling Green State University, and education at the University of Toledo. Since 1999, he has taught social studies at Mount Vernon High School. His involvement in the Mount Vernon Education Association began as Building/Faculty Representative, then Vice President, President, and now Immediate Past President. Rob is involved in negotiations, elections, and the Fund for Children and Public Education (FCPE), earning awards at the executive and president's levels; he participates in NCOEA, OEA, and NEA Representative Assemblies. He enjoys meeting with elected officials during educator lobby days, and follows education legislation as North Central Ohio Education Association's representative on the OEA Legislative Committee. When not involved in association work, lesson planning, teaching, or grading, Rob likes to spend time with his wife Kay and daughters Hannah (9) and Erin (7).

NCOEA Plans Spring Workshop

Mansfield Sr. H.S. March 11, 2008

As a follow-up to a very successful and well attended Fall Workshop, the Workshop Committee of NCOEA is busy preparing for a spring workshop. The date is Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Mansfield Senior High School. The evening will consist of dinner and four sessions:

The How To of Negotiating
Political Action in the Coming Year
Grievances Plus
Local Leadership Team Elections and NEA, OEA, and NCOEA Delegate Elections

The program will begin with Registration and Dinner at 5:00 pm and we hope to conclude the evening by 7:55 pm.

There will be door prizes and interesting conversation and lots of good ideas to take back to your locals. Be sure to put the date on your calendar. There will be more information in the next "**Chalkdust**."

Announcing...

The National Education Association's 2008 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

Hyatt Regency Louisville, Kentucky – January 25-27, 2008

One Message, Many Voices...

Triple Crown Bound in 2008: The House, the Senate, and the Presidency
Great Public Schools for Every Child

Registrations will be handled via on-line process; further detailed conference and hotel information will be available on the MARLC website:

<http://www.nea.org/members/marlc.html>

Early registration fee is \$150 by December 28, 2007 (\$170 after Dec. 28). This fee does not include hotel accommodations.

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