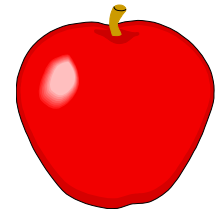


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2008-2009 NCOEA Leadership Team

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

NCOEA 2008-2009 Calendar

September 4	*NCOEA Executive Com.
September 18	Ashland & Richland Counties Presidents Meeting, Olive Garden, Ontario, 5:30 pm
September 18	OEA-Retired Fall Conference, STRS Building, 9:00 am
October 2	*NCOEA Executive Com.
October 14	NCOEA Fall Workshop, Mansfield Sr. H.S. 5:00 pm
October 23	Knox & Morrow Counties Presidents Meeting, The Alcove, Mt. Vernon. 5:30pm
November 6	*NCOEA Executive Com.
November 8	State ESP Conference, Mansfield Sr. H.S.
November 15	NCOEA Fall RA, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 8:00 am
November 20	Crawford & Huron Counties Presidents Meeting, East of Chicago, Willard, 5:30 pm
December 6	OEA Fall RA, Veterans Memorial, Columbus, 9:00am
January 8, 2009	*NCOEA Executive Com.
February 5	*NCOEA Executive Com.
March 5	*NCOEA Executive Com.
March 19	NCOEA Spring Workshop, Mansfield Sr. H.S. 5:00 pm
April 2	*NCOEA Executive Com.
April 27	NCOEA Spring RA, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 5:00 pm
May 8-9	OEA Spring RA, Schotten- stein Center, 9:00 am
May 14	*NCOEA Executive Com.
May 18	NCOEA Awards Dinner, Troyer's Dutch Heritage, Bellville, 5:00 pm
June 19-20	NCOEA Retreat, Mohican State Park

*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 –

Thank Your Local Leadership Brad Strong, Mansfield City

As NCOEA President, I have had the opportunity to meet, talk, and work with many of our local leaders, and we are very lucky to have such great local leaders in NCOEA. I have worked with qualified ESP, Certified, MRDD, and vocational leaders in our area. They are hard working and dedicated to getting the job done correctly for their membership.

Being a local leader is very difficult and time consuming. Whether they are a local president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, or a committee chair, they have dedicated many hours working and meeting on their member's behalf. With education changing as quickly as it is, the challenges they face are growing exponentially. Many good local leaders have "burned out" because of the constant challenges educational leaders faces.

Local leaders work hard to stay informed/prepared by attending many of the following activities: UniServ Council Meetings, RCC meetings, county presidents meetings, NCOEA Executive Board Meetings, NCOEA Workshops, OEA or NEA Representative Assemblies, summer leadership trainings, ESP/MRDD/Vocational Conferences, local BOE meetings, and local executive board & building representatives meetings. Those same people then are involved with grievances, budgeting, negotiations, legislative agendas, attending discipline meetings, and serve on multiple other committees at the local level. Don't forget, these

people still have teaching responsibilities & family commitments.

Many people have dedicated their lives to working for their local association. As NCOEA President I want to say thank you to all the local leaders for their hard work and dedication to their local. NCOEA is a better district because of all their hard work.

I want to encourage each person reading this article to send your local leaders (yes all of them) a letter or e-mail thanking them for all they do for you and your local association. I challenge you to make it personal and identify things they have done for you specifically (maybe they resolved a grievance, sat through a meeting with you, or whatever you want). Then, local leaders file these away and when you have one of those challenging days and think no one appreciates you, take these out and read them, you will feel better.



Brad Strong, NCOEA President