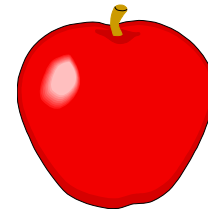


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2006-2007 NCOEA Leadership Team

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Chris Swank	Executive Secretary-Treas.

NCOEA 2006-2007 Calendar

August 16, 2006	NCOEA Treas. Wkshp. Mansfield Sr. H. 8:30 am
September 7	*NCOEA Executive Com.
September 12	Hurion County Pres. Mtg. Berry's, Norwalk, 5:30 pm
September 21	Knox & Morrow Counties Pres. Mtg. Alcove, Mt. Vernon, 5:30
October 5	NCOEA Executive Com.
October 16	Crawford Cty. Pres. Mtg. Baker's, Bucyrus, 5:30 pm
October 23	Ashland Cty. Pres. Mtg. Buehler's, Ashland, 5:30pm
October 26	Richland Cty. Pres. Mtg. Olive Garden, Ontario 5:30
November 2	NCOEA Executive Com.
November 11	NCOEA Fall Representative Assembly, Brown Derby RoadHouse, Ontario, 8:00am
December 2	OEA Fall Representative Assembly, Vets Memorial, Columbus, 9:00 am
January 4, 2007	NCOEA Executive Com.
February 1	NCOEA Executive Com.
March 1	NCOEA Executive Com.
March 29	NCOEA Executive Com.
March/April (date TBD)	NCOEA Spring Representative Assembly, Brown Derby RoadHouse, Ontario, 5:00 pm
April 20-21	OEA Spring Representative Assembly, Convention Center, Columbus, 9:00 am
May 10	NCOEA Executive Com.
May 14	NCOEA Awards Dinner, Brown Derby RoadHouse, Ontario, 5:00 pm
June 2	NEA Delegate Briefing, Place TBD, Columbus
June 8-9	NCOEA Executive Com. Retreat, Mohican State Park, Perrysville, 3:00 pm

*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 – CATHY ALESHIRE

A New Beginning

We have begun another school year and most of you have completed your first month of school. It is hard to believe that summer is gone and we're back in our respective school districts! It is always a little unnerving to wonder about the upcoming school year. What will our school administrators have planned for us or our elected officials in Columbus and Washington?

In November we have the opportunity to have a new political beginning in Ohio. This state has been under a one party rule for the past 8 years. We have seen how well this has worked; expansion of vouchers, reduction in funding and increased testing mandates. Are you better off professionally than you were 8 years ago? Are your students receiving greater opportunities for a variety of courses and extracurricular activities? Even our beginning teachers had to spend additional money and time to receive their Licenses'.

This November I am urging you to vote for Ted Strickland to become the next Governor of Ohio. For too long we have endured leadership that has turned a deaf ear to the educational needs of this state. It would be unrealistic to think that a major turn around is going to happen instantaneously, but do we want more of the same? Do we want a governor who was part of an administration that wasted tax dollars on coin investments for the Bureau

of Workmen's Compensation? Ken Blackwell was Auditor of the State of Ohio when BWC began investing in coins with Tom Noe. Did Mr. Blackwell serve as a guardian of your tax dollars?

Some of you may have heard of the 65 percent solution for school funding. Mr. Blackwell has a plan to spend 65 cents of every educational dollar in the classroom. This plan sounds great! But, it does not factor in the cost of busing, aides, administration and all other auxiliary services that are needed to run an effective school system.

You have an opportunity to make a difference this November. Let's head Ohio in a new positive direction and elect leaders who understand the importance of public education.

To quote a line from the latest Robin William's movie, "Politicians are like diapers, they need to be changed!"



Cathy Aleshire, NCOEA President