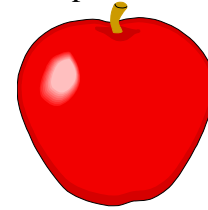


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## 2005-2006 NCOEA Officers

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<b>Chris Swank</b>	<b>Executive Secre- tary-Treasurer</b>

## NCOEA/OEA 2005-2006 CALENDAR

NCOEA Ex. Com. Mtgs. 6:00 pm at St. Timothy's  
Lutheran Church at Rt. 42 & Rt. 30 in Mansfield.  
OEA Ex. Com. & DLC Mtgs. at OEA Hdqtrs. Col.  
CentWest RCC Mtgs. at Tiffin

<b>September 1, 2005</b>	NCOEA Executive Com.
<b>September 12</b>	NCOEA Treasurer's Workshop, Dutch Heritage, Bellville, I 71 & Rt. 97
<b>September 16</b>	<b>OEA-Retired Fall Conf.</b> STRS Bldg., Columbus
<b>September 16</b>	DLC Meeting
<b>September 16-17</b>	OEA Executive Com.
<b>September 19</b>	<b>Huron County</b> Local Presidents Meeting, 5:30pm
<b>September 22</b>	C.A.R. Service Council
<b>September 29</b>	<b>Morrow County</b> Local Presidents Meeting 5:30pm
<b>October 6</b>	NCOEA Executive Com.
<b>October 13</b>	CentWest RCC
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Crawford County</b> Local Presidents Meeting 5:30pm
<b>October 21</b>	DLC Meeting
<b>October 21-22</b>	OEA Executive Com.
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Ashland County</b> Local Presidents Meeting 5:30pm
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Richland County</b> Local Presidents Meeting 5:30pm
<b>November 3</b>	NCOEA Executive Com.
<b>November 12</b>	<b>NCOEA Fall Rep. Assem.</b> Roadhouse, Ontario, 8:00am
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Knox County</b> Local Pres. Mtg. Alcove, Mt. Vernon, The Alcove, 5:30 pm
<b>November 17</b>	C.A.R. Service Council
<b>December 1-2</b>	OEA Executive Com.
<b>December 3</b>	<b>OEA Fall Rep. Assem.</b> Veterans Memorial, Col.

**All NCOEA and OEA Executive  
Committee meetings are open and  
members of NCOEA and OEA are  
welcome to attend.**

## GUEST COLUMNIST: PATTI DICE - NCOEA Representative to the OEA Executive Committee

### Welcome Back to the 2005-2006 School Year!

Welcome Back! I hope this message finds you in good health and ready for a new school year! I trust everyone was able to get in a little R&R, enjoy your family and still take advantage of the time over the summer to get involved in some Best Practices, college classes, and workshops relevant to your expertise.

Just because we are entering a new school year does not mean we are without adversities. Last year at this time, many of the headlines and talk were about school levies placed on the ballot, school levies failing, healthcare costs rising, teachers being laid off, and Ohio still in a school funding crisis just to name a few. These issues have not disappeared; the issues have only increased: several school districts are entering bargaining and getting to impasse at a record pace, more monies are being diverted from traditional public schools only to go to low-performing charter schools, House Bill 66 and it's implications, House Bill 79, ongoing school funding crisis, Highly Qualified, etc. Many Crisis Teams are being created and teachers face the possibility of a strike. Now more than ever we need to continue to stand together.

Remember that together we have the power to face and overcome these challenges. Crestline has proven there is strength in numbers. They found out how much support they had from across the state. Just by educating their own community, they found out how much strength and support they had right in their backyards. A couple of other school districts have been able to stand together to make a difference as well: Bucyrus and Norwalk. This does not even begin to mention the other school districts across Ohio that are facing crisis situations as well. The more we stand

together, the more we can make a difference! Together we are able to continue to advocate for public education and continue the fight for great public schools for every child! North Central is dedicated to helping you and your local association to be successful in these times of adversities. Take full advantage of what your Association membership and Officers have to offer. Have a great year!



*Patti Dice - NCOEA Representative to  
the OEA Executive Committee*

### Did you know? (From OEA Research)

250 charter schools are currently operating in Ohio.

Over 62,000 students attend charter school.

Charter schools received \$424 million in state foundations for the 2004-2005 school year.

By the end of last school year (2004-2005), over \$1.2 billion dollars in state foundation payments were directed to charter schools since the inception of Ohio's charter school pilot program.

45% of charter schools have an enrollment level fewer than 100 students.

41 traditional school districts sponsor conversion charter schools.

47 internet charter schools are in operation.