

ELEVEN NCOEA MEMBERS ATTEND NEA Representative Assembly

National Education Association Holds 143rd Annual Meeting July 1-6, 2005 in Los Angeles, California

NCOEA was well represented at the NEA RA by eleven members: Cathy Aleshire, Bucyrus Education Association; Lynn Apple, Mt. Vernon Education Association; Perry Brokaw, Mansfield School Employees Association; Donna Christman, Cardington-Lincoln Faculty Association; Patti Dice, Mt. Vernon Education Association; Paul Kauffman, Mid Ohio Educational Service Center; Becky Mayer, Ashland City Teachers Association; Judy Novak, Mansfield School Employees Association; Mary Jane Schlairet, Fredericktown Education Association, Joyce Skocic, Mt. Vernon Education Association; and

Chris Swank, Retired and NCOEA Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Professionalism is a key factor in improving the education profession. President Weaver encouraged delegates to fulfill his Six-Point Covenant to ensure that Great Public Schools exist for every child. These points include transforming students into productive citizens; electing policy makers who will fix and adequately fund public education; assisting the support professionals in the battles against privatization; ensuring that lessons taught are interesting and enriching; calling for professional treatment of education personnel with fair professional pay;

and ensuring that there is a qualified teacher in every classroom.

8355 delegates attended the RA with 4991 non-delegates for a total of 13,346 people. Numerous business items were considered by these hard-working people.

Delegates raised \$1,349,950 for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. What a tribute to their belief in the power of political action!

The July 4th celebration included musical numbers by the NEA Exec. Com. as well as a commemoration of the true meaning of Independence Day and the rights guaranteed to US citizens. Vigilance is required to be able to retain these rights.

Leadership Academy

2005 Leadership Conference

“Creating the Climate for Learning Today with Tomorrow in Mind” was the theme for this year’s Leadership Academy which was held on August 1 – 3, 2005, at the Midwest Hotel & Conference Center in Columbus. NCOEA, OEA, and CentWest RCC offered scholarships for members to attend in an effort to encourage members to participate.

The conditions for teaching and learning predict student achievement and employee retention. As leaders, what can – and should – we know and be doing to create the conditions for successful teaching and learning? These thought promoting statement and question were the springboard for the topics of the majority of the programs offered at this year’s conference.

Keynote speakers included: Eric Hirsch, South East Center for Teaching Quality; Elaine Bernard, Harvard University Trade Union Program; and Dennis Van Roekel, Vice-President of the National Education Association.

24 NCOEA members participated in this conference and gained much knowledge and information to bring back to their locals. Be sure to talk to these members to get their reaction to this worthwhile OEA sponsored activity.



NCOEA at NEA left to right: Paul Kauffman, Joyce Skocic, Donna Christman, Judy Novak, Patti Dice, Perry Brokaw, Lynn Apple, Kathy Aleshire, Becky Mayer, and Chris Swank. Not pictured Marv Jane Schlairet.



NCOEA at Leadership Conference front row left to right: Sue Jarvis, Galion Education Association; Cathy Aleshire, Bucyrus Education Association, Teresa Vilfer-Snyder, Fredericktown Education Association; Della Sampsel and Jen Lepard, Mansfield School Employees Association; Brenda Lane and Becky Mayer, Ashland Teachers Association. Middle row left to right: Paul Kauffman, Mid Ohio Educational Service Center; Donna Christman, Cardington-Lincoln Faculty Association; Candi Gallagher, Fredericktown Education Association; Mandy Tridico, Rosemarie Lindhout and Tina Adams, Mansfield School Employees Association. Back row left to right: Patti Dice and Rob Fetters, Mt. Vernon Education Association; Matt Lark, Norwalk Teachers Association; Sean Sheldon, Dan Bishop and Brad Strong, Mansfield School Employees Association. Not pictured: Perry Brokaw, Mansfield School Employees Association, Chris Cloud and Chris Jackson, Norwalk Teachers Association; Judy Novak, Mansfield School Employees Association; and Chris Swank, Retired.