



Officers Elected and C&B Amendment Passed at NWOEA RA



New President and Vice President Elected

Jerry Oberhaus (left) of Liberty Center was elected to the office of NWOEA President and Jerry Schlick of Seneca East was elected to the office of NWOEA Vice President at the 2006 NWOEA RA. Oberhaus served on the NWOEA Executive Committee as a Unit II Representative for two years and was elected NWOEA Vice President in 2002. Schlick has served as the Unit III Representative to the NWOEA Executive Committee for the past three years. Out going President Angela Thomas of Seneca East will serve on the NWOEA Board of Directors as Immediate Past President. In this office Thomas will chair the Internal Affairs and Nomination Committees and act as advisor to the new incoming officers.

NWOEA Officers Elected

On April 6, 2006, 85 Northwestern delegates met at the Findlay High School to conduct the business of the NWOEA Representative Assembly. The following people were elected to NWOEA office by acclamation: Jerry Oberhaus (Liberty Center) President; Jerry Schlick (Seneca East) Vice President; James Berta (Anthony Wayne) Unit I Representative; Dianne Carter (Lima) Unit II Representative; Carol Wines (Fostoria) Unit III Representative; Laurie Elise Garvin, At-Large Minority Representative; Roberta Neff (Kenton) OEA Board of Directors Unit III Representative and Richard Feller (TAWLS) Unit I Representative.

“NWOEA Executive Committee” Changed to “NWOEA Board of Directors”

The delegates to the RA unanimously passed proposal 1, which would change the words “NWOEA Executive Committee” to “NWOEA Board of Directors” throughout the NWOEA Constitution and Bylaws. The language change reflects action taken by the OEA and is a legal change in that a Board of Directors is entrusted with a lesser standard of personal liability for the actions of the organization.

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OEA Representative Assembly

Congressman Ted Strickland Given Enthusiastic Welcome By Delegates

The OEA RA was held on May 5-6 with 1269 registered delegates in attendance. The delegates were treated to an energetic speech by Congressman Ted Strickland, OEA endorsed candidate for the office of Ohio governor. Delegates waved signs and cheered as Strickland entered the hall.

In his comments to the Assembly, the 2004 winner of the OEA Friend of Education Award expressed his deep appreciation for the long-standing support of OEA and its members and vowed to continue his work as an advocate for the cause of public education. Strickland stated that public dollars should not be used without public oversight and said that he was opposed to the use of public tax dollars for private schools where there is no oversight, where standards are diminished, and where the schools are not held accountable.

Strickland said “...there is an unbreakable connection between the educational experiences we offer to our children and our young people and economic development and job growth.” To this end Strickland pledged to invest in early childhood education, to take the Supreme Court’s directive seriously, to make college affordable, to make sure that the

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Oak Harbor Educator Wins OEA Art Contest

Diane Krieger, a fifth-grade math and language arts teacher at RC Waters Elementary School in Oak Harbor, has been announced as winner of OEA’s 2006-2007 Membership Reflections Art Contest. OEA President Gary Allen made the announcement during a school-wide assembly on Tuesday, March 21. As winner, Diane receives reimbursement of her OEA/NEA dues and her



Diane Krieger (middle) is flanked by Oak Harbor education Association co-president Jackie Nielsen and OEA President Gary Allen.

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“Strength in Unity”

Notes from President-Elect Jerry Oberhaus

This is my first attempt at a NWOEA newsletter article. For those of you that do not know me I am your NWOEA President-Elect.



Although my duties will not officially begin until September, your current President, Angela Thomas, has asked if I would write this article as she is dedicating her time and energy to her daughter Christi.

I will give you a bit of information about myself. I have been married for 24 years to my supportive wife, Cindy, who is employed as a sales representative for the Northwest Signal. My daughter will

be a sophomore in the fall at Bluffton University working on a dual major in Art and Psychology and my son will be a junior at Holgate High School. I have completed my 20th full year of teaching, 19 at Liberty Center Schools. Although my certification is 1-8 my passion is science, and I have been privileged to teach all of the science for a grade level since the beginning of my teaching career. The passion I have for science is only reflective of my passion for the education profession as a whole. I have over the past 8 years become very involved in educational policy formation and the push for reforms to improve the quality of teachers and teaching in every classroom.

My passion is rooted in the deep belief that we can accomplish so much more if we are all working together for the same purpose. I believe that NWOEA as well as OEA have been making great

strides in being more unified for a common purpose. I felt that although the candidacy of Tim Myers was unsuccessful as to election, the district showed great unity. This unity is what is necessary to become more influential politically, and more effective professionally. The election of the OEA endorsed candidates to the STRS board (by twice as many votes as was needed to win the election last year) is another example of how, when we come together for a common purpose as a united professional organization, there is much that we can accomplish. We have many challenges before us. I hope that you find the next few months to be a time of renewal, inspiration, and confirmation of purpose. There is strength in unity, and when we are united as education professionals, our students, our society, and our world benefit. ■

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workforce throughout Ohio has the opportunities to gain the skills they need, and to make technology available throughout Ohio.

If elected governor, Strickland wants the people in the Strickland-Fisher administration to have the Peace Corps spirit. “I want people to be in our government who want to be there so they can serve.”

For the full text of the Strickland remarks, as well as OEA President Gary Allen’s speech to the OEA RA, visit the OEA website at www.ohea.org.

OEA Opposes TABOR/TEL

OEA Vice President Patricia Frost-Brooks showed a video and spoke to delegates about TABOR/TEL. TABOR/TEL, the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) also called the tax and expenditure limitation (TEL) is a proposed constitutional amendment that would put in place a rigid fiscal policy that shrinks state and local budgets. If passed, this amendment would put state and local funding for programs OEA members care about in jeopardy, such as education funding and health care. OEA is an active participant in a bi-partisan coalition committed to defeating TABOR/TEL.

Elections

NWOEA member Michael Jordon,

President of the Bath Education Association and Northwest Unit II Representative to the OEA Executive Committee was elected NEA Director #6. James (Jim) Timlin, local president of the Howland Classroom Teachers’ Association and an English teacher in the Howland Local School District for 30 years, was elected OEA Secretary-Treasurer. Timlin has served as Howland’s chief negotiator for over 20 years and has also served on the OEA Executive Committee. Other candidates elected were: Bill Leibensperger, NEA Director #7; Marshall Buckley, NEA Director #5; and Gretchen Washington, Board Member at Large.

New Business Item

NBI #1 was referred to the Legislative Commission. This NBI calls for OEA to advocate for legislative changes to eliminate the financial obstacle for teachers who choose to fulfill their professional responsibility, rather than abandoning their students at the end of their final teaching year. The NBI addresses the dilemma teachers face when they must give a month end retirement date. Teachers who work a few days in June are given salary for those days but lose their entire June retirement check. Proponents of the NBI expressed the hope that the first STRS retirement check could be pro-rated for the month of June allowing teachers to receive retirement less the few days worked in June to finish the year. ■

NWOEA RA Drawing Prize Winners



Jerri Kohlhorst, Lima, received a \$25 gift card from Olive Garden for returning the NWOEA RA Survey.

Ann Beach, Northeastern, received a \$25 gift card from Outback Steak House for returning the NWOEA RA Evaluation.



Heather Weinandy, Tiffin, won \$25 for the OEA Education Association Fund for Children and Public Education drawing.

Diane Streeter, Bellevue, was a winner of \$50 for the OEA Education Association Fund for Children and Public Education drawing.



STRS/HCA Present Health Care Proposal

After much hard work the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and the Health Care Advocates for STRS (HCA) have developed a proposal to increase STRS contributions in order to assure that teachers will have health care coverage in the future. The proposal, which has been explained in a series of meetings across the state in the fall and spring of this year, would increase both the member and employer contribution by 2.5 percent each over the next five years. The change is designed to fund STRS's health care program on a rolling 30-year basis. Without the change, the STRS Health Care Stabilization Fund will run out by 2019, and the principal will begin eroding in 2009.

At its meeting on April 20, the STRS Board approved draft legislation developed by STRS staff to create a dedicated revenue stream for health care for current and future STRS retirees. The proposal would give the STRS Board the authority to increase member contributions up to 2.5% and employer contributions up to 2.5% to exclusively fund the STRS Ohio Health Care Program. The Ohio Legislative Service Commission will write this language into the form of a bill, and a legislator must agree to sponsor the proposed legislation before it can be introduced. Representatives of STRS and HCA have been meeting with legislators to help them to understand the proposal and to ask for their support.

Support among active teachers for this proposal continues to be strong. This spring, surveys of more than 2,000 STRS active contributors continue to show majority support for the proposal to increase member and employer contributions. This is consistent with the data collected from more than 10,000 active members last fall. However, the Ohio School Boards Association has voiced its opposition to the proposal, noting that school funding issues make it difficult for them to support an increase in employer and/or employee contributions. Although everyone understands the tight budgets in local school districts, caused primarily by an unconstitutional school funding system by the state, STRS and HCA believe their proposal is the most cost effective in the long term. Active members in the system who stay on because they cannot afford the cost of health care in retirement will certainly put strain on local school budgets because of their high salaries and increasing health care needs. The STRS/HCA partnership is encouraging local school boards to engage in a discussion with these active members so that they can understand the effects of the new proposal. ■

Perry EA Uses NWOEA PR Grant to Sponsor “Meet the School Board Night”

By: Heather Smith, Perry EA

On February 13, 2006, the Perry Education Association (PEA) broke a huge invisible barrier. For years teachers have never really known the school board members and many of the school board members have not taken the time to discover the teachers they have hired. The PEA with the help of a Public Relations grant of \$400 from NWOEA has changed that.

PEA President Herb Lauer and Social Committee Chairperson Heather Smith developed a program entitled “Meet the School Board Night.” The grant money was used to send out invitations, purchase food trays, plates, condiments, and flatware as well as to purchase gifts of recognition for retired board members. Smith prepared a Power Point Presentation that included photographs and brief descriptions of each PEA member/teacher, administrator, and board member. The presentation was 20 minutes long and had choreographed music. Participants eagerly read the presentation descriptions in order to learn about each other.

The last 20 minutes of structured time was spent on an icebreaker using a grid. Everyone was out of their seats and asking each other questions about small

personal facts and information.

Eventually, common concerns and open dialogue began to flow. School board members were asking about class sizes, volunteer community helpers, a tougher academic policy to apply to sports' participation, and where Perry Local School District is headed in the future. The total event was planned to last approximately an hour, but some school board members and teachers communicated for over two hours.

Lauer said, “I think the most powerful moment of the entire event occurred when the librarian, Linda Funk, extended her hand to the President of Perry Board of Education, Dave West. She said, ‘Hi, I’m Linda. What’s your name?’ Both people have worked at Perry for over 20 years and never knew who the other person was.”

Was this event worthwhile? Absolutely! The school board members stated that they would like to see this



An example of the Perry EA power point presentation teacher introductions - featuring 1st grade teacher Deb Converse.

happen every year. Lauer asked for a show of hands, on behalf of the teachers, as to how many of them would be comfortable with a visit from any board member at anytime, on a non-evaluative basis and every teacher's hand went up.

From this event the PEA and board members were reminded of the fact that people in professional careers need to know and work with other people. With teachers and board members communicating and working together, all of us can make an even greater impact on the students that we teach and the lives that we touch. ■

NWEOA Treasurers' Workshop

August 8, 2006 • University of Findlay

New Room Location

The Annual NWEOA Treasurers' Workshop will be held in the Endley Room of the University of Findlay Student Union.

Enhanced Program - Quicken Training

Quicken Training will be offered this year. Treasurers will be provided with a copy of the software "Quicken 2006." If you bring your own laptop the software will be loaded onto your computer at the beginning of the Quicken training session.

The Treasurers' Workshop is designed to assist new and veteran local treasurers to better understand the duties of their office. The workshop is also open to other local officers who may want to attend. Attendance at an OEA sanctioned Treasurer Workshop is a requirement for the OEA Fiscal Fitness Award. The workshop must be attended by the local treasurer or in the case of continuing recognition another officer can attend.

OEA Treasurer William Leibensperger will conduct the Treasurers' Workshop
NEA Director Tim Myers will present the Quicken training.

Registration: 8:30 – 9:00 AM Endley Room/University of Findlay Student Union

Treasurer Workshop: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Endley Room

Lunch: 12:00 PM Italian Buffet in the North Multi Purpose Room/Student Union

Quicken Training: 1:00- 3:00 PM University Computer Lab

Please complete this registration form and return to the NWEOA Center, 101 West Sandusky St. Suite 302, Findlay, OH 45840 or register online at www.nwoea.org.

Name _____ Local Association _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Will you be staying for the Quicken Training (please circle)	yes	no
Will you be bringing your own laptop for the Quicken Training	yes	no
If yes, will you be bringing (please circle)	PC	MAC
Will you be staying for lunch (please circle)	yes	no

The registration deadline is July 31, 2006

Oak Harbor Educator Wins...

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art will be featured on the 2006-2007 OEA Membership Promotion materials.

Several members of the Krieger family were able to make a surprise appearance at the assembly. Oak Harbor Education Association Co-President Jackie Nielsen, who teaches at RC Waters, was also on hand to offer her congratulations.

Diane has an undergraduate degree in graphic design from Miami University and worked as a graphic designer and art director before becoming a teacher. She earned her elementary teaching certificate from Bowling Green State University.

Those interested in participating in the 2007-2008 Membership Reflections Art Contest should look for contest guidelines and an entry form in the May/June issue of Ohio Schools magazine. ***Congratulations, Diane!*** ■

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An Executive Committee is expected to have more of a day-to-day knowledge of the workings of the organization. A Board of Directors is more of a strategic planning and goal setting body. This is particularly important for a group that meets only four times a year.

Please visit the NWEOA web site at www.nwoea.org to view photos of the NWEOA RA. ■

NWEOA Funds Locals to May OEA RA



Rosemary Titkemeier, Oak Harbor
Amy Schwartz (left) and



Jennifer Pugh, Spencerville
Robert Freistheler, Perry



During the 2005-2006 school year NWEOA funded up to five locals to attend the OEA Representative Assemblies in Columbus. Delegates from locals who had not attended the OEA RA in two years were eligible for the funding. The funding allowed associations with limited resources an opportunity to become active in the decision making process for the policies of OEA and allowed the Northwest district to have a larger representation in Columbus. Five locals attended the December OEA RA, but only three locals were able to send delegates to the May OEA RA. NWEOA would like to thank these funded delegates and all other delegates who gave of their time to serve the democratic process of the OEA and NWEOA. ■

Buy a Lifetime NEA Retired Membership Before Dues Increase

Active members of NEA/OEA have only three months to purchase a lifetime NEA retired membership for \$100. In September the dues will double to \$200. You may buy only a retired NEA membership now but you must also join OEA-R when you retire. OEA-R Life membership is also \$100 at the present time. Memberships can be purchased online at www.nea.org. Go to 'Join NEA' and then click on 'Pre-Retired Subscription' and select the state of Ohio. Visa or Master Card can be used to purchase memberships online.

Congratulations

to Doug Ambroza, Maumee EA, for being elected Vice Chair of the OEA Convention Planning Committee.

and...

to Chris Blakely, Maumee EA, for receiving the OEA Fiscal Fitness Award for the second year. Chris received a \$200 check to take home to his local.



NWOWEA Graduate Memorial Scholarship Recipients Recognized

By: *Emilee Whetstone, Scholarship Chair, NWOEA-R*

Jane Anne Grindle and Jacqueline Nielsen are this year's recipients of the 2005-2006 NWOEA Graduate Memorial Scholarship. The two scholarship winners were recognized at the April NWOEA RA.

Jane Anne, now in her sixteenth year of teaching, is a science instructor at Swanton Local Schools. She is earning her masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Bowling Green State University. Jane Anne has participated in the Classroom of the Future, which uses technology to aid instruction, and in a University of Toledo graduate program entitled "Using Engineering to Teach Math and Science." She has also attended numerous workshops at the Toledo Zoo. One of these included a trip to the holding pens for the polar bears. In her own words, "It was awesome but scary!" Jane Anne has been active in the Swanton Education Association since her first year in the district. She has been a Building Representative and has served multiple years as Secretary. She is a dedicated leader in the education profession who plans to continue as an active member of her local until she retires. Even after retirement, her plans include teaching at a local college to help prepare the next generation of Ohio's teachers.

Jacqueline, who teaches in the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local District, is completing her sixth year of teaching elementary music. She plans to use her scholarship to attend an ORFF training workshop at Cleveland State University this summer. ORFF is a music methodology that is based on speech and one that instills creativity in both the students and instructors. Jacqueline received her Masters in Music Education from Bowling Green State University in August of 2005. She is also a Praxis III assessor and has been a candidate for National Board certification during the 2005-2006 academic year. She is currently in her second year as the Oak Harbor Education Association Co-President. She previously served as the Vice President and on the UniServ Council. Jacqueline plans to continue teaching music at the elementary level and to pursue her passion for combining music instruction with children's literature and reading. She takes her career as an educator very seriously and firmly believes that she must be a dedicated participant in her education association.

NWOWEA congratulates both of the NWOEA Graduate Memorial Scholarship winners. These two highly motivated teachers are role models for all Association members. We wish them the best in their academic pursuits and we look forward to their continued participation in the Education Association at all levels. ■



NWOWEA Graduate Memorial Scholarship recipients Jane Anne Grindle (left), Swanton, and Jacqueline Nielsen, Oak Harbor, at the 2006 NWOEA RA.

OEA Membership Pays Off!

By: *Roberta Neff, NBCT, Kenton City Schools*

By taking the OEA Access card with us on vacation, my husband, Ron and I, really saved a lot of money! We spent a week at Virginia Beach. When we ate out, many of our meals were buy one, get one free with the coupons. Did you know there is a beautiful plantation right in the center of the city? We didn't. By using the Access, we discovered a buy one, get one free coupon and decided to go. This plantation was absolutely beautiful and we learned so much about Virginia Beach's history! What a wonderful secret to discover thanks to Access! We also saved money in Norfolk when we went on some tours around the naval area.

Before we came home, we decided to take a side trip to Colonial Williamsburg – a place I have always wanted to go. Were we shocked when we found out the price per ticket! A whopping \$48.00 each and that didn't even include the evening activities. Just to walk around a little town. At those prices, I decided I didn't want to go after all. My husband mentioned to the person at the information booth that I was a teacher and that I had waited many years to see Colonial Williamsburg and it was too bad that we had

come all that way to not go. Well, she immediately asked if I had some proof that I was a teacher. We pulled out the OEA membership card and she said, "You can get in for half price and you get an extra 15% off of any purchase that you would use in your classroom." (Nowhere did we see this information published.) Since we were saving so much money, thanks to OEA, we decided to spend a little more on a two-day pass. Well, now we had to find a hotel. The cheapest we could find was \$155+ with no amenities. Out came the Access card and the computer. We found another money saver. The hotel we stayed at had a nice outside pool, king nonsmoking room with a refrigerator and microwave, and a continental breakfast for \$61 plus tax. While we were there we even got to participate in Patrick Henry's counsel meeting.

What is Access? OEA Access is a group discount program created specially for OEA members. Printed right on your OEA membership card, the Access logo is honored at 100,000 locations, saving you up to 50 percent on purchases you make every day. Learn more about Access by visiting the OEA web page at www.ohea.org. ■

NWOWEA Members Lobby Legislators

On Saturday, March 25, NWOEA members gathered at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center to talk with legislators and political candidates about the funding crisis being faced by Ohio's public schools.



Gary Kapostasy, Findlay, and OEA Director of Governmental Services Diedra Reese discuss legislative policy at the March 25 brunch.



NWOWEA members talk with HD 4 candidate Dennis Shreefer (standing) at the Legislative Brunch. Seated from left at the front tables are: Anthony Wayne EA members Rob Schmidbauer, Bernie McCualsky, Adam Wagner and James Berta. From left at the back table is Jason Apgar (Anthony Wayne), Maurice Reimund (Napoleon) and Black Swamp LRC Marci Reimund.

Policymakers Seek Input from Ohio's National Board Certified Teachers

NBCT Policy Summit to be held November 16, 2006

Up to 600 of Ohio's 2523 National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) are being invited by OEA to meet with policy makers to discuss educating high need students, staffing hard-to-staff schools, and closing all achievement gaps. The conference recognizes the need for state and local policymakers to hear what accomplished teachers have to say about the most vexing teaching and learning challenges confronting public schools. The summit is to be held in Columbus on November 16, 2006 at the Columbus Convention Center. The conference is tentatively scheduled from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM with continental breakfast, lunch and two refreshment breaks provided.

An information website will be available July 1, 2006 at www.ohionbctsummit.org. Registration will be available online beginning August 15, 2006, and participants will also be able to register by mail. If more than 600 NBCTs register the OEA will do their best to accommodate the additional registrants. The OEA is currently investigating funding mileage expenses for summit participants and funding lodging for those who travel 70 miles or more.

The conference is being sponsored by the Ohio Education Association in partnership with The National Education Association, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Center for Teaching Quality, Ohio Educator Standards Board, Ohio Coalition of Board Certified Teachers, Ohio Federation of Teachers, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Board of Regents, Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators, and Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators. ■

NWOWEA 2006 District Service Award



ROXANN HUFFORD: UPPER SANDUSKY EA

Roxann Hufford, a second grade teacher at Union Elementary, began teaching in the district that she still teaches in, Upper Sandusky Schools. Roxann, a member of the NWOEA Awards Committee since 2000 served as the Awards Committee Chair from 2002 to 2005. The fresh, new ideas she brought to the committee have contributed to making the program as good as it is today. When chairing Awards Committee meetings, Roxann was always professional and accepting of other committee member's ideas. As the emcee of the Awards

Banquet she brought a warmth, charm and graciousness that helped make the evening's program a special event for all.

Roxann has always been actively involved in her local Association. She has held the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Crisis Management Team member, Building Representative, Scholarship Team member, Scholarship Fundraiser Chairperson and has served on numerous committees. She has been a delegate to the NWOEA, and OEA Representative Assemblies. She is a Jennings Scholar and currently serves as an LPDC member in her district.

In 1998 Roxann acted as Co-Chair of her Association's new summer community project, the "Upper Sandusky Education Association Craftfest for Kids" held at the local Heritage Festival. Outside of her local she has been active in the Mohawk Athletic Boosters and the Sycamore Summer Fest.

Roxann and her husband Doug are the parents of two grown sons. She enjoys spending time with her grandson, traveling, biking and gardening.

NWOWEA 2006 District Service Award- Retired



ROSE PRUSZYŃSKI: NWOEA-R

Ever since Rose retired from active teaching in 1996 she has been very much involved with Northwestern Ohio Education Association committees. Currently Rose is active on the Credentials Committee, Professional Development Committee, the Awards Committee and NWOEA-R. Rose is considered by her fellow members to be very dependable and responsible with all of her undertakings. Though a very quiet person, she speaks her mind and brings refreshing ideas

to all of the committees that she serves on.

In addition to her NWOEA responsibilities she is a volunteer at The Valentine Theater and also volunteers at the Wildwood Manor House. Since 1999 she has been a Red Cross Volunteer. Other organizations she has volunteered for are the Toledo Opera where she has helped with mailings and fundraisers, the Sylvania Senior Center where she has served trays during meals, and St. Clement's Church where she has helped with mailings. ■

FCPE Contributors Acknowledged at Spring OEA RA

The following people were given awards for their continued donations to the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education:

Michael McClellan, Sylvania EA – Executive Club Award
Joyce Wisbaker, Tiffin EA – Executive Club Award
Roberta Neff, Kenton EA – President Club Award

In the winter newsletter we inadvertently omitted Beth Steager-Burkett, Margaretta TA, Executive Club Award, from the list of FCPE awards presented at the December RA. We apologize to Beth for this oversight. ■

NWEOA AWARDS BANQUET

The NWEOA Awards Banquet was held March 7, 2006 at the Findlay Country Club, with 123 people in attendance. A string ensemble from Lima Senior High School provided music during dinner. Local and District service award recipients, NWEOA Promising Leaders, locals with 100% membership and a local with +5% membership were recognized. Jerry Schlick, Seneca East EA chaired the Awards Committee and emceed the banquet.

2005-2006 Promising Leader Award

The NWEOA Promising Leader Award is presented to a person new to teaching, who within the first five years of NWEOA membership has made significant contributions to the local association.



From left – Cory Smith, Bellevue EA; Janelle Blackburn, Perry EA; Christine Siebeneck, Delphos EA; Kristin Stiffler-Rickel, Seneca East EA; Brian Anders, Lima EA. Not pictured is Stephanie Hoopes, Liberty Center CTA.

Membership Awards

Locals who achieved 100% Membership



From left – Jennifer Long, McComb TA; Michael Jordan, Bath EA; Patty Hill, Liberty Center CTA; John Zang, Margaretta TA.

Local who achieved +5% Membership



Mike Bok, Wayne Trace EA, receives his recognition certificate from NWEOA Vice President Jerry Oberhaus.

Visit the NWEOA Web site at
www.nwoea.org
 to view individual pictures
 of award winners.

2005-2006 Local Service Award

The NWEOA Local Service Award is presented to recognize distinguished service to association work on the local level. Recipients were nominated by their locals.



Front row seated from left – Shelli Jackson, Marimor EA; Pat Kaple, Bath EA; Jamie Hollinger, Liberty Center CTA; Jennifer Hoehn, Perry EA.

Second row standing from left – Stacey Berger, Leipsic EA; Shawna Bechtel, Oak Harbor EA; Dave Foos, Bellevue EA; Robbyne Aller, Seneca East EA; Dwight Dundore, Ayersville EA; Heidi Brodman, Tiffin EA; Rita Dietrich, Bath EA; Lori Ruschau-Will, Lima EA.



Front row seated from left – Joyce Larimore, Delphos EA; Beckie Rader, McComb TEA; Kimm Krehmke, Oak Harbor EA; Pat O'Dwyer, Liberty Center CTA.

Second row standing from left – James Stoll, Perry EA; Carole Zimmerman, Tiffin EA; Kristie Reichert, Ada EA; Jean Smith, Margaretta TA; David Miller, Perry EA; Mike Steidl, Bath EA.

Not pictured Vicki Myers, Margaretta TA; Carol Phillips, Oak Harbor EA; Annette Sin, Wayne Trace EA.

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Melinda King (left), Lima, was the winner of the NWOEA Basket Drawing at the May OEA RA. Presenting the basket to Melinda is NWOEA Secretary Stephanie Braun, Delphos.

Building Representative Training



Increase your knowledge and comfort level with the job of being a Building Representative by attending the NWOEA Building Representative Training session. Annette Kubiske, OEA Labor Relations Consultant from the Northwest Phoenix Service Council, will be the presenter.

We all know that Building Representatives are the backbone of our organization. They are the first line of contact and the focal point for all association related information. As the Association leader in the building they are a resource for contractual and school-level concerns or questions.

Date: Tuesday, August 8

Location: University of Findlay Student Union
South Half Multi-Purpose Room

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 AM

Program: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Lunch: 12:00 PM – Italian Buffet

A Building Representative fulfills many leadership roles including:

- ✗ Represent constituents of their building
- ✗ Communicate with members
- ✗ Involve members in union activity, especially new teachers
- ✗ Communicate and carry out local Association policies
- ✗ Distribute and post Association materials
- ✗ Enforce the contract

Please complete the registration form and return to the NWOEA Center, 101 West Sandusky St., Suite 302, Findlay, OH 45840.

You may also register online at www.nwoea.org.

Name _____ Local Association _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Will you be staying for lunch (please circle) yes no

The registration deadline is July 31, 2006