

It's time to get actively involved in OSBA.



*Call for Region
Offices and Committees*

Deadline: July 17, 2009

**You must reapply if you currently serve on a
committee and would like to serve on the same committee.**

*OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members
and the diverse districts they represent through superior service and creative solutions.*



A message from your OSBA president Tawana Lynn Keels

Board members sought for regional offices and committee assignments

Do you have the desire to:

- become more actively involved in OSBA?
- increase and enhance your interaction with board members from other school districts?
- represent your fellow board members and your school district at region and state events?
- provide valuable input to OSBA on important region and state issues?
- assist in planning association activities?
- improve your own awareness and understanding of public education's "big picture"?
- assist fellow board members?

If these topics appeal to you, consider running for an OSBA office or committee. Every board member has the opportunity to nominate one or more members (including themselves) to an OSBA statewide and/or region governance committee.

Region offices to be filled include: president-elect, executive committee member and representative to the OSBA Board of Trustees. There are open seats on several region committees, including the Arrangements and Hospitality Committees.

Opportunities to serve on OSBA statewide committees also may be available. Please indicate your interest in serving on the attached nomination form.

In addition, other organizations approach OSBA throughout the year for board members to serve on various committees. Please indicate on the nomination form if you would be willing to serve on such a statewide committee.

OSBA is looking for energetic, enthusiastic board members who want to improve themselves, their region and Ohio's education community.

OSBA's strength lies in its diverse membership and the multitude of talents and perspectives that those members bring to the table. This is an opportunity for school board members to work collaboratively in support of Ohio's public schools.

Use the enclosed form (pages 7-8) to apply. Direct any questions regarding region offices and committee appointments to your region secretary. **A reminder: if you serve on a 2009 committee and would like to continue serving in 2010, you must submit a nomination form.**

Please include this item on your board's agenda for June or July. And remember, the deadline is July 17!



A call for nominations from your region president

The executive committee of your Ohio School Boards Association region would like to invite all board members in the region to submit nominations for various elected offices and appointed committees within the association. This is your opportunity to increase your interaction with board members from other local school districts and represent your fellow board members and school district at region and state events and meetings.

Each member board or board member may nominate one or more members for consideration by the region's nominating committee. Current executive committee members also should complete this form if they are interested in serving on any committees or if their term on the region executive committee is expiring and they want to run again. The deadline for nominations is July 17. Each region nominating committee will then develop a slate of candidates for the existing vacancies, and positions will be filled in accordance with region bylaws.

Board members should feel free to nominate themselves, providing they have the nomination form signed by another member of their board.

If you or a member of your board is willing, capable and qualified to serve the region in one of many capacities, please complete the enclosed nomination form (pages 7-8). Also enclosed (pages 4-6) are descriptions of the OSBA committees. It should be understood that all nominations may not necessarily be placed on the ballot, but names received will be used as committee appointments if a vacancy occurs.

Region offices that will be included in the annual vote this year are:

- President-elect (one-year term)
- Executive committee members (two-year terms)
- Representatives to the OSBA Board of Trustees (two-year terms)

This is an excellent opportunity to help make OSBA an even more effective advocate for public education. It also provides an avenue for you to learn and grow as a school board member, and through that, better serve the students of your district.

If there are any questions concerning this procedure, please feel free to contact your region secretary (see page 3).

Sincerely,

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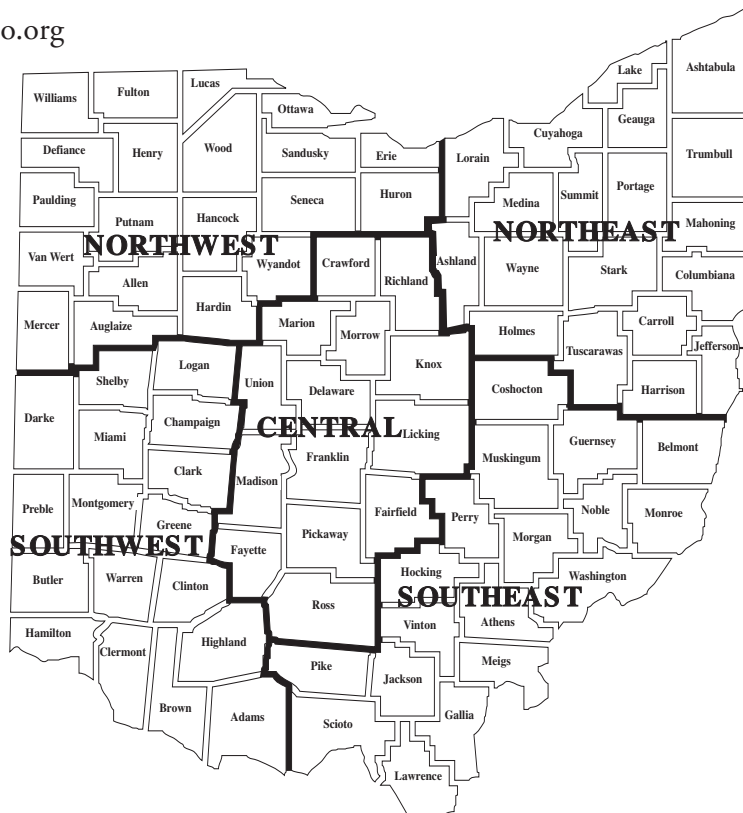
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**Return the official entry form to
your region secretary by July 17.**





OSBA committees requiring nominations

The following are general descriptions of OSBA's state and regional governance committees.

Committees that operate at the state level

Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees

OSBA's Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees serves as the governing body of the association between meetings of the Board of Trustees, and conducts any business as needed.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees consists of:

- the president,
- the president-elect,
- the immediate past president,
- five (5) other members, one appointed by and from each regional executive committee.

If a vacancy occurs and the OSBA Constitution does not have a provision for succession, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a successor from the same region as the outgoing member.

The Executive Committee meets prior to the three regular meetings of the Board of Trustees. Additional meetings are normally held in November and December. The Executive Committee occasionally conducts business between meetings by conference call. The five (5) region members must be members of the Board of Trustees for at least one (1) year before serving on the Executive Committee. Committee members are reimbursed for roundtrip mileage for travel to scheduled meetings; meals and lodging expenses are paid by OSBA if an overnight stay is required.

Board of Trustees

The OSBA Board of Trustees has general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the association. It has full power and it shall be its duty to carry out the purposes of the association according to the OSBA Constitution.

The Board of Trustees consists of the officers of the association, the presidents of the five regional associations, one representative each from the six districts in the state of Ohio with the largest pupil enrollment, together with no less than fourteen (14) nor more than sixteen (16) other persons. The phrase "largest pupil enrollment" means all pupils regularly enrolled in the district, plus all students enrolled in community schools sponsored by the district board of education. Data for this determination shall be taken from the Ohio Department of Education Average Daily Membership Report for the school year that ends six months prior to the beginning of an OSBA membership year. The executive director and regional secretaries serve on the Board of Trustees in an ex-officio capacity.

The Board of Trustees meets three times a year, usually in January, May and September. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the president or on the written request of five (5) members of the Board of Trustees. Thirteen (13) regular members of the Board of Trustees constitute a quorum. Trustees are reimbursed for roundtrip mileage for travel to scheduled meetings; a meal is provided at the meeting.

Legislative Platform Committee (LPC)

The purpose of the Legislative Platform Committee (LPC) is to develop a recommended legislative platform for consideration by the OSBA Delegate Assembly. Annually, the LPC reviews resolutions submitted by member boards of education to amend the OSBA Legislative Platform and makes recommendations to the Delegate Assembly accordingly.

The LPC consists of 25 school board members, five appointed by each regional executive committee from its membership. In

appointing representatives to the LPC, regional executive committees shall give careful consideration to balance and diversity in the types of school districts represented. Members of the Executive Committee serve in an ex-officio capacity.

The LPC meets annually in August and is chaired by the OSBA president-elect. LPC members are reimbursed for roundtrip mileage for travel to the August meeting.

Rules Committee

The Rules Committee is responsible for reviewing the proposed rules for OSBA's annual business meeting and recommending appropriate changes, if any, to the Delegate Assembly for adoption. The Rules Committee consists of one school board member appointed by each of OSBA's five regional executive committees. The committee meets once prior to August by conference call and once during the Capital Conference. All expenses for attending Capital Conference are borne by the Rules Committee members' school districts.

Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee is responsible for approving delegate credentials and giving a quorum report to the Delegate Assembly prior to their annual meeting. The Credentials Committee consists of one school board member appointed by each of OSBA's five regional executive committees. The committee meets during the Capital Conference prior to the annual meeting. All expenses for attending Capital Conference are borne by the Credentials Committee members' school districts.

Capital Conference Planning Committee

The Capital Conference Planning Committee plans the annual November conference. The committee consists of the OSBA president, OSBA president-elect, OSBA immediate past president, five regional presidents, five regional presidents-elect, five regional secretaries, as well as representatives from the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Ohio Department of Education. The OSBA president chairs the committee. The full committee meets once per year, usually in January. A smaller work committee meets once per year, usually in May. Committee members are reimbursed for roundtrip mileage for travel to scheduled meetings.

Committees that operate at the regional level

Arrangements and Hospitality Committee

The Arrangements and Hospitality Committee members assist the regional secretaries at the Capital Conference and regional events, and serve as regional liaisons at the Capital Conference's Regional Resource Center. The committee consists of a minimum of five (5) appointed school board members from each region by the regional executive committee. Expenses for attending Capital Conference are borne by the Arrangements and Hospitality Committee members' school districts.

Regional Committees and Appointments

The governing body of each region is comprised of regional officers; members elected to the regional executive committee, with the number to be determined by the region; and OSBA Trustees from the region, with the number to be determined by the OSBA Executive Committee in accordance with the OSBA Constitution.

Regional Executive Committee

The regional executive committee determines policy for the region and plans programs and activities designed to carry out the purposes of the organization. The regional executive committee holds at least three (3) regular meetings per year; additional meetings may be called by the region president.

Regional Nominating Committee

The regional nominating committee reviews the nomination materials from candidates who are interested in running for regional office. The committee, chaired by the region's immediate past president, prepares a slate of candidates to present for voting at the region's annual fall conference.

All-Ohio School Board Award Review Committee

Each region's All-Ohio School Board Award Review Committee is responsible for reviewing the region's nominations for the respective year and selecting the region's award recipient.

National School Boards Association (NSBA) School Board Member National Recognition Program Review Committee

Each region's NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program Review Committee is responsible for reviewing the region's nominations for the respective year and selecting up to seven (7) award recipients.

Statewide committees requiring appointments

(Note: Currently there are no vacancies on these committees. Please complete a nomination form if you would like to be considered if a position becomes available.)

Audit Committee

The primary purpose of the committee is to oversee the annual financial statement audit of OSBA and its subsidiary. In doing so, the committee is charged with the goal of ensuring integrity and quality of accounting practices, financial reporting, disclosure and internal controls. The committee is comprised of up to twelve (12) members and alternates:

- a chairperson, appointed by a majority vote of OSBA's executive committee;
- one committee member from each of OSBA's five (5) regions;
- up to one alternate member from each of OSBA's five (5) regions (the position may be left unfilled); and
- one committee member at large.

Audit Committee members and alternates are elected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the chairperson. Members and alternates shall serve two-year terms. Members and alternates from the same region shall serve concurrent terms. No more than two (2) voting members shall serve concurrently on the Audit and Executive Committees.

All members and alternates shall have a basic familiarity with financial reports. The committee meets three times each year. Members are reimbursed for roundtrip mileage to attend committee meetings.

Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT)

The purpose of SALT is to encourage and assist school boards to focus on improving student achievement. Vacancies on the SALT are filled by a vote of the remaining members, giving due regard to maintaining geographic and district size balance. The OSBA executive director appoints a team of staff members to support the efforts of SALT. Meetings are held three times per year. Members are reimbursed for roundtrip mileage to attend scheduled meetings.

Other opportunities to serve OSBA

OSBA Ambassadors for Education Program

OSBA is in the early stages of creating an Ambassadors for Education Program to spread the good news about Ohio public education and OSBA activities. Ambassadors may participate in regional events, seminars, meetings and other activities. They also may be asked to participate in local school board meetings on behalf of the association.

Please indicate on the nomination form if you would like to become an ambassador and your availability for service.

OSBA Mentor Program

OSBA is creating a mentor program for board members. The goal of the program is to provide support and assistance to newly elected and appointed board members throughout the state to ensure success at the local level. Mentors will be available to help fellow board members through challenging situations, or to serve as a sounding board for new ideas. Mentors should be highly accessible.

Please indicate on the nomination form if you would like to become a mentor, noting areas of expertise.

Would the nominee be willing to serve on another organization's statewide committee? _____

Nominee's availability _____

Nominee's area of expertise _____

List education-related conferences, workshops and meetings nominee has attended during the last two years.

Does nominee take an active role in other school activities? If so, what?

What is nominee's strongest area? _____

Give an example _____

List civic organizations of which nominee is a member _____

List professional organizations of which nominee is a member _____

Name of board member making or endorsing nomination _____

Signature of nominee _____

To be completed by OSBA region secretary:

Date received _____ Criteria met _____ To committee _____

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Don't miss these upcoming workshops and events

OSBA will be holding numerous events this fall, both in Columbus and in your region. Fall kicks off with legal and legislative workshops before coming to your area for Treasurers' Clinics and region fall conferences. And, the OSBA Capital Conference will be Nov. 8-11 in Columbus. Below is a list of upcoming events:

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| Aug. 6 — Back to School: Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop, Independence | Sept. 24 — Southeast Region Fall Conference, Logan |
| Aug. 10 — Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar, Columbus | Sept. 30 — Central Region Fall Conference, Columbus |
| Aug. 13 — Back to School: Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop, Columbus | Oct. 1 — Northwest Region Fall Conference, Bowling Green |
| Sept. 2 — Treasurers' Clinic, Athens | Oct. 7 — Northeast Region Fall Conference, Akron |
| Sept. 9 — Treasurers' Clinic, Rootstown | Oct. 8 — Southwest Region Fall Conference, Cincinnati |
| Sept. 10 — Treasurers' Clinic, Perrysburg | Nov. 8-11 — OSBA Capital Conference, Columbus |
| Sept. 16 — Treasurers' Clinic, Wilmington | |
| Sept. 17 — Treasurers' Clinic, Columbus | |

To register for a workshop or learn more about OSBA events, visit www.osba-ohio.org.