

**OEA February Board of Directors Report**  
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As always if you have any questions or concerns or if there is anything, I can do to assist you, please contact me at 330-495-2318 or at [Cskinsey@aol.com](mailto:Cskinsey@aol.com)

The OEA Board of Directors held their semiannual Board Retreat February 19th and 20th concluding with the BOD meeting on February 21st. This was all conducted via Zoom.

I would like to point out the “Takeaways” from the weekend which include;

**Takeaways:**

1. We are being proactive in making certain that the learning gaps experienced by students in the pandemic are addressed through properly resourcing schools to ensure those needs are met.
2. Our board is focused on ensuring OEA is making progress on its four strategic priorities.
3. OEA Standing Committees continue to do important work on behalf of our members. Our committee members report a high degree of satisfaction with the work and its implementation.

Please note the “Asks” which we are encouraging every member, especially retirees, to participate in:

**Asks:**

1. Promote our three endorsed candidates for the STRS retirement board:
  - Carol Correthers for the active educator seat and Rita Walters and Bob Stein for the retired seats. Protect your pension – make sure that highly trained and dependable people are there to ensure that STRS continues its funding progress. All of the STRS Board races are contested and these OEA endorsed member candidates have a strong background in coursework and trainings regarding pension systems plus each is currently serving on the Board. The election will be held between April 1 and May 1.
2. Ask members to contact legislators on school funding, testing and report cards.

Board action, which included retired members were the appointments by the OEA President to Congressional Contact teams cited below. Six OEA-R members were appointed to four different CCTs. Three - Mary McGriff, John Matune, and Carol Kinsey will serve as Chairs for their teams. Three others - Delores Rome-Hudson, Marsh Buckley, and Tom Moscovic will serve as team members.

Note OEA-R dues were established for the 2021-2022 year at the current level.

The recommendations of the Executive Director to hire Tara Reynolds-Bales as the Region 3 Director and Jay Riggs for an LRC position in the Westerville Office were approved.

Both the OASU and PSU will be bargaining this Spring and the Board elected members to the ad hoc bargaining team.

**OEA Board of Directors  
February 21, 2021 – Via Zoom  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

1. Seated the following alternates at this meeting: Jim Templeton representing Central-1, Julie Holderbaum representing ECOEA-1, Rob McFee representing NEOEA-1, and Mike Fortman representing SWOEA-1.
2. Approved the President's recommendations:
  - Accepted the resignation of Tom McOwen from the Board of Directors SWOEA-1 position, effective February 3, 2021, with an unexpired term ending July 14, 2021.
  - The appointment of the following individuals to the Affiliate Grant Oversight Committee: Mark Hill - Chair, Jayce Coney-Lacy, Larry Ellis, Denise Hermetz, Linna Jordan, Mary Kennedy, Jason Scherer.
  - The appointment of the following individuals to the Retirement Systems Training and Funding Committee: Jeff Wensing – Chair, Melinda Campbell, Jennifer Hein, Arthur Lard, Carol Nance.
  - Adopted modifications to the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Board of Directors meeting calendars and adopted the 2022-2023 Board meeting calendar.
  - Adopted the Proposed Resolutions for Consideration by the Board of Directors of the Ohio Education Association. (Applicable Plans – 401(k), Management Defined Benefit, Union Defined Benefit).
  - Congressional Contact Team appointments for a term of January 31, 2021 – December 21, 2022
3. Accepted the financial reports for January 31, 2021.
4. Set the 2021 - 2022 Aspiring Educator dues at \$0.
5. Set the 2021-2022 annual OEA-Retired dues at \$25 and the OEA-Retired Life dues at \$150.
6. Approved the Executive Director's recommendation for hire of UniServ Labor Relations Consultant, Westerville (CAR Leadership Council).
7. Approved the Executive Director's recommendations for hire of Regional Director, Region 3.
8. Placed Proposal 1 on the ballot at the OEA Spring Representative Assembly to amend OEA Constitution Article V, Section 1(a) to increase Education Support Professional representation on the OEA Board of Directors.
9. Approved the recommendation to present the OEA Education Support Professional of the Year Award to Karen Wright of the Wellington Schools Support Professionals.
10. Elected the following Board members to the ad hoc Bargaining Committee: M.J. Burkett, Denise Hermetz, Tamika Moss, and Alice Sneed.