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OEA-R NEWSLINE Winter 2018 Edition

MISSION STATEMENT

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OEA-R ELECTIONS

The following OEA-R statewide officer positions are for three-year terms, 7/15/2018-7/14/2021

Chair Vice Chair Secretary

The following OEA-R Advisory Council district positions are for three-year terms

7/15/2018-7/14/2021

Capital EOEA NCOEA NWOEA

The following OEA-R Advisory Council district positions to fill the vacant position for the current term, 9/01/2017-7/14/2020

ECOEA

NEA-R Election

Delegate to the 2018 NEA-R Annual Meeting and the 2018 NEA Convention in Minneapolis

Declaration of Candidacy forms for the above are available from Carol Price, pricec@ohea.org or by calling 1-800-282-1500. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2018.

OEA-R APPOINTMENTS

The OEA-R Advisory Council will make the following OEA-R appointments this spring. Each is for a three-year term 7/15/2018-7/14/2021

Newsletter Editor

OEA-R Representative on the Collective Bargaining and Member Advocacy Committee

OEA-R Representative on the Local Development and Training Committee

OEA-R Representative on the Organizing Strategy Committee

Letters of intent listing qualifications and reasons for serving are needed for each appointed position. Letters should be sent to John Hoyes, Chair jhoyes@columbus.rr.com and Bill Sears, Vice Chair wsears1109@aol.com. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2018.

OEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The OEA-R FCPE Committee has established three priority goals for this year. They are: (1) to increase OEA-R participation in OEA FCPE activities including attending Lobby Days and participating on various appropriate screening committees (2) to increase the number of OEA-R contributors to OEA FCPE and (3) to increase the amount of contributions by OEA-R members

to OEA FCPE. OEA-R is on our way to accomplishing those goals.

OEA-R is entitled to one Representative on each of the 99 House District Committees. For the cycle, ending December 31, 2017 only 23 out of 99 appointments were filed with OEA Government Relations. For the new cycle beginning January 1, 2018, 75 appointments have been made as of December 1. OEA-R District Representatives on the Advisory Council continue to fill the remaining vacancies prior to screenings, which will take place in the spring and summer. It is imperative that each retiree who agreed to serve on a House District Committee participates in the screenings to add a retiree voice and perspective. Additionally the OEA President has appointed 15 OEA-R members to 16 Congressional Contact Teams. They are: Karen Andermills, Marsh Buckley, Barb Calton, Sue Cramer, Mike Dossie, Warren Hershberger, Carol Kinsey, Mary McGriff, Tom Moscovic, Deloris Rome-Hudson, Lee Schreiner, Roberta Tevis, Don Traxler, Randy Turner and Rita Walters. Carol, Sue, Randy, and Rita serve as Chairs of their CCT. District Presidents are currently appointing their District Screening Council members for two-year terms and that participation rate will be available after January 31.

Combining contributions during the OEA-R Delegate Assembly and the OEA RA, OEA-R delegates contributed a total of \$4213.00 for a \$91.58 per delegate contribution rate. For the year September, 1 2016-August 31, 2017 records show 107 OEA-R contributors and \$12,844.07. OEA-R has 9274 members. For 9/1/16 to 11/30/16 records show 63 contributors for \$3155.00. The same time frame for this current year shows 88 contributors for \$4651.00. From September 1, 2017 through December 4, 2017 91 OEA-R members have raised a total of \$5446. Contributions can be made online by going to www.ohea.org and clicking on DONATE or at any District event or at any Uniserv Office. Please continue to help elect pro public education officials.

At the OEA Representative Assembly on December 2, three OEA-R members were recognized for achieving the Hall of Fame Contribution level of \$6000 Total. They are: Kathleen Green, Margaret Ham, and Rita Walters. Also at the RA, OEA-R member Bill Dorsey was the winner of \$500 in the FCPE drawing that he generously donated back to the FCPE Fund.

To date, we are on track to meet our goals. ALL OEA-R members are encouraged to become more informed and involved in political action to help us be more successful. *Submitted by OEA-R Alternate to FCPE State Council Carol Kinsey*

STRS

To keep up with the latest news from STRS Ohio, visit www.strsoh.org and check out the News section. To receive email news updates, simply log in to your online personal account and provide your email address in your communication preferences. If you have any questions, you can call STRS Ohio toll-free at 888-227-7877 and a member services representative will be happy to help.

Submitted by STRS Observer Rita Walters

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STRS 1-888-227-7877 or www.strsoh.org

SERS 1-800-878-5853 or www.ohsers.org

OPERS 1-800-222-7377 or www.opers.org

DISTRICT REPORTS

CAPITAL: The Capital District is planning two big trips for 2018. We will journey by motor coach and Amtrak to see the historic sights in Boston and Philadelphia, July 9-14. The second tour takes us by motor coach to Niagara Falls from October 4-6, with accommodations at the Seneca Resort and Casino Hotel. We are excited to offer two major trips during 2018.

Submitted by District Representative Jeff Corbin

CENTRAL: Central OEA/NEA Retired has gotten off to a great start this year. The Intergenerational mentoring program is off to a huge start. With more student members we need more retired mentors at both OSU and OU/Lancaster campuses. What an exciting challenge! We've visited a busy market and a castle and look forward to learning about social justice issues and meeting an author. For more information about our group, please contact me at binegm@aol.com.

Submitted by District Representative Mary Binegar

EAST CENTRAL: The ECOEA President has appointed Carol Roger as our ECOEA-R Representative to fill the current vacancy on the OEA-R Advisory Council. Carol looks forward to representing ECOEA-R members and is eager to begin serving. ECOEA-R members will have the opportunity to vote for her continued representation during OEA-R voting in March. Please **SAVE THE**

DATE of Wednesday, August 15, 2018 for the Annual ECOEA-R "Not Back to School Lunch" which is held at 11:30 a.m. at Mulligan's Restaurant in Canton. All ECOEA-R members and guests are welcome to attend. RSVPs are necessary and more information will be coming later.

Submitted by ECOEA-R Member and Board of Directors Representative Carol Kinsey

EOEA: EOEA-R continues to have its monthly luncheons in Zanesville. We have been busy trying to secure retirees to volunteer to serve on the screening committees for House Districts 72, 96, 95 and 97. It is difficult to contact people. Getting them to say yes is even more difficult. EOEA-R had two representatives at the SEOEA-R Fall Luncheon. It was a worthwhile meeting. We had great sessions and entertainment. Well done to Christine McVicar and others planning.

Submitted by District Representative Rita Walters

NCOEA: Our members were involved with the New Educator Grant. Phone calls were made to new educators in the NCOEA district. We gathered information on how OEA and retired members can support and be of help to them.

Three members, Becky Mayer, Chris Swank and Judy Novak attended the NEA Representative Assembly in Boston. Seven members attended the OEA-R Fall Conference in September.

Our 2nd annual NCOEA-R "Not Back to School" Brunch was held August 15 at the IHOP in Ontario. On October 24 we met at the Tin Can Chandelier Art Studio in Ashland. Our members enjoyed an afternoon painting a fall watercolor. Pat Edwards, a retired teacher led the class. Our holiday meeting was held December 6 at the Blueberry Patch in Lexington. We enjoyed lunch and shopped for gifts and wine.

Submitted by District Representative Judy Novak

NWEOA: NWEOA-R Retired Committee has scheduled their Pre-Retirement Workshop for active members on March 21. It will be held at the Findlay Hancock Public Library from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The three speakers will discuss the latest STRS information, investment information, and the legal issues of retirement. The workshop is sponsored by NWEOA District.

The NWEOA-R Advisory Council Rep. is working with district LRC's to make sure the new educators have their data cards turned in to OEA's data base to better serve

their support needs. The A.C. Rep. Is assisting with the Shopping Spree fundraiser at the OEA RA this fall and traveling to NW District Leadership Councils to discuss retirement issues and the March pre-retirement workshop.

Submitted by District Representative Sue Cramer

SWOEA: SWOEA-R has gotten off to a great start this year with activities scheduled for retirees. Our first outing is the Antiques Christmas at the Taft Museum of Art scheduled on December 12 starting with a lunch at the museum followed by a tour. Our next scheduled activity is a Pre-Retirement Seminar on March 13. Then on April 24, we have a speaker coming to present about Road Scholar on the various trips available that members might be interested in participating. We will be having a General SWOEA-R meeting on May 15 at which time we will have election of officers.

Submitted by District Representative Judy Buschle

WEOA: WEOA-R members have been very generous this year contributing to FCPE, Artemis Shelter for Domestic Violence, Daybreak Shelter, and the Portage County DD unit on strike.

Spring programs include Montgomery County Environmental Learning Center, Dayton Masonic Center, and the new Dayton Public Library. Major emphasis will be on co-hosting the OEA-R Spring Conference along with SWOEA-R at Carillon Park in Dayton. Registration will begin at 9:40 a.m. and activities conclude by 2:15 p.m. when attendees are free to explore the park.

WEOA-R members serve on all WEOA committees and three members attend all Uniserv Leadership Councils in WEOA.

Submitted by District Representative Phil Long

ARA Report

A Newsletter called "Aware"--Activists Working to Advance Retiree Education--can be received by sending your address to mrsecond@yahoo.com. In the newsletter, were the voting records of the US House of Representatives in 2016 and a list of ten key votes selected as representative of the votes of critical importance to retirees taken by the U.S House of Representatives.

Submitted by Marilyn Allen

2OEA-R STATEWIDE SPRING CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Carillon Historical Park 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH 45409

CELEBRATING RETIREMENT

Registration: 9:40-10:15 Ending Time: 2:15

STRS/SERS Presentation, Activities, Lunch

Sponsored by SWOEA & WOEa Districts

Judy Buschle and Phil Long OEA-R Advisory Council Reps

Contact Information: judybuschle@aol.com palciv13@gmail.com

For accommodations contact: Marriott or Courtyard

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