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We believe in:

- Promoting research in educational leadership
- Providing information about educational leadership to university officials, governing boards, legislators, and the public.
- Establishing communities for collegial interaction on matters of program development and review.
- Studying needed legislation which will further the practices of professional educational leadership.

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"All of us are smarter than one of us..."

Those words were spoken to me many years ago by one of my mentors. I have never forgotten them. As I write this column for OCPEA members and potential members, those words seem even more relevant than ever.

The field of educational administration, as I see it, is at a crossroads. The field has changed dramatically over the past few years with increased pressure for school administrators to serve as curriculum gurus, managers, and spiritual leaders. School administration preparation programs are under pressure to provide masters degree programs that

provide the ways and means for graduate students to become extraordinary leaders.

OCPEA membership can provide the cohesive voice that aids this entire profession of professors to network, collaborate and form policy that is relevant and meaningful to a new world of standards based reform. I urge you to join The Ohio Council of Professors of Educational Administration.

All of us are indeed smarter than one of us.

Carol Engler, OCPEA President

OCPEA: On The Move!

In April 2005, representatives from the 22 institutions that prepare school leaders in Ohio met to develop an organization to bring professors of educational leadership together for program improvement, collegiality, the sharing of ideas, and to have a collective voice for those institutions in matters of school leadership preparation. Later that summer, the Ohio Council of Professors of Educational Administration (OCPEA) became the first state start-up organization to become a state affiliate of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA).

The purpose of OCPEA was developed and categorized in three major areas: 1) the sharing of issues and human resources; 2) public policy; and 3)

developing and utilizing partnerships and networks. The organization hopes to establish trust and collegiality among professors and institutions, in order to move the focus to program improvement for all institutions.

Educating School Leaders (2005) was a national study by Arthur Levine, then-president of Teachers College, Columbia University, that was highly critical of educational leadership programs around the country. In response, on September 27-28, 2005, the University of Dayton, Wright State University, the University of Cincinnati, and the Ohio Council of Professors of Educational Administration, with an initial grant from the Ohio Department of Education, joined forces to host a statewide conversation regarding the Levine report and how Ohio institutions might move forward with changes and improvements. (Continued on p. 2)



OCPEA: On The Move!

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The final session of the “Levine Conference” was an opportunity to discuss the presentations and ideas brought forward, with a chance for conference attendees to offer ideas and suggestions for next steps for future policy and administrator preparation practice. The main ideas that surfaced were:

- More discussion is needed among stakeholder groups in Ohio that deal with school leadership;
- Consider developing superintendent standards, to go with the new Ohio standards for principals, teachers, and professional development;
- The principal internship needs to be developed and strengthened;
- How to deal with the problem of recruitment and selection into leadership programs (should Ohio’s programs include the development of teacher-leaders as well as school leaders?);
- Ohio needs clarification due to the current environment of multiple standards for principal preparation (new Ohio standards, ISLLC, ELLC, and where does NCATE fit in?); and,
- The difficult question of how do we evaluate the preparation programs?

In March 2006, OCPEA Board Members will meet with Marilyn Troyer of the Ohio Department of Education to discuss the new Ohio Standards and the subsequent roll-out of those standards.

Ashland University hosts the first OCPEA Annual Conference on October 6, 2006, which will be patterned after the “Levine Conference”. The topics for the first OCPEA Conference are:

- Value-added assessment;
- New principal, teacher, and professional development standards;
- NCATE and/or TEAC; and,
- Alternative licensure for principals and superintendents.

The end of the conference will include a session for discussion and the development of ideas and “next steps” in order to move forward with program improvement.

The organization has made some quick moves to become an integral part of education in Ohio, and looks to the future to join other organizations for the good of our students, teachers, and principals in Ohio. OCPEA is on the move!

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*Carol Engler
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Web Site Created: www.cehs.wright.edu/ocpea

Construction on an OCPEA website is nearing completion. Wright State University is the site’s host. The address is: www.cehs.wright.edu/ocpea

Current features on the website include:

- Membership information and forms;
- Annual Conference information and forms

- About OCPEA; and,
- Links to all Ohio institutions offering educational administration programs.

Future features may include a discussion area, conference proceedings, past newsletters, a job postings area, and other relevant web links.

OCPEA Membership Options Detailed

The Ohio Council of Professors of Educational Administration offers several individual membership options as well as an institutional sponsorship option.

Membership is open to all full-time professors in Ohio. The cost for a full-time membership is \$25 per year. Adjunct professors may join for \$20 per year. Retired professors, graduate students, and friends of OCPEA may join at a \$15 annual rate.

In addition to individual membership options, institutional sponsorship is available for Educational Administration Departments. Features of this sponsorship include:

- Annual dues for an institution's OCPEA Board representative are waived;

- Annual dues for an institution's Dean or designate are waived;
- Discounted registration for entire Educational Administration Department at the Annual Conference.

Institutional sponsorships are available for \$100 per year.

An institutional sponsorship does not automatically provide OCPEA individual memberships for departmental faculty (other than the individuals listed in the features above).

All memberships and institutional sponsorship terms begin on November 1 and end on October 31.



"Be the change that you want to see in the world."

Mohandas Gandhi

Annual Conference Plans Revealed

A conference planning committee recently determined the details of the OCPEA's First Annual Conference. The committee consisted of: Jim Allen (Antioch), Carol Engler (Ashland), Grant Hambright (Wright State), Barb Hansen (Muskingum), Lisa Shoaf (John Carroll), and Judy Zimmerman (Bowling Green).

The conference will take place on October 6, 2006 at Redwood Hall on the main campus of Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. Registration begins at 9:30 concurrent with a continental breakfast.

At 10:00, Dr. Susan Zelman from the Ohio Department of Education will present the conference's keynote address. The initial two topic sessions follow the keynote address. Each topic session consists of an overview from OCPEA members and discussion opportunities.

The four topic sessions will focus on:

- Value-added assessment;
- New principal, teacher, and professional development standards;
- NCATE and/or TEAC; and,
- Alternative licensure for principals and superintendents.

A catered lunch begins at noon. From 12:30 until 1:15, there will be an OCPEA Board Meeting. The remaining two topic sessions convene after the board meeting. The planned conference agenda concludes at 3:00.

Advanced registration for the conference is encouraged. The conference fee for current individual members is \$50; institutional sponsorship member fees are \$40; and, non-member fees are \$60.

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Dr. Susan Zelman from the Ohio Department of Education will present the conference's keynote address.

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www.cehs.wright.edu/ocpea

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Registration forms are available on the OCPEA website. Mail completed forms and checks to:

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Make checks payable to OCPEA.

Since membership and sponsorship terms expire at the end of October, the planning committee and the Board wanted to provide conference attendees opportunities to "bundle" their conference registration fees with their 2006-07 OCPEA membership/sponsorship dues.

Detailed below are five different conference/membership bundles:

OCPEA CONFERENCE / MEMBERSHIP BUNDLES

	Includes 2006 Conference Fees and 2006-07 Membership Dues			
	Fees		Dues	Bundle Total
I OCPEA Institutional Sponsor Members	40	+	25	\$65
II Individual OCPEA Members (Full-time Professors)	50	+	25	\$75
III Individual OCPEA Members (Adjunct Professors)	50	+	20	\$70
IV Individual OCPEA Members (graduate students, retired professors, and friends of OCPEA)	50	+	15	\$60
V Current Non-Member, but desires to become an Individual OCPEA Member	60	+	Applicable Membership Rate	\$85 or \$75

2005-06 OCPEA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of a representative from each of the twenty-two colleges/universities that offer educational administration/leadership programs. Listed below are the schools and its representative:

- Akron: Ann Hassenpflug
- Antioch: James Allen
- Ashland: Carol Engler
- Baldwin Wallace: Joe Hruby
- Bowling Green: Judy Zimmerman
- Cincinnati: Ted Zigler
- Cleveland State: Paul Williams
- Dayton: Will Place
- Findlay: Buzz Dyer
- Franciscan: Dan Keenan
- John Carroll: Lisa Shoaf
- Kent State: Anita Veratti
- Malone: Donald Williams
- Miami: Kate Rousenmaniere
- Muskingum: Barb Hansen
- Ohio State: Scott Sweetland
- Ohio U: Aimee Howley
- Toledo: Lloyd Roettger
- Ursuline: Marty Kane
- Wright State: Grant Hambright
- Youngstown State: Bob Beebe
- Xavier: James Booth

Ad Hoc Members:

- Dan Raisch (Member At-Large, Dayton)
- Harold Wilson (State Representative to NCPEA, Ashland)

About Our Organization...

OCPEA's membership consists of professors, adjunct professors, graduate students, retired professors, and supporters of school administration preparation programs across Ohio.

In July 2005, OCPEA became one of six state organizations officially affiliated with the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA).