

OACTE Board of Trustees  
October 25, 2006 Meeting

Attendees: Joanne Arhar, Kent, Bonnie Beach, Ohio Dominican, Donna Cole, Wright State, Marlene Deringer, Otterbein, Dottie Erb, Marietta, Martha Gaustad, Bowling Green, Donna Hanby, Wright State, Martha Hendricks, Wilmington, Philip Ginnetti, Youngstown, Kristien Marovez-Zenkov, Cleveland State, Kaye Martin, Ohio-Lancaster, Pat Nelson, Akron, Frank Pettigrew, Ashland, Michael Smith, Lourdes, Herb Steffy, Heidelberg, Bob Thomas, Conference Planner, Debbie Weber, Shawnee.

Minutes

Martha Hendricks submitted the minutes from the April 2006 Board of Trustees Meeting. Name spellings were corrected. Herb Steffy made a motion to accept the minutes. Frank Pettigrew seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Herb Steffy submitted the annual OACTE Review of Income and Expenses Report and forwarded the report to the secretary. He also submitted the 2005-06 Annual OACTE Financial Report and the current, as of July 1, 2006 financial reports. All dues for 2006 have been paid, and all but eight institutions have paid for 2007, which resulted in a balance of \$7033.89. Pat Nelson made a motion to accept the report. Phil Ginnetti seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

OCTEO Conference Report

Bob Thomas reported that 128 participants pre-registered (up from last spring). Twelve break-out sessions have been scheduled. Next spring the conference will be at the Clarion Dublin—soon to become the Crowne Plaza—and will be held April 3 through 5, a Tuesday through Thursday conference. The conference is moving because of the increase in prices the Marriot will be charging. Trustees had suggestions for promoting higher attendance, including posting the presentation titles on the website, so that faculty members would know that break out sessions would interest them. Also, Bob was asked to post information about the day and location changes (from Wednesday to Friday to Tuesday through Thursday) on the website and in conference materials so people would know.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ohio is well represented in the governance of AACTE, holding four leadership positions. Phil Ginnetti is incoming President of the Advisory Council of State Representatives. Bonnie Beach attended the AACTE Summer Leadership Institute and is running for Member At-Large (so please vote for her). Bonnie is interested in “forging an identity” (articulated by Pat Nelson) for OACTE and making the organization more useful to its members. Referring to a session at which Larry Johnson presented on how to talk to

legislators, Bonnie suggested the OACTE and the other OCTEO groups each sponsor a session during the break out session times: OACTE sponsored sessions, OATE session, SUED-OAPCTE session, and Field Directors forum.

This proposal led to a discussion about OCTEO, OACTE, and et al. Herb Steffy explained that OCTEO (the Ohio Confederation of Teacher Education Organizations) is simply a shell, a name for the collective group that provides the time and place for all of the groups to meet. OCTEO is the vehicle for the different groups to collaborate in planning and delivering the conference. OACTE is the main organization with institutional memberships of all higher education with teacher education in the state belonging and paying dues. OACTE pays whatever bills are not covered by conference registration fees. OATE has individual membership and is an affiliate of ATE; it has K-12 teacher membership in addition to higher education faculty. The Ohio Field Directors Forum is a meeting of people who arrange field experiences and clinical practice for teacher and other candidates. OCTEO used to be only for deans and department chairs, but increasingly people are using the conference for faculty development and as a forum for research. Bonnie will present the idea of having each of the 4 groups sponsoring a session to the planning committee. (There was not enough time at the October 27<sup>th</sup> planning meeting, so she will bring it up at the next planning meeting.)

Bonnie queried members about who receives information from AACTE. For example, Bonnie was very pleased to receive early notice of the Levine Report and of AACTE's response to the report in order to prepare her President who often receives requests from the local press to comment on educational issues. Consensus seems to be that Levine Report is receiving little attention, so no response is a good idea. Secretary of Education Spelling's Report is much more on the national and institutional agendas. Pat Nelson suggested that with regard to the Spelling's Report, teacher education should step forward and offer our knowledge and experience with developing accountability systems.