

OACTE Board of Trustees

March 16, 2011 Meeting

Attendees: Joanne Arhar, Kent; Sally Barnhart, Xavier; Linda Billman, Ashland; Joy Cowdery, Muskingum; Jeannie DeFazio, Walsh; Donna Hanby, Wright State; Charlotte Harris, Wright State; Martha Hendricks, Wilmington; Karen Herrington, Akron; Virginia Keil, Toledo; Paul Madden, Shawnee State; Kathy McVey, Franciscan; Renee Middleton, Ohio; Mif Obach, Mt. St. Joseph; Becky Pissanos, Bowling Green State; Tena Roepke, Ohio Northern; Mike Smith, Lourdes; Ann Shelly, Ashland; Carol Ziegler, Notre Dame College.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the October 13, 2010 Board of Trustee Meeting were distributed and read. Mif Obach made a motion to approve the minutes. Ann Shelly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tena Roepke met with a certified public accountant (CPA) to obtain a set of agreed upon financial procedures with which CPA will review the financial transactions and statements at the end of the financial year. Per the CPA's advice, small, non-profit organizations, such as OACTE and OCTEO, do not need an annual audit, but do need assurance that accepted accounting procedures are being followed. Tena presented the OACTE March 16, 2011 financial report. She explained the income (dues) and expenses and reported the balance on hand as of March 16, 2011 was \$21, 543.29. Tena presented the OCTEO March 16, 2011 financial report. She explained the income (sponsorships, conference registrations, and OACTE reimbursement) and expenses (speaker and conference expenses from the fall 2010 conference and preconference deposit for fall 2011) and reported the balance on hand as of March 16, 2011 was \$3,215.98. Sally Barnhart made a motion to approve the treasurer's reports. Joy Cowdery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Smith explained that he and the responding executive board members approved an expense of \$856.00 to pay the Funbus, transportation to and from the statehouse for Day at the Square. Mike added that a future agenda item for the Board should be to authorize a maximum amount that the President can spend without asking permission of the Board.

Elections of Class of 2014 Trustees

As indicated in the by-paws, past-president Joanne Arhar oversaw the election of new Trustees. Joy Cowdery, chair of the Professional Advancement, sought the nominations. There were four nominations from private institutions and three nominations from public institutions. Class of 2014 Trustees are as follows: Ann Shelly, Ashland; Joy Cowdery, Muskingum; Julie McIntosh, Findlay; and Joanne Arhar, Kent; Ginny Keil, Toledo; Sandra Pech, Kent.

According to the by-laws, the positions of secretary and treasurer are up for election in odd years. Martha Hendricks was nominated for secretary and Tena Roepke was nominated for treasurer. Ann Shelly made a motion to accept the nominees and Renee Middleton seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ann Shelly made a motion to accept the nominees by acclamation. Charlotte Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

At the fall 2010 Board meeting, committees met and set goals for the year. Committee chairs reported on progress.

Ann Shelly, chair of the Advocacy Committee, reported a successful Day at the Square, the main goal of the committee. Approximately twenty people participated. Because of term limits, many legislators are new and need resources and information. The basic message provided to legislators is that OACTE can provide information and research. It was decided to make this event annual, rather than every two years. Also the committee decided to continue holding the day in the spring, since new members are sworn in the January. The committee will continue to develop training materials. Mike thanked Ann for her effort. The Advocacy Committee also has decided to contact the professional organizations for school boards, superintendents, principals, etc. and identify issues of concern to them with the intent of the education community in Ohio speaking with a united voice. OACTE also will make arrangements to meet with the new OBR Chancellor, the Governor's Education Advisor (Bob Sommers), and the new Ohio Department of Education Superintendent and offer our assistance. Ann also will send links to the Ohio Legislature's webpages on financial impacts of proposed bills and the legislative journal.

Joy Cowdery, chair of the Professional Advancement Committee, reported the successful creation and distribution of the call for nominations. The committee also developed criteria for voting, and recruited nominees for the Class of 2014. The committee also plays a major role in planning the OCTEO conference. The last two conferences have had record attendance (200 paid registrations for fall 2010 and 225 paid registrations for spring 2011). The fall conference had a nationally recognized speaker, Charlotte Danielson. The committee also developed criteria for proposal acceptance and designed a new evaluation form. The committee is still working on developing a web-based orientation for new Trustees, led by Linda Billman and Karen Herrington. Joy Cowdery and Donna Hanby agreed to represent OACTE on the conference planning committee next year.

Sandy Stroot, chair of the Inquiry Committee was not able to attend, but sent Mike a message that the committee is working to create an interactive website to share information about research being conducted in the state and innovative practices. Legislators and others could use the site for information. Mike mentioned the fact that AACTE has issued an RFP to support state chapters for up to \$5,000. If we applied and received this grant, then funds could be used to pay someone to build the infrastructure. Joanne Arhar had the idea of proposing funding for a distinguished graduate to talk to congress on our behalf. Mif Obach stated that basic information, such as how many of our graduates stay in Ohio is needed. Becky Pissanos stated that Bowling Green State has an assistant who looks every BG graduate up on the ODE website to see if the graduate found a teaching job in Ohio.

As president, Mike Smith is chair of the Leadership Council. One main goal was to update website and enhance communications, which has been completed. Another goal was to oversee the OACTE award process. (Bob Hite received the award.) Trustees expressed an interest in reviewing the award criteria. Work toward operationalizing the procedures and tasks identified in the new By-laws per and creating a calendar has begun.

Senate Bill 81

Joanne Arhar went with Kent State administration and trustee members to meet with legislators during OACTE's Day at the Square. She was meeting with Senator Tom Sawyer when he asked her opinion about S.B. 81 (the bill enabling Teach for American candidates to legally teach in Ohio) and three amendments he was proposing, regarding qualifications, agreements with existing institutions of higher education and requirements for the teaching of reading. Senator Sawyer asked Joanne to see if she could get endorsement for the substance of the amendments from OACTE. Members had a lengthy discussion about the state of teacher education in Ohio, what message an endorsement would send, and whether or not we can trust those in government to keep their word. Renee Middleton has a good relationship with Senator Sawyer and she planned to telephone him in the evening. Ann Shelly made a motion to approve the substance of the amendments. Charlotte Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried with 16 people in favoring of the motion, 2 people abstaining and 1 person voting against the motion.

On Thursday, the following text was sent in a memo-style letter to Senator Sawyer, both by fax and email.

The Ohio Association of College for Teacher Education (OACTE) is comprised of the 13 state universities and 35 private institutions with educator preparation programs in Ohio. The Board of Trustees met and discussed the three amendments you are proposing for the Teach for America SB 81 legislation. The OACTE Board of Trustees voted to endorse the three amendments.

OACTE has long been committed to holding our education programs to the highest level of accountability, and it is our hope that the Teach for America program will be held to the same level.

We appreciate your understanding of and support for teacher education institutions in Ohio.

OACTE Meeting (formerly Joint SUEP/OAPCTE meeting)

Mike requested agenda items for the Thursday meeting. Agenda items included a report on Day at the Square, discussion about OCTEO registration fees, Senate Bill 81 and the amendments, introduction of Class of 2014 OACTE Trustees, the OACTE response to the US News and World Report/National Council on Teacher Quality and an opinion/editorial piece about Ohio institutions' support for and contribution to the new state metrics.

P-12 Reading Endorsement Requirements Committee

Karen Herrington convened a group of reading experts to review the current and historical document regarding the P-12 Reading Endorsement. This committee was organized at the

request of Tom Bordenkircher because of the state-wide disparity in requirements for the endorsement. Reportedly programs range from the required 12-hour reading core as the Reading Endorsement program to none of the 12-hours in the reading core being accepted as part of the Reading Endorsement. The committee made the following recommendations:

- The 12-hour sequence forms the basis of the P-12 Endorsement, but does not complete the endorsement. The committee recommended an additional 12 hours of coursework that aligns with the modified IRA standards.
- The additional hours can be completed at the post-baccalaureate level or the graduate level, but not at the undergraduate level
- The 100 field hours should continue to be required and they should be distributed across grade levels.
- Continue with the PRAXIS II test 0204.

The committee had further recommendations, including requiring AYA Language Arts to take the 12-hour core, developing a process to provide a credential to Intervention Specialist program completers, and remove license codes for completing the 12-hour core. OBR will distribute the suggestions for comment before having them moving through the appropriate process.

OCTEO Registration Fees

Conference planners determined that the cost of an OCTEO conference, including all three meals is \$133.00 (without a national speaker). The executive committee is considering raising the registration fee to \$125.00 per person. If five or more people came from one institution, the fee would drop to \$100 per person. A late fee of \$25.00 would be assessed for late registration (due to the difficulty with ordering meals). OACTE members felt the increase was reasonable.

AACTE Leadership Academy

In the past OACTE has approved funding for participation at the AACTE Leadership Academy for the president, past-president and president-elect. The cost of the trip has been about \$1200.00. Ann Shelly made a motion to approve funding of up to \$4,000 and leadership could determine how to spend the funding. Renee Middleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.