

The Paper Trail



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The Ohio Bursars
Association

LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS TO SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 14-16, 2003

If you haven't already made reservations, aim high and make plans now to "soar" into Dayton for what promises to be an action-packed, fun-filled Spring Conference. This is a great opportunity for you and your staff to attend a low cost conference to get the answers to your questions. Want to know how to improve your leadership skills in these challenging times? Plan to attend the opening keynote address where Patti Holmes will provide the critical points necessary to become an outstanding leader. Working on e-commerce activities but want to know more? Then plan to attend the sessions offered by Tom Bell-Blackboard, Inc., Jerry Meyer-Provident Bank, Chris Johnson-Bank One and our own esteemed bursar peer panel (Dave Necessary, Sherry Downs, Nancy Colman and Jack Ganz) who will share their first hand stories and perspectives on e-commerce initiatives.

What did you say? You have all of these e-commerce initiatives in place but are now concerned about security? Then don't miss Dan Peterson's presentation on what you need to know *and ask* to protect your institution from fraud and security breaches. Still confused on what's available with college savings plans and tax credits/incentives? How about those ever changing Title IV cash management and disbursement rules? Then Joe Irvine and Jamie Malone's sessions are ones you don't want to miss! Of course our institution-type roundtable discussions are where you can ask a question and receive great information on what your peer institutions are doing.

And yes, I said we would have fun too! Don't forget the pre-conference activities start with our traditional golf outing at Beaver Creek Golf Club. Whether you are an avid golfer, or just a beginner, don't miss a wonderful opportunity to network with your

colleagues. After Tuesday's sessions conclude, we'll board the buses to Carillon Park to stretch our legs and take in some of Dayton's early history and innovations. After the guided tour, we'll enjoy a wonderful catered dinner in the formal Kettering Pavilion by the river. Jazz music will be provided by some of Wright State's own musicians. Then it's back to the hospitality suite where each of us will have the opportunity to see ourselves from a caricature artist's perspective!

Of course the conference concludes with keynote speaker Sally Stroup followed by lunch with our door prize drawings. *Make sure you bring a sweatshirt, Tee shirt or some other item with your institution's logo for the door prize drawing!* **Afterward, meet Sally Stroup up close and personal at the dessert reception sponsored by Student Loan Funding immediately following Wednesday's lunch.** I've already put in a request for great weather, so make sure you're not left out. The "plane" is leaving shortly. Get your ticket now and enjoy all of the OBA activities in Dayton. See you next month!

Steve Sherbet, President-elect

The President's Corner

By Paul Tyler

It looks like my term as President will soon come to an end. I really appreciate the support that you have shown me this past year. This is the last opportunity I have to publicly thank all of you for allowing me to have a very successful and productive term. This organization would not and could not be what it is without all of your support. A special thanks to the Board of Trustees. What a great group of people to be associated with who give their time and efforts for all of us. Thanks to you all.

President's Corner(Continued)

What a great year it has been. Our Web Site is now functional and beginning to look like the spectacular site that we know it can be. There are still a number of

changes and enhancements that will be made in the near future. This is an ongoing process, and I would appreciate any comments you have about the site. (Only positive ones will be accepted! – Just kidding!!) We are anxious to be different and outstanding. Share your innovative ideas.

The recently loaded outline of Ohio with the pins designating our members locations will be fixed in the next couple of weeks ,so that each member or associate member will have their own pin for their location (if located within Ohio).

In addition to the web site improvements, we have a scholarship program that will be unveiled in the Fall for our members. The Nancy Graft Award was created by the Board of Trustees to remember one of our founding members.

These are just two of the projects on our agenda that have matured beyond the idea stage to become reality. Steve Sherbet, President-Elect, and the new Board of Trustees will be following the path that we have started together. Please give him the same support that you have shown me this past year. We have a long way to go, and we can't do it alone. Get involved. Take an active part in making the **Ohio Bursars Association** the best that it can be. We will all be richer because of your participation. So long, but not goodbye!

Places To Go and Things To Do: Professional Development Opportunities For You!

OACUBO Professional Development Workshop

OACUBO (Ohio Association of College and University Business Officers) is offering their 86th annual meeting in Cleveland, April 28-9, 2003. The program theme is "The Celebration of Change". More information can be found by e-mailing admin@oacubo.org.

Spring Business Meeting/ Slate of Officer Candidates

Our spring business meeting will be held at 8:30 A.M. April 17th at Wright State University as part of our annual conference. The following slate of candidates will be voted on at that meeting.

President-Elect: Sherry Downs, Bursar, Ohio University

Treasurer: Deb Jones, Director, Collections Office, University of Cincinnati

Secretary: Nancy Colman, Bursar, Bowling Green State University*

Two Year Community College Representative: Larry Hoffman, Controller, James A. Rhodes State College

Membership Chair: Georgia Gichenko, Associate Bursar, Cleveland State University

*Since Sherry Downs' term as secretary has one year remaining, Nancy will fill the remaining one year term.

Paul Tyler, Ginny Layton, Steve Sherbet, and Dave Necessary will all serve again next year in their elected positions. The vendor representative will be announced at the spring business meeting.

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