



# Between Bursars

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**UPCOMING OBA MEETINGS**

Annual Conference: April 2-4, 2014

Mohican State Park  
Loudonville, OH

The Ohio Bursars Association  
[www.ohiobursars.org](http://www.ohiobursars.org)

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Henry Saas  
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Okay, okay. You want the truth? Can you handle the truth? [Reference the movie *A Few Good Men* with Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson.]

As my time as President of the OBA comes to an end (just over 3 weeks from now), I got to thinking about how I got here. After years as the OBA Board Representative for the 4-year Privates, I thought that the only way off the Board of Trustees was through the Presidency. But there was the huge Spring Conference that took a year to plan and execute as President-Elect. *Could I do it?* Add to that the Board Meetings, General Membership Meetings and Regional Meetings that had to be organized and implemented. *How could I do all of that?* Then there's the OBA website that seems to be in constant need of attention and while I can do some web "stuff," *I didn't know if I could do all that needed to be done.* Oh, yeah, and don't forget about our much needed and appreciated Business Partners. Those relationships needed to be strengthened and nurtured. *I didn't think I could do it.*

And now here's the truth: *I didn't have to do it.* While I found my experience as President to be rewarding, fulfilling, and invaluable, like any great organization it's not about one person or the Board. There are far too many people to thank for the OBA to be a "me" thing and not a

"we" thing. Fortunately for all of us, the OBA *is* a "we" thing. Together, **we** accomplished a lot this past year. **We** had an outstanding Spring Conference, **we** held some difficult and challenging discussions at our General Meetings, and **we** were the beneficiaries of excellent Regional Meetings and an active listserv.

Here is a short list of people who I'd like to thank because they were active participants in our OBA this past year: my staff here at Xavier, the awesome OBA Board of Trustees, our great Business Partners, Deb Jones and Nicole Morgan who oversee our listserv, and all of you who participated in our meetings, attended our annual conference, and/or read/wrote the posts on our listserv.

As you can see, the OBA is **our** OBA. **We** make it or break it together. **We** are better when **we** all get involved, so please consider running for one of our open Board positions. Let's keep up the good work by attending the Spring Conference next month, The Great Escape!

In retrospect, **we** did a fine job this past year; that's also the truth.



*Bursar is a Latin term meaning "official in charge of funds" or "keeper of the purse."*

## OBA 2014 SPRING CONFERENCE

*"The Great Escape"*

April 2-4, 2014

Hosted by North Central State College

Mohican State Park~ Loudonville, Ohio



The OBA 2014 Spring Conference is almost here. This year's theme is **The Great Escape**. Plans are in the final stages thanks to the hard work of Lori McKee from North Central State College. We will be heading up to Mohican State Park Resort for a little change of pace! There are several amazing speakers lined up and during our visit we will also visit the famous home of the *Shawshank Redemption* film, the Mansfield Reformatory. Please go to the website below to check out the agenda and get registered! The deadline for registration is March 26, 2014.

www. <http://ohiobursars.org/2014-conference>



**THE OBA NEEDS YOUR HELP! BECOME INVOLVED.  
IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PAY IT FORWARD, DEVELOP  
NEW FRIENDSHIPS & it is fun!**

**The following positions will become vacant and go up for vote at the Spring Conference in April:**

### **President-Elect:**

The President-Elect is the Chair of the Nominations Committee and is responsible for the Spring Meeting of the OBA. The President-Elect has to present a budget for the upcoming year at the hosted spring conference. This is a 3 Year Term (President-Elect, President, Past President).

### **4-Year Public Trustee:**

The 4-Year Public Representative will facilitate Roundtable Discussions at General Meetings and Conferences for our membership. This is a 2-Year Term.

### **Private College Trustee:**

The Private College Trustee will facilitate Roundtable Discussions at General Meetings and Conferences for our membership. This is a 2-Year Term.

### **Secretary:**

The Secretary will prepare, maintain, and distribute the minutes of the Association meetings and the Board of Trustees meetings. The Secretary will also prepare and distribute notices and correspondence, pertaining to the Association business, as directed by the President. This is a 2-Year Term.

The Board of Trustees meets on a quarterly basis. In the Spring (during spring conference), in the Summer (typically a one day meeting), in the Fall (typically the day before the Fall meeting) and in the Winter.



**OBA BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2013-14**

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**Ohio Bursars Association**  
**24rd Annual Spring Conference**  
**April 2-4, 2014**  
Hosted by North Central State College  
Mohican State Park  
[www.ohiobursars.org](http://www.ohiobursars.org)

**2014 Professional Development Group's**  
28th National College & University Bursars SFS Conference  
for Business Officers, Student Financial Services,  
Administrators, Cashiers and Treasury Managers  
March 30 - April 2, 2014 ~ Las Vegas, NV ~ Green Valley  
Ranch Resort

**2014 OACUBO Annual Meeting & Conference**  
**Leadership in Changing Times**  
Kent State University  
April 27-29, 2014  
[www.oacubo.org](http://www.oacubo.org)

**2014 CACUBO Higher Education Accounting Workshop**  
JW Marriott O'Hare  
May 18-21, 2014 [www.cacubo.org](http://www.cacubo.org)

**2014 NASFAA FSA Conference**  
Music City Center, Nashville, TN  
June 29- July 2, 2014  
[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

*Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best. ~Theodore Issac Rubin*

*Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. ~ Harriet Tubman*

## NEWS CORNER

- Starting in April 2014 the University of Cincinnati is switching from their homegrown/legacy student information system to PeopleSoft/Oracle. Best of luck to the folks from UC during this challenging transition!
- Teresa Schmidt from The Ohio State University was recently hired at the University of Cincinnati to be the Assistant Director of Business Affairs in the Loans and Collections Office after serving five years as Assistant Bursar at OSU. According to Ken Wolterman, this makes the score UC 2 and OSU 0.
- **Gloria Kobus**, director of student accounts and university receivables, was named by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the negotiators who will hammer out new rules for PLUS loans, campus debit cards, state authorization for distance programs and other topics on the administration's second-term regulatory agenda. The negotiated-rulemaking panel will meet several times over the next several months to address a range of regulations for institutions that receive federal student aid and the companies that handle the disbursement of that money. Congratulations to Gloria!



### OBA Member's Only Area Login

Every school is provided with one username to access the OBA **member's only area** upon becoming a member. It is encouraged to share this amongst your immediate staff to reap the benefits of becoming an OBA member. In order to login to the member area to access past meeting and conference presentations, follow the instructions below. If you have forgotten your school's username, contact Kara Dolansky at [dolansk@uakron.edu](mailto:dolansk@uakron.edu) to receive this or if you have forgotten your password, click the "Forgot your password?" link to have it emailed to the contact person listed on file with the OBA. In order to use the "Forgot your username?" link, you will need to know what email address the OBA has listed on file.

1. Go to <http://ohiobursars.org/>
2. Click **Members** and then **Members Area**
3. Enter your school's *username* and *password* in the **Member Login** area to access the restricted pages