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**Upcoming OBA Meetings:**

Type: Webinars  
October 7<sup>th</sup>: Bankruptcy  
October 8<sup>th</sup>: Compliance  
Details at [www.ohiobursars.org](http://www.ohiobursars.org)

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Type: Fall 2014 General Meeting  
Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Doubletree Columbus Worthington  
Details at [www.ohiobursars.org](http://www.ohiobursars.org)

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Lori McKee**  
**Controller**  
**The North Central State College**

Where did summer go? Did we even have a summer? Fall is now upon us and I just heard on the radio that Christmas is less than 100 days away. What!!!!

As I enter my year as serving as your association President, I am very excited about all that the Ohio Bursars Association has going on. Coming off a great spring conference where we welcomed new faces to the Board, the upcoming (October 7 & 8) Webinars that Henry has been planning, the fall meeting (November 7) and the Winter Regional meetings. Least I forget to mention the 2015 Spring Conference (April 29 – May 1) that Stephanie Blausey is busy planning. If you liked the setting of the 2014 Spring Conference at Mohican State Park Resort, you will not want to miss the 2015 Spring Conference that will be held at Maumee State Park Resort.

As stated in the OBA bylaws, the organization exists for the purposes of: to provide a forum for the discussion of common concerns and the interchange of ideas and information of interest to institutions of higher education; to gather and provide information to members on state and federal programs which affect member institutions; to provide an opportunity for common voice and participation in broader concerns of higher education at the state and federal levels; to provide for professional development of its members by promoting conference, seminars and other related educational activities. I would like to encourage each and every member to use the OBA as a tool for gaining knowledge and friendships that can last a lifetime.

As I mentioned earlier, we welcomed new faces to the Board during the Spring Conference. I would like to personally thank Lee Blanton, Julie Starkweather and Sara Giuliani for accepting their positions on the Board. We can only continue to grow stronger as an organization when individuals step out of their comfort zone and participate. With this said, we are currently looking for a Two-Year Public Representative to serve on the Board. With the resignation of our Treasurer, Dionna Prchlick, Georgia Gichenko that was serving as the Two Year Public Representative put her name into the running for the Treasurer position. The Board voted to fill the Treasurer position with Georgia on a temporary basis until our next general meeting, at that time the full membership will need to vote on this appointment.

I hope to see all of your bright and smiling faces in November at the Fall Meeting, at the Regional Meetings, and in April at the 2015 Spring Conference.

In Your Service,  
Lori



## THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Christy Egler

Bursar

The Ohio Dominican University

The OBA welcomes a new school member! **Franklin/Urbana University** is the newest member of the Ohio Bursars Association. Please introduce yourself to [Erika Little](#), and any other folks from Franklin/Urbana, at the Fall meeting.

In other news, we are asking that our current members reach out to non-member schools and businesses and invite them to attend either the Fall General Meeting (Friday, November 7) or one of the winter regional meetings free of charge. Here, they can check us out for the day and see what they are missing. It will also be your chance to “sell” the Ohio Bursars Association to them.

In terms of potential Business Partners, we encourage you to think outside the . Invite those with whom you currently do business: banks, cashiering software companies, auditors, etc. All of these folks are important to the life of the Business Office and their participation in the OBA could be mutually beneficial.

We have an enticing offer to help persuade you to recruit new members: if you bring a non-member school or business representative to one of our meetings **and** that visit leads to membership **before** the spring 2015 Annual Conference, **you**

 will receive a \$25 gift card!

**Woo hoo!**

So in the next few weeks, as you go about your Bursar lives, share the word about the OBA with your business and school contacts and extend an invitation to our fall meeting or one of the Regionals. Direct folks to the website: [www.ohiobursars.org](http://www.ohiobursars.org) and tell them about the great learning and networking opportunities.

Thank you for supporting our OBA in this way!

Christy

## 30 DAY RULE

According to the OBA Bylaws, “business conducted under the 30 Day Rule may only be conducted after the membership has received 30 days advance written notice of the matter prior to the meeting at which the business will be conducted. The following business matters fall under the 30 Day Rule:

◇ Changes in Dues ◇ Assessments ◇ Elections of Officers ◇ Change in Association meeting date(s) ◇ Decision to call an Association meeting ◇ Adoption of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Therefore, please make note that the two items below will be voted on at our next General Meeting in November.

- 1) With the resignation of our Treasurer, Dionna Prchlik, (she retired from higher ed), this position has been temporarily filled by Georgia Gichenko, Assistant Controller at Lakeland Community College. The vote we take will be to retain or not retain Georgia as the OBA Treasurer whose term of office will end in April 2015. “The Treasurer shall serve a two-year term beginning with odd calendar years.” If Georgia is not retained, nominations from the floor will be taken and the President, Lori McKee, will decide who will serve as Treasurer until April 2015. “The nominee shall take office immediately. Elections will be held at the next Association business meeting which complies with the 30 Day Rule. If the nominee is not elected, then the vacancy re-occurs and the nominee may not be re-nominated to fill the vacancy.”
- 2) The Board of Trustees is soliciting you for a panel of nominees who would qualify for the 2-Year Public Representative position on the Board since it has been vacated by Georgia Gichenko (see #1 above). All nominations for the 2-Year Public Representative should be emailed to the OBA President, Lori McKee, prior to the next General Meeting Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Lori’s email address is [lmckee@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:lmckee@ncstatecollege.edu). Lori will notify the membership of the nominees during the business meeting at the November General Meeting and a vote will be taken to fill this position. “The Trustee from a Two-Year Public College shall serve a two-year term beginning

with even calendar years.” And btw...it’s more than okay to nominate yourself.

## BIRTHS

◇ **Jean Thomas**, Controller at **Marion Technical College**, has a new grandson, which makes 2 grandbabies for her now. J Lincoln Bell was born Aug 12<sup>th</sup> to her daughter and her husband, Emily and Corey Bell.



## ANNIVERSARIES

◇ The party is over but... **Cleveland State University** is still celebrating its 50th anniversary! Visit the link <http://www.csuohio.edu/50/timeline.html> to see more pictures like this. Guess who that singer is? She performed at Cleveland State on December 3, 1965. Some of you weren’t born yet.



## ◇ **Union Institute & University Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

2014 marks a milestone in the history of Union Institute & University. The university is celebrating its 50th year of educating adults who seek academic programs that transform lives and communities. The university was founded by ten university presidents who gathered to change the face of higher education, establishing a consortium of colleges and universities called the Union for Research and Experimentation in Higher Education, a forward-facing institution that evolved over the years to become Union Institute & University.

Union Institute & University pioneered many of the concepts now common in higher education, including distance education, individualized self-paced programs, and an abiding commitment to adults seeking transformative education.

Today the university spans the nation, with academic centers in New England, Florida, California, anchored by its headquarters in Cincinnati, serving 2000 students in low residency and online bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs. More than 15,500 highly motivated adults have graduated from its academic programs, having been served by dedicated staff and faculty; all bound by the university’s vision to engage, enlighten, and empower motivated adults in their pursuit of a lifetime of learning and service.

Union alumni have benefitted from Union’s emphasis on social responsibility, impacting all sectors of our society by serving as executives and nonprofit leaders, healthcare and wellness experts, authors and artists, psychologists and counselors, multicultural scholars and clergy, law enforcement officers, and elected officials at all levels, including a long serving congressman and the first female prime minister of Jamaica.

Countless scholars have called Union their academic home and have greatly influenced the field of higher education, including more than 15 graduates who have held the Office of President in numerous institutions of higher education. Union Institute & University commits that in the next 50 years, it will continue to challenge minds, touch hearts, and transform the lives of adults who view learning as a lifetime adventure and commitment to be shared with the world around them. For more information about Union Institute & University, visit <https://www.myunion.edu/>.

## NEW HIRES

◇ Thee **John Carroll University** has a new Assistant Bursar, **Annette Szalay**. She is an accountant and has worked in city government (Shaker Heights, Ohio) and higher education at Thee Lakeland Community College. She is a graduate of Thee Wheeling College. Welcome to Bursarland, Annette!

◇ **Lakeland Community College** has two new Student Accounts Receivable staff who started July 16<sup>th</sup>, made it through the first large check run for Fall, and came back to work the following week still smiling. **Michael Cooper** and **Linda Skala** both attended Lakeland Community College and then went on to earn bachelor's degrees as well. Life is good when new staff return after Fall craziness.

#### NEW MEMBERS

◇ **Erika Little** is the Business Office Supervisor at **Franklin University**. Franklin is a new member of the OBA this year and Erika will be representing Franklin University and **Urbana University**. Erika is interested in volunteering with CASA this fall and her one and only very chunky baby, Aaron Jr., turned 1 on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. ☺ Welcome, Erika!

#### PROMOTIONS

◇ Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, **Carinna Butters** was promoted from Collection Coordinator to Assistant Bursar of Collections at **The Ohio State University**. Carinna brings over 13 years of collections experience from National Revenue Corp., McCarthy, Burgess & Wolff, and The Ohio State University. She has been employed in the Bursar's Office since December of 2012 as the Coordinator of Collections.

◇ **Stina Olafsdottir** has officially been named the new Bursar at **Kent State University** replacing Les Carter who retired.

◇ The **Tony Newland** was promoted from Associate Bursar to Bursar at **The Ohio State University**. Tony has been with The Ohio State University for over 10 years in various roles. His first role in the Bursar's Office began in 2006 as the Coordinator over Sponsored Programs and lockbox. After spending time as the Assistant Bursar over the Processing area, he became the Associate Bursar in 2010 and held that role until becoming University Bursar effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### RETIREES

◇ As reported in the last edition of *Between Bursars*, **Les Carter** did retire from **THEE Kent State University** (thanks for the 'Thee' idea, Lucy Berry). It is alleged that he calls into the office from time-to-time to rub it in. He allegedly said, "Retirement is great. I recommend it for everyone!" Lucy Berry, a former direct report of the retiree, stated, "We hear he is golfing and spending time with his grandchildren and the family...sounds like he is really enjoying life in his "mature" years. :)"

◇ The **Ginny Layton** retired from **The Ohio State University** as Bursar effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. She came to The Ohio State University from Miami University in August of 2010. She led OSU through the switch to semesters, the upgrade to PeopleSoft 9.0, the conversion to CASHNet, the change to full service with ECSI, and many other initiatives. Ginny is really enjoying retirement.

#### HAVE YOU HEARD...?

◇ Collections Attorney, **Crystal M. Blevins**, will run the Akron Half Marathon on September 27, 2014, and the Towpath Half Marathon on October 12, 2014. When she is not managing the student debt portfolio at **Keith D. Weiner & Associates, Co., L.P.A.**, she is on the road averaging close to 60 miles a month during race season. Her favorite recovery (aside from an account paid in full for her client) is to drink chocolate milk and do yoga.

◇ **Doug Schantz** from **Wittenberg University** presented two topics this year at thee **Williams and Fudge National Receivables Conference** in Charlotte at the end of last month. <https://wfcorp.com/slrc2014.aspx>. He presented: Understanding Financial Aid (for Non-Financial Aid People): He covered the basics of the financial aid process (FAFSA, Loans, Grant programs, Net-price calculators, etc...) to help educate his peers about the steps involved for students/families as they navigate the financial aid process (and ultimately get the bill paid). Social Media & Student Financial Services— Reaching Your Audience: He provided an overview of various social media channels, trends in usage, an introduction to free tools and resources that simplify the implementation of a successful social media strategy for departments, examples of social media done well, and instances of social media blunders. Congratulations, Doug!! It's great that thee OBA has nationally recognized speakers within its membership.

#### ◇ Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN) Announces New President and Dean

Mount Carmel Health System, announced the appointment of Christine Wynd, PhD, RN, as the College's new President

and Dean. Dr. Wynd will become the College's second President and Dean effective July 2014 succeeding President and Dean Ann Schiele, PhD, RN, who retires and becomes President Emeritus on July 31, 2014. Dr. Schiele is the longest-sitting president of any college or university in Ohio, having held the title since 1990 when Mount Carmel transitioned from a diploma program to a degree-granting institution.

Dr. Wynd comes to MCCN from the Breen School of Nursing at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio, where she has served as Dean and Strawbridge Professor since 2007. Her experience in nursing education and leadership is extensive and includes directing the PhD in Nursing program at the University of Akron and teaching at both The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Wynd retired from the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corps at the rank of colonel in 2001. Her military experience includes serving as chief nurse for two separate Combat Support Hospitals and as the Reserve representative to the office of the assistant chief, Army Nurse Corps.

◊ For students entering college this fall in the Class of 2018...

1. During their initial weeks of kindergarten, they were upset by endlessly repeated images of planes blasting into the World Trade Center.
2. Meds have always been an option.
3. When they see wire-rimmed glasses, they think Harry Potter, not John Lennon.
4. "Press pound" on the phone is now translated as "hit hashtag."
5. Celebrity "selfies" are far cooler than autographs.
6. The Daily Show with Jon Stewart has always been the only news program that really "gets it right."
7. Ralph Nader has always been running for President of the U.S.
8. The water cooler is no longer the workplace social center; it's the place to fill your water bottle.
9. Women have always attended the Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel.
10. Courts have always been overturning bans on same-sex marriages.
11. Joe Camel has never introduced one of them to smoking.
12. Bosnia and Herzegovina have always been one nation.
13. Nicotine has always been recognized as an addictive drug requiring FDA oversight.
14. Students have always been able to dance at Baylor.

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