



Between Bursars

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UPCOMING OBA MEETINGS

Fall Meeting: October 28, 2011

University Plaza Hotel

The Ohio Bursars Association
www.ohiobursars.org

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Christy Egler

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Ohio Dominican University

Ahhh. The cooler temperatures of fall are arriving. As are the students, the noise, the bedbugs. Ewww. Forget that last one! I hope everyone's fall semester or quarter is off to a great start. Each year I am amazed at just how quickly the summer flies by and how the freshmen students look younger and younger.

As I enter my year as serving as your association president, I must say that I am excited about our organization. Coming off a great spring conference, welcoming new faces to the Board over the summer, and planning robust fall and winter meetings, I feel a sense of momentum building. I encourage all of you to participate to your fullest ability; whether that is attending all meetings and the conference, to hosting a regional meeting, to volunteering to present at one of the meetings or conference. Like the saying goes, you will get out of the OBA what you put in. So make it great!

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 a 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 conferences, seminars, and other related educational activities.

I hope you all plan to join us at the fall membership meeting on Friday, October 28. An email will be sent to the listserv when the website is open for RSVP's.

I would like to express my thanks to OBA Board members who have just finished up their terms of office: Jeff Cisco, served as past-president; Kim Wortkoetter, served as Treasurer; and Brian Meade, served as Associate Member Representative. Each of you has tirelessly given of your time and talents to help make the OBA a better organization. Thank you!!!

As I leave you, please keep in mind that the students that we serve each day can be quite different from ourselves; the world they have grown up in is not the same of our childhood years. Below are some interesting tidbits about the Class of 2015 (our freshmen) from the Beloit College Mind-Set List. Enjoy.

Be great!
Christy

The Class of 2015

- * Ferris Bueller and Sloane Peterson could be their parents.
- * The only significant labor disputes in their lifetimes have been in major-league sports.
- * Amazon has never been just a river in South America.
- * Refer to LBJ, and they might assume you're talking about LeBron James.
- * They've broken up with significant others via texting, Facebook, or MySpace.
- * "Yadda, yadda, yadda" has always come in handy to make long stories short.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Stina Olafsdottir has been the Manager of Student Account Receivable for Kent State University since November 2007. She is also OBA Treasurer and new to the OBA Board.

Stina is a resident of the City of Kent and graduated with a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Kent State in 2000. She was a budget analyst for the Portage County Commissioners from 1999 until 2005 and then financial coordinator for the Portage County Clerk of Courts from 2005 until 2007.

Michael Troper is the Controller for Marion Technical College and is also new to the OBA Board as the Membership-At-Large Representative.

He has a Masters in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and Bachelors of Arts degrees in Mathematics and Russian from Bucknell University. Michael is a Worthington resident and has 2 kids, ages 15 and 11, in Worthington Schools.

**OHIO BURSARS ASSOCIATION
2012 SPRING CONFERENCE**

**will be hosted by Amber Carpenter
and her team at Ohio Northern University.**

**More information will be announced
at the fall conference.**

FALL MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

This is an effort to increase membership and get current members attending regularly. We challenge everyone attending the fall meeting to bring along a guest from a non-member school. The guest attends free and the member bringing the guest gets his/her name in a drawing. Ten prizes will be given for \$50 discount off the spring conference!

OBA NEEDS YOU!!

The 2011 winter regional meetings were a success!

Volunteers are needed to host the 2012 regional meetings in February 2012.

There are five Ohio regions:

- * Northwest
- * Northeast
- * Southwest
- * Southeast
- * Central

OBA will reimburse lunch expenses with a \$15 per person allowance for the meetings unless a business partner offers to sponsor lunch.

Contact Christy Egler or any other Board member if you are interested. The goal is to have the host sites set by the fall general meeting on **October 28th**.

NEW FACES

The Ohio Dominican University Business Office has two new faces. Charles "Chip" Jakeway joined the office in May as the new Associate Bursar for the LEAD program and Karen Blank began her tenure as the Student Accounts Coordinator in July. Both Chip and Karen have served the ODU LEAD students prior to joining the ODU team as each was previously employed by IPD which formerly provided recruitment and accounting services for the LEAD program.

Tammy Charles joined the Business Office team of Mount Carmel College of Nursing in August. She replaces Jatia Love who was offered a wonderful opportunity within Mount Carmel Health System. Tammy transferred from the patient accounting area of the health system to the college. She provided excellent service to patients and families and is continuing that service to our students.

Please help us welcome Chip, Karen, and Tammy to OBA.

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

We all get them; Excuses for non-payment. Just when you think you have heard them all, some student has a new one. We are looking for outrageous, funny, nonsensical stories that students have told for why they can't pay their bills. Send your best excuses or stories to Christy Egler or bring those inspired creations to the Fall conference to share.

Doug Schantz, Director for the Office of Student Accounts at Wittenberg University and Founder of CheapScholar.org, will be providing a Social Media and Student Financial Services presentation to Kentucky colleges and Universities at KASRO on October 13th. Doug will provide an overview of how social media plays a role in his office to help families and students navigate the financial aspect of their college experience. In addition, utilizing the mildly successful social media model adopted by CheapScholar.org (nearly 10,000 followers via Facebook and Twitter) the presentation will serve as an introduction to how Facebook, Twitter and Blogs work together to disseminate useful information.

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Professional Development Opportunities

**Ohio Bursars Association
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**Ohio Bursars Association
22nd Spring Conference**
Ohio Northern University
Spring 2012
www.ohiobursars.org

NASFAA Meeting
Chicago, IL
July 22 - 25, 2012
www.nasfaa.org

NACUBO Annual Meeting
Washington, DC
July 28 - 31, 2012
www.nacubo.org

**CACUBO
Annual Meeting**
Omaha, NE
October 16- 19, 2011
www.cacubo.org

**PDG 32nd National Student Loan Receivables
Collection Conference**
Savannah, GA
November 13 - 16, 2011
www.prodev.com

Pearls of Wisdom

There are two types of people -
those who come into a room and say,
"Well, here I am," and those who come in
and say, "Ah, there you are."