



Between Bursars

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Capital University

UPCOMING OBA MEETINGS
2011

Spring Conference April 6-8, 2011
Fall Meeting November 4, 2011

The Ohio Bursars Association
www.ohiobursars.org

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Kathy Smith
Director, Business Affairs
Mount Carmel College of Nursing

It is hard to believe that my tenure as O.B.A. President is coming to a close. It has been an amazing and challenging year. We are challenged in our jobs with declining budgets and doing more with less, yet we put service to the student first. We work to understand and comply with numerous policies and regulations, yet we strive to be continuous learners. We are the department that students avoid, but we are usually the ones that they need to talk to the most. Students express gratitude for financial aid and despair for balances due, yet we continue to be present and help as we can. Bursars face even more challenges with the changes still looming. The sharing, collaboration and networking within the Ohio Bursars Association makes this one of the most important organizations of our profession.

I clearly remember sitting in the 2004 fall OBA meeting and Ginny Layton standing in front of the room asking for members to volunteer for Board positions. She talked about the treasurer position and I remember thinking that would be a good way to become more involved. How hard could it be? I talked with Ginny during break, was elected as treasurer in 2006 and I have not had a single moment of regret. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with some amazing, inspirational individuals. I have grown and developed because of my involvement. The networking that happens within the O.B.A. allows us to learn from each other and improve our processes. The members of this organization truly

care about each other and the profession. Even though, some of us are business competitors, I have not encountered any hesitation to share best practices or policies that fell short. I like this quote from Beverly Sills; "You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

The only way to advance, change and improve is through involvement. We are growing and evolving to meet the needs of our institutions, our students, and ourselves. I look forward to another year with Ohio Bursars and strongly encourage everyone to be involved. You will gain much more than you give. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board and thank you for all of the support and encouragement that we share with each other.

The spring conference will be wonderful. Christy Egler and her team have put together some exciting topics and entertainment.

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Traci Perry
OBA Secretary

Traci joined Marietta College as the Assistant Controller in June of 2006. Her position includes managing the Student Accounts Office. She has eight years experience in higher education accounting and prior experience in government finance and accounting, including specialization in grant management. Since joining Marietta her emphasis has been to identify and streamline key processes. Traci holds a Master in Business Administration and Bachelor in Business Administration from Ohio University. She lives in Belpre, Ohio with her husband, Tom, and two children, Taylor and Will. She enjoys music, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

OHIO BURSARS ASSOCIATION SPRING 2011 CONFERENCE

April 6 -8, 2011

Hosted by
Ohio Dominican University

Come cruise with us in April

Check out the tentative agenda on the OBA website to read about networking events, session topics, quest speakers and the Thursday night dinner event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register on line at www.ohiobursars.org
or complete the form and send with your payment to:

Ohio Dominican University
Christy Egler - OBA Conference
1216 Sunbury Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
Phone: 614-251-4780
Fax: 614-251-4456

Registration deadline: March 24, 2011

Remember to bring school logo items for door prize giveaways at Friday's lunch.

School Conference Fees

	<u>Both Days</u>	<u>Thurs Only</u>	<u>Fri Only</u>
Member	\$135	\$100	\$65
Non-Member	\$175	\$120	\$80
Joining Member	\$160		
Display table	\$600		

Business Partners: If you have not yet paid your annual OBA membership you may do so now. If you previously paid just your membership dues and want to attend the conference, or selected a silver, gold or platinum membership level please contact Christy Egler (eglerc@ohiodominican.edu) so we can process your registration/attendee information.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Please mention you are attending the OBA Conference

Room rate is \$129 per night

Columbus Marriott Airport
1375 North Cassady Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43219

(614) 475-7551 or website:

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BOARD POSITION NOMINATIONS

Open Board positions for 2011/2012

PRESIDENT ELECT

The President Elect shall be the chairperson of the Nominations Committee. The President Elect shall be responsible for the Spring meeting of the Ohio Bursars Association. The Spring meeting shall be held at the institution represented by the President Elect; although, selection of an alternative site may be made with approval of the Board of Trustees. The President Elect shall prepare and present a budget for the President Elect's term as President, for the approval of the Board of Trustees, during the prior Spring Board of Trustees meeting. Expenses may only be committed and paid for under an approved Budget. Additional responsibilities of the President Elect are as assigned by the President. The President Elect shall serve a one year term and assume the Presidency the following term.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive, safekeep, and disburse Association monies. The Treasurer will only disburse funds under an approved budget. The Treasurer will only invoice dues and assessments or changes in dues and assessments after approval by the Association. The Treasurer shall present a treasurer's report at each of the two Association meetings and a written report at each Board of Trustees meetings. The Treasurer shall serve a two-year term beginning with the odd calendar years.

TWO YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION TRUSTEE

The four-year public institution trustee shall assist the Membership at Large representative in conducting an annual membership drive for the Association. Additional responsibilities are as assigned by the President. The Trustee from a Four-Year Public College shall serve a two-year term beginning with odd calendar years.

MEMBERSHIP At-Large REPRESENTATIVE

The Membership Representative chairs the membership committee and is responsible for conducting annual membership drive and is responsible for updating and maintaining membership applications. The Membership At-Large Representative shall serve a two-year term beginning with odd calendar years.

Please contact Christy Egler or Kathy Smith if you are interested in being nominated for one of these positions.

OBA Board of Trustees 2010-2011

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University

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Carpenter, Bursar, Ohio Northern University

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Appointed Webmaster: Georgia Gichenko, Assistant
Controller, Lakeland Community College

**Help us keep email and mailing
addresses up-to date: Please email
changes to our Treasurer, Kim
Wortkoetter at kwortkoe@cotc.edu**

Pearls of Wisdom

Why is everyone willing to carry the stool,
when there is a piano that needs to be
moved.

Professional Development Opportunities

**Ohio Bursars Association
21st Spring Conference**
Ohio Dominican University
April 6 - 8, 2011
www.ohiobursars.org

NASFAA Meeting
Boston, MA
July 17 - 20, 2011
www.nasfaa.org

NACUBO Annual Meeting
Tampa, FL
July 9 - 12, 2011
www.nacubo.org

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

**PDG 32nd National Student Loan Receivables
Collection Conference**
TBA
Nov 2011
www.prodev.com

Editor's comments:

By: Jeff Cisco

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Ohio Bursars Association Board of Trustees. I truly cherish the friendships that have been made over the years.

Please consider joining the BOT and help move our organization forward by sharing your experiences.

Thanks again for the opportunity.