



# The Paper Trail

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The Ohio Bursars Association  
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## The President's Corner

By: Georgia Gichenko  
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Lakeland Community College

WOW! - Only 30 days until we get together for the October 7th OBA Fall meeting. This is our chance to network with people who know what our day at work is really like. We can share what works and what doesn't and find out how other schools are getting the job done. Our business partners are here to network and provide support. They understand that this is not the time to conduct business but our purpose is, "To provide a forum for the discussion of common concerns and the interchange of ideas and information of interest to institutions of higher education." (OBA bylaws)

Change is all around us. This year we have already seen a lot of change. Congress has voted in the Higher Education Act. The Federal Trade Commission has enacted legislation for "Red Flag" alerts that goes into effect November 1st and this may impact institutions that provide for in-house tuition deferment plans. The new US Department of Education Student Financial Aid regulations went into effect July 1st and require specific time frames for returning unclaimed funds to the Department of Education.

Our meeting format is also changing based on suggestions from you, the members. We will have our roundtable discussion in the morning for the four year public universities, the four year private universities, and the two year institutions. After lunch we will have a new format called,

"Table Topics". You will be able to spend approximately 30 minutes in small group discussions on 3 or 4 different topics. Each table will be moderated by a peer from one of our member institutions. They will get the conversation started and your participation will keep it going. We will change tables every 30 minutes so that you can participate in all of the topics. This is a new concept and the Board will be very eager to hear your feedback via survey. I urge you to respond to the OBA surveys so that we can make our meetings the best possible.

The membership voted on a change to our bylaws in April to create the position of Webmaster. Changes to the web site will be introduced soon. We have another change to the bylaws that involves the number of meetings we hold per year. Please read the proposed change found in this newsletter.

I see many positive changes for our organization this year and I am finding the opportunity to serve on the Board as your president to be very rewarding. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in Columbus.

Georgia Gichenko

*Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine.* ~ Robert C. Gallagher

### FYI

We are in the process of setting up a meeting registration site on the webpage so we can obtain a headcount for meetings. Please check out the webpage in the near future for the meeting registration.

**Fall Meeting  
Announcement**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 October 6, 2008  
 3:00 pm  
 (Officers and Trustees only)  
 University Plaza Hotel  
**General Session**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**October 7, 2008**



<b>9:00 - 10:00 am</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast and Network</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:10 am</b>	<b>Call to order and Ice Breaker</b>
<b>10:10 - 10:50 am</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
<b>10:50 - 11:00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:00 - Noon</b>	<b>Roundtables</b>
<b>Noon - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (OBA provided)</b>
<b>1:00 - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Table Topics</b>
	~ <b>July 1st changes to Cash Mangement regulations</b> Ginny Layton
	~ <b>Identify Theft</b> Paul Tyler
	~ <b>Bursars Web page</b> Tawn Williams-Nell
	~ <b>Dealing with Difficult People</b> TBA
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>



**University Plaza Hotel**  
**3110 Olentangy River Road**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43202**  
**1-877-677-5292**  
**Room rate is \$99**

**Member Spotlight**

**Catherine (Cat) Padgett**  
**The Ohio State University**  
**University Bursar**  
**Four-Year Public Representative**

Cat enjoys educating students and staff at OSU in her new position as University Bursar. She has recently led her department through a much needed reorganization as well as currently leading staff into the future of PeopleSoft. She is also part-time Adjunct Faculty Member at Columbus State Community College in the Sport and Exercise Program instructing Sport Management and Sport Marketing.

Cat graduated from Columbus State Community College with an Associate of Applied Science in Sport Management, Wilberforce University with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management, and the United States Sports Academy with a Master of Sport Science in Sport Management. She has a great deal of enthusiasm for the field of management as well as in higher education.

During her master's program, she worked as an intern for the Community Development Department of the Columbus Blue Jackets. She also has vast experience working for the Department Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) in the accounting division reconciling federal contracts. She is also a veteran from the United States Navy.

She currently lives in Gahanna, Ohio and enjoys reading, spending quality time with family and traveling. Currently she is working on finding time to relax and rejuvenate. OSU is keeping her rather busy with all of the upcoming changes in the next eighteen months!

**Notice of Proposed Bylaw Change**

**Amend - "Article V: Meetings" to change the following section:**

**Section A. Scheduled Meetings**

The Association will hold two meetings per year as scheduled by the Board of Trustees. The meetings will be scheduled in the Fall and Spring Academic terms. The schedule for the upcoming academic year shall be announced by the Spring meeting.

## OBA Board of Trustees 2008-2009

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Controller, Lakeland Community College

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College

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addresses up-to date: Please email  
changes to our Treasurer, Kathy Smith at  
ksmith@mchs.com.*

## Professional Development Opportunities

PLEASE IGNORE 2007 INFORMATION

### PDG 29th National Student Loan/Receivables Conference

Long Beach, CA  
Nov. 11 - 14, 2007

St Petersburg, FL      Reno, NV  
Sept 28 - Oct, 1, 2008      November 9-12, 2008  
[www.prodev.com](http://www.prodev.com)

### Minnesota Collection Network Conference

Bloomington, MN  
Oct. 20 - 22, 2008  
[www.mncollectionnetwork.com](http://www.mncollectionnetwork.com)

### COHEAO 2009 Annual Conference

Arlington, Virginia  
January 24 - 28, 2009  
[www.coheao.org](http://www.coheao.org)

### Ohio Bursars Association 19th Spring Conference

Capital University  
April 13 - 15, 2009  
[www.ohiobursars.org](http://www.ohiobursars.org)

**CACUBO  
Annual Meeting**  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
October 12 - 15, 2008  
[www.cacubo.org](http://www.cacubo.org)

## REMINDER:

Please complete the short survey about  
conference/meeting topics

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?  
sm=72HriYbzHeV6bl1Gsr10w\\_ed\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=72HriYbzHeV6bl1Gsr10w_ed_3d)