

The Paper Trail

The Ohio Bursars Association

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The President's Corner

By Paul Tyler

Looks like summer is now officially over, with Labor Day behind us and the new and returning students taking the focus of our endeavors in the new Fall Semester or Quarter.

It seems like only a couple of days ago we were anticipating the Annual Spring Conference and now we are spending our time getting ready for all of the fall events: football games, Halloween, Thanksgiving and yes, the Fall 2002 OBA meeting.

I would like to take a little of this space to thank our out-going board members. Kudos to all for doing a great job throughout this past year! Dixie headed a great group of individuals that worked very hard behind the scenes to make each meeting a success. Their shoes will be difficult to fill, but I'm confident that the new members of the board are up to the task. We have a new vision and vitality.

Over the past year or so, I am proud to say, The Ohio Bursars Association has been solicited by other states for information on trying to establish their own state association such as ours. It appears that we are the role model for an association that works to benefit all of our members. You, our members, with your continuing attendance, support, and participation are the reason for our success. Let's keep it going for the years to come.

I am sending out a personal invitation to each of you to attend our Fall Meeting, in Columbus, Ohio on October 23rd.

Fall Meeting 2002

Plan to attend the Fall 2002 meeting Wednesday, October 23, 2002, in sunny and warm Columbus, Ohio. It will be held at the

Embassy Suites: Columbus North,
2700 Corporate Exchange Drive,
Columbus
Ohio 43231.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:30 AM 10:00 AM Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM 10:20 AM Business Meeting
10:20 AM 10:25 AM Break

10:25 AM 11:10 AM Bankruptcy/Collections, Keith Weiner, Weiner and Associates

11:10 AM 11:15 AM Break

11:15 AM 12:00 PM H E A L Program (Health and Education Assistance Loans), David Glezerman, Temple University

12:00 PM 1:40 PM Lunch: Buffet (This is something new. We will be eating lunch together at the hotel and OBA will pick up the tab!)

1:40 PM 1:45 PM Break

1:45 PM 2:30 PM General Discussion Issues including 1098-T's, Sevis (international students) and other topics

2:30 PM 2:35 PM Break

2:35 PM 3:20 PM Assessing the Office Collector (Mark Powell, General Revenue Corporation)

The Embassy Suites Hotel is located on the north side of Columbus at the intersection of I-270 and Cleveland Avenue. Take exit #27 Cleveland Avenue off I-270. The phone number is (614) 890-8600. The Board Meeting (Officers Only) will be held Tuesday, October 22, 2002, beginning at 3:00 PM.

New Website Format

Please feel free to fwd any new ideas regarding the look and contents of the website to Paul Tyler (bursar@bw.edu)

Paper Trail E-Mail

The Paper Trail can be called the "E-Mail Trail" now that our newsletter is being sent electronically. Please make sure the OBA treasurer has your correct e-mail address.

Important Announcement

It is with regret that OBA accepted the resignation of Shelia Stewart, treasurer. Shelia has taken a new position with Wayne State in Michigan and we wish her all the best in her new endeavor. Deb Jones from the University of Cincinnati has agreed to assume the position of treasurer in Shelia's place. Per the OBA constitution and by-laws, an election will be held at the fall business meeting to approve the appointment of Deb Jones to the position of treasurer. Special thanks to Dave Necessary who volunteered to assume the duties of membership chair, Deb's old board position.

Meet Sherry Downs

Sherry Downs is our new secretary this year. Sherry is the bursar at Ohio University. She graduated from OU in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Sherry has her CPA certification and used to be an auditor with Ernst & Young. She has also served as the treasurer with the Trimble Local School District. She came to OU in 1998 as an assistant bursar and was promoted to Bursar in August 2000. In addition, Sherry serves on the Trimble Local Board of Education and is a Girl Scout leader.

Sherry is married to Chris and they have four children: Tabitha (17), Lauren (11), Kelcie (9), and Brett (7). When Kelcie was crowned Little Miss Old Settler, Sherry's staff gave her the title of Queen Mother, too! Sherry enjoys reading, cross-stitch, family time, sports as a spectator, and she's building house! She'll also do your taxes, but for a fee! Welcome, Sherry!

Meet Ginny Layton

Ginny Layton is our new four-year public representative. Ginny has been with Miami University for 20+ years in a variety of positions. She has been with the Bursar's Office for nine years, initially hired as Assistant Bursar for Technical Support. One of her first projects was leading the implementation of Miami's One Card system. She became Associate Bursar in 1997 and led the implementation of the accounts receivable module of SCT's Banner in 1999. She was appointed Interim Bursar in 2000 and became Bursar shortly thereafter.

Ginny holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Miami and expects to receive her MBA in May 2004. Her husband holds two Miami degrees, two sons have graduated from Miami, and her youngest is currently a sophomore. Sadly, Oscar, her 13 year old basset hound, has not shown any interest in enrolling (yet). (Can you teach an old dog new tricks?!!)

Ginny enjoys reading, traveling, and swimming. She is planning a trip to Russia in the summer of 2003 and she recently competed in the US Masters National Swimming Championships that were held at Cleveland State. Welcome, Ginny!

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