

Retirement Systems Update

STRS At the March meeting of the State Teachers Retirement Board, the board took action to reduce the amortization period for the pension fund, voting unanimously to discontinue the current allocation to the Health Care Fund of 1% of the 14% employer contribution beginning July 1, 2014. The Healthcare and Pension Advocates for STRS (HPA); a coalition comprised of groups representing active members, retired members and employers, supported the board's action to discontinue the 1% employer contribution to the Health Care Fund. The board's action shortens the projected life of the Health Care Fund to about 20 years; however, the board has authority to direct all or part of the 1% back to the Health Care Fund in the future, and to make "catch-up" payments once the financial condition of the pension fund improves. The Retirement System will share the board's action with the Ohio Retirement Study Council, along with the funding impact on the pension and health care funds. *Submitted by STRS Observer Bill Sears STRS March News*

SERS SERS prints a report on their website ohsers.org of each Board meeting called "Highlights". Adele Matias attends the Board meetings as ESP representative on the OEA-R Advisory Council. Adele's report on the Board meetings includes financial and legislative information. To receive a copy of the report, send a request to: matiasandsons@hotmail.com
Submitted by SERS Observer Adele Matias

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SERS 1-800-878-5853 or www.ohsers.org
OPERS 1-800-222-7377 or www.opers.org

DISTRICT REPORTS

CAPITAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS An annual election for president, vice president, secretary and eight at-large representatives will be held at the Annual Meeting on June 12, at The Boat House. (Old Confluence) Anyone interested in being on the ballot for any of the positions mentioned above or to nominate someone contact Cora Miller, Nominations Chairman at the CEA office 614.253.4731 or e-mail her at cmiller@ceaohio.org. **Upcoming events** include **June 12** A Visit with Abe and Annual Meeting; **June 18** Crusts, Candies, and Candles; **July 8** A Tasting of German Village; **July 23** On the Way to Storybook; **July 29** Behind the Scenes – Lincoln Theater and **August 25** Shoji Tabuchi. Further descriptions of these events, deadlines, and a registration form, is in the latest CEA-R Newsletter and at the CEA-R website. *Submitted by District Representative Jeff Corbin*

ECOEA Many opportunities are available for you to become more involved in our district activities. Once you attend one of our socials or other interesting activities, you will most likely want to continue. Our Summer Newsletter will contain the details for the August "Not Back to School Luncheon" and other important ECOEA-R news and updates. If you wish to assist with the assembling and mailing of the newsletter, please let me know. I want to take this opportunity to thank our district retirees for serving on the newly organized Ohio House District Committees. Finally, please be sure to make contacting you easier by updating your phone and home email addresses. Feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas to better serve you at: ecoaretired@yahoo.com.
Submitted by District Representative Kathleen Purdy

NEOEA NEOEA Outreach to Community Organizations. NEOEA is beginning a process aimed at developing a speaker resource for community organizations in northeastern Ohio. With over 31,000 members knowledgeable on many topics, we know we have experts on education-related topics. If you belong to an organization which has a presence in your community, let us know about it. Just fill out a Community Organization Profile form for each organization at <http://neoea.org/OrganizationProfile.pdf>. It's important to educate our communities about the good things going on in our workplaces and to correct some of the misinformation that's out there. With your help, we can get started. *Submitted by District Representative Beryl Burkle*

SEOE Southeast's Winter Newsletter was emailed in batches during January and hard copies were mailed to those requesting them. To make certain that you receive a copy of the Summer Newsletter in August, please add retired.seoea@gmail.com to your address book or adjust your spam guard accordingly. Call 740-551-2133 and leave your name & address if you would like to receive a hard copy by mail. *Submitted by District Representative Christine McVicar*

SWOEA At the SWOEA-R Annual Meeting on May 20, 2014 at the SWOEA Office starting at 5:00 there will be an election for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for two-year terms. There will also be an STRS Health Care presentation. *Submitted by District Representative Bob Beers*

WEOA WEOA-R has meetings planned for Wednesday, June, September, and October 2014. Programs start at 11:00 a.m.; plan on arriving in time for parking and entering the facility. For questions about the meetings listed or to RSVP contact Emmy Brudzynski: e-mail: emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu or phone 937-610-9917. **June 18 Historic Clifton Mill** in Clifton 45316. Short tour (cost \$3) and order from menu. RSVP: June 11; **September 17 Friendship Village Retirement Center** 5790 Denlinger Rd. Dayton 45426, Tour 11:00. Complementary lunch and short business meeting follow. RSVP: Sept. 10; **October 15 Winery at Versailles** 45380. Tour and speaker. Order from the menu. RSVP: Oct. 8. *Submitted by District Representative Jane Rahn*

DELEGATE ELECTION RESULTS

The OEA-Retired Ballots were counted on Friday, April 4, 2014. There were 2,327 votes cast. There were five that voted for too many; therefore, only 2,322 were counted/valid. OEA-Retired Delegates to 2014 NEA Representative Assembly (elected delegates) also participate in the NEA-Retired Pre-Conference. All of the candidates appreciate your votes. Election results are as follow:

John Hoyes	Automatic Delegate by Virtue of office
1073 Votes	William A. Dorsey ~ NEOEA
938 Votes	Carol A. Kinsey ~ ECOEA
793 Votes	Donald Traxler ~ NWOEA
764 Votes	Bill Sears ~ SWOEA
644 Votes	Homer O. Adams ~ NEOEA
637 Votes	Marilyn Allen ~ Capital
624 Votes	Marti Huss ~ SWOEA

WE ARE GOING GREEN You may have noticed that the size of the paper on which *NEWSLINE* is printed has changed. We are transitioning to *going green* by using less paper and reducing publishing costs. This new format will save OEA thousands of dollars each year. Additionally beginning with the fall, 2014 issue, all individuals with email addresses will only receive an electronic version of *NEWSLINE*. In order to ensure the smoothest possible transition in our quest to *go green* please remember to update your postal address if you do not have an email address ... or if you do have an email address and are not receiving *NEWSLINE* electronically, please provide us with your email address by sending it to your OEA-R staff liaison at: ottenb@ohea.org
Submitted by Bill Otten, OEA-R Staff Liaison



OEA-R Participants at the 2014 NEA-R Conference in Houston, Texas First Row: Donna Smoot-Walters, Jane Rahn, Marti Huss, Marilyn Allen, Kathleen Purdy Second Row: Chris Swank, John Hoyes, Bill Sears, and Peg Ham

**OHIO ALLIANCE OF RETIRED AMERICANS
THE VOICE OF OHIO'S RETIREES**

The Alliance of Retired Americans (ARA) is a nationwide coalition of individuals, community, and union organizations educating and advocating for retirees on laws, policies, and institutions that shape the quality of life for American retirees. The ARA is committed to advancing public policy that protects and promotes the health and economic security of America's retirees. The ARA works to strengthen Medicare, Social Security, and pensions to improve the quality of life for current and future retirees. OEA-R is a Community Action Network affiliate of the Ohio Alliance of Retired Americans (Ohio ARA). Tom Beck, Central – Retired, and Marilyn Allen, Capitol – Retired, serve as the Ohio ARA Executive Board Representatives for OEA-R. To learn more about the Alliance of Retired Americans visit: www.RetiredAmericans.org. To support or become a contributing member of the Ohio Alliance of Retired Americans contact Marilyn Allen (mrasecond@yahoo.com) or Tom Beck (tbeck53@aol.com) Submitted by Marilyn Allen

OEA-R STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE

September 10, 2014

Save the Date and Register Now

**STRS Building, 7th Floor
275 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215**

Speakers include the OEA Officers, OEA Executive Director Sheryl Mathis, and OEA-R Staff Liaison Bill Otten. STRS and SERS Health Care Personnel will be invited to speak on health care issues/changes for 2015 followed by Q & A. Other interesting and informational sessions are being planned for the afternoon including our ever popular feature of our own retired members and their post retirement activities.

FREE Parking is provided at the STRS building.

REGISTRATION:	9:30 a.m.
PROGRAM:	10:00 a.m.
LUNCH:	12:15 p.m.
CONCLUSION:	3:00 p.m.

Complete and return the registration form below with your \$15.00 registration fee by Sept. 1st in order to be eligible for door prizes. Lunch is included and you'll be notified by email once your payment is received. **Mail form and payment to:**

**OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE
ATTN: BILL OTTEN, P.O. Box 2136
Columbus, Ohio 43216-2136**

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