

The OASCES Quarterly

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And Now a Communiqué from Radio Free Beau

Dateline Middletown, Ohio 28 Jan 2010: A message from El Presidente!

Happy New Year and the best of felicitations! As I write this, many, many people from our organization and ACTE/SND are working their little fingers to the bone to bring you the finest in professional development and spring conferences. I very, very much appreciate the long hours and hard work being done—this in addition to the finest in Ohio transition being provided by our membership. Work is underway and I am anticipating of one of the finest conferences in quite some time!

TTW New: I have met with John Magee of ODE consultant fame and have duly submitted your feed back regarding TTW and EMIS. He has this in his possession even as I speak. The breaking news is that I have formed a TTW Committee ad hoc as it is until such time as the TTW issues are met. I am continuing to work with John Magee, Margaret Burley, and others on this issue and am pleased to announce that ACTE/SND has appointed their member Christian Cagel to reside on this committee. We are interested in presenting a positive, united front and together with Ms. Margaret Burley will be working to make TTW a statutory component. More to follow!

It has been a long but exciting year and OASCES is there making a difference with the finest of transition and special needs support. I remain optimistic about our organization and opportunities for growth, and revel in our diversity and talent within our own organization.

I am looking forward to talking with all of you at our conference this March and again very much appreciate all your efforts from our hard working regional officers to our tireless state team—ahw heck...Everybody!!! Without you and OASCES, we would have well...just a big pile of sand! Thank you all again! Until March.....Stay worm, committed, and remember to be good to each other! Buy books and buy bonds!!!

Call for Nomination for OASCES State Officers

We are asking for nominations for president-elect and secretary. The officers of this Association must hold regular membership status.

The president-elect shall serve one year and move to the office of president the following year. They will preside or act in the absence of the president. As president they shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the Executive Committee and shall serve as or appoint a member of the Executive Committee to serve as an Ex-Officio member of all committees except the Executive Committee. The president shall be responsible for calling special meetings and coordinating the association's activities. The following year they will act as past-president and an advisor to the Executive Committee.

The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee for two years. They also handle the correspondence of the association. All books, records, and supplies that are the property of the association shall be in the secretary's custody and shall be kept in such order that they are usable and may be passed on satisfactorily to the secretary's successor.

Please forward all nominations to Drew Surovjak or Beau Ricky by the General Member's meeting March 4, 2010.

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From Margaret Burley, Executive Director Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Margaret Burley will be speaking at our General Members' Meeting
on Thursday March 4, 2010 in Columbus (see conference schedule for time and location).

" Understanding Dystrophic"

Dystrophic is a specific learning disability that affects how easily children acquire written language and use it to express their thoughts. Dystrophic can be diagnosed and treated. Too often children are thought to be lazy or unmotivated if they have poor writing skills or fail to complete writing assignments, when the real problem is dysgraphia.

Getting Help for Dysgraphia

Do you have a child who has difficulty with spelling, handwriting, or written expression? Does your child have dyslexia or other oral language problems. Could dysgraphia be part of the problem? If your child has dysgraphia - or dyslexia, dyscalculia (a learning disability in math), another learning disability - here's where to start. <http://www.wrightslaw.com>

Pete Wright's Struggle with Dystrophic

As a child, Pete's reading and writings were filled with reversals. He had what was called 'mirror writing'. In the early 1950's, the teachers told his parents he was borderline mentally retarded and definitely emotionally disturbed. By chance, he was evaluated by a family friend. As a result of testing, they discovered he had strephosymbolia - what we now call dyslexia and dysgraphia.

From The Wrightslaw Way

Read about Pete's misdiagnosis and remediation in On the Record about Special Education with Pete and Pam Wright On the blog, Carol comments, "The diagnosis that qualified my son under IDEA was ADD through the OHI door. However, he also has dysgraphia & dyscalculia, so I wanted academic goals in the IEP to address writing, spelling and math. School told me the IEP could only address the qualifying disability.



2010 SPRING CONFERENCE

"Spring Training: Join our Transition Team"

Presented by Ohio ACTE SDN and OASCES

March 4 and 5, 2010

Professional Development

CEU's: Participation Verification forms for securing Continuing Education Units will be available each day. It is your responsibility to submit to your district LPDC for approval and to secure the verification form. Use this registration form to obtain the program-specific information for approval. Your LPDC will determine final approval for CEU's.

Ashland University Credit: One semester hour of graduate credit is pending from Ashland University. Graduate credit will be granted upon completion of all workshop requirements, including an out-of-class assignment and a mandatory reflection session from 5:45-6:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010 following the division meetings. Registration for graduate credit will take place at the conference. The cost will be \$172 and is payable at the Conference to Ashland University by personal check, money order, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express.

Intended Conference Audience: Career technical educators/administrators, work-study coordinators, special education supervisors and instructors, vocational rehabilitation counselors, career assessment specialists, VOSEs, JTCs, paraprofessionals, developmental disabilities staff.

Hotel Accommodations

Please make your reservations by calling the Crowne Plaza Columbus North at 800-996-8916 Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rooms are limited; please book early. The Ohio Association for Career Technical Special Education Needs Division (Ohio ACTE SND) has a DISCOUNTED room rate of \$89 for single or double occupancy (plus applicable taxes). Make reservations on or before **FEBRUARY 15, 2010** to receive this discounted rate; complimentary parking.

Ohio ACTE SND and OASCES 2010 Spring Conference Spring Training: Join our Transition Team

REGISTRATION FORM

Please type or print legibly. Only one person per form.

Name _____

Preferred mailing address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Job Title _____ School _____

Vegetarian entrée requested _____ Additional Dietary Needs _____

Additional special needs/special needs requested _____

Vegetarian entrée requested _____ Other dietary needs _____

Additional special needs/special services requested _____

CONFERENCE FEES: (please check appropriate space)	<u>BEFORE 2/5/2010</u>	<u>AFTER 2/5/2010</u>
_____ Current Special Needs Division—Ohio ACTE Member ACTE Membership Number Required: _____ (Membership number is available by calling ACTE at 800-522-5519)	\$100	\$120
_____ Current OASCES Member	\$100	\$120
_____ Non-Member	\$150	\$170
_____ Paraprofessional (aides, job coaches, parents, students)	\$50	\$65

To receive the lower rate, your registration must be postmarked or faxed **ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 5, 2010**. (Payment or PO# may arrive later). Any registrations postmarked after February 5th will be charged the higher fee and must be paid at the conference in order for you to attend. **FAXING IS THE PREFERRED METHOD—(330) 847-0339.**

TOTAL FEES: \$ _____ Purchase Order # _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: **OHIO ACTE SND**. Only send a check, PO#, or money order. There will be a \$25 charge for any returned check.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing and postmarked by February 20, 2010. Any financial questions should be directed to Tom Wheeler at (513) 612-5889 wheelert@greatoaks.com

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM, MAKE YOURSELF A COPY, AND MAIL TO

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Quarterly	Kay Prochko
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Constitution	Beau Rickey
Public Relations	Deb Stroud
Nominations	Drew Surovjak
Audit	Marilyn Fredenburg

Helpers Wanted

Looking for a fun activity to kick off the Conference? Then join us for the annual bag stuffing fun on Wednesday night, March 3rd about 6:30 in the Cardinal Room. We need help loading up the Conference tote bags with programs and goodies. There are over 400 bags to do so as many hands as possible are needed.

Bag Goodies Wanted

Roundup all those pens, pencils, notepads or any promotional material you have to share in the Conference tote bags. This year we are passing on the ideas to ask your local colleges for items. Aim for 400 or more of each item.

A Quick Reminder

OASCES Scholarship Applications

Due Thursday, February 18, 2010

Contact: Jackie Johnson

johnsonj@delawareareacc.org

2010 Membership

We have a strong membership total of 137 as of January 22, 2010. We want to welcome 16 new members this year.

Congratulations for joining. Hope to see as many as can make it at our 'General Members Meeting' during the Conference.

*Together our voices can
be heard.*

The Great Basket Scholarship Raffle

- Calling all Regions! Get your raffle baskets ready. It's time to get those creative juices flowing.
- This year the theme of the Conference is anything "SPORTS". Pick your region's teams or recreational activity and go with it. This fun event helps raise our OASCES scholarship funds.
- You can let your imagination go wild.

- Please have a region representative deliver the gift basket to the raffle table no later than Thursday morning. We are also looking for people that might have a little time to sell tickets between workshops when the halls are full.

- Don't forget to bring your loose change and buy lots of tickets.
- Winners will be drawn at the end of the conference on Friday and you don't have to be present to win if you fill out the back of your tickets.

- Please contact Jackie Johnson with any questions — johnsonj@delawareareacc.org.

