

**OFLA Annual Business Meeting
March 31, 2012**

Beginning Teachers Committee Report

Purpose: To represent the concerns and interests of OFLA members with five years or less teaching experience.

The committee submitted articles for the fall and winter Cardinals.

The committee contacted ten state language organizations, requesting information pertaining to the activities/services they offer to their beginning teachers. The following three ideas have been borrowed/have potential to be borrowed by OFLA:

1. For 2012-2013 year, the Beginning Teacher committee should consider coordinating a panel between teacher educators and recent graduates to discuss teacher education in Ohio. Will consult the Teacher Education and Licensure committee for a 2013 Central States Conference session proposal.
2. OFLA will offer beginning teachers a ticket redeemable for one free item at the OFLA book sale.
3. The Beginning Teacher committee should consider proposing a Teacher of Promise Award to one college student finishing his or her student teaching.

The committee chair advertised the OFLA conference to beginning teachers and advertized the ten new teacher scholarships to new teachers in the state.

The committee continues to try to engage new teachers at the conference by offering sessions of interest to them. With the support of the OFLA board, we are hosting the 2nd annual Meet & Greet for First-Timers and teachers new to the profession, Thursday evening. This will provide a way for new teachers to network with each other and board members. We have invited new teachers, first-time conference attendees, methodology professors from the Ohio teacher-licensure universities, and education students from Ohio universities.

The committee is repeating an "Open forum session for teachers new to the profession" to gather and share concerns and advice with fellow beginning teachers.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucas Hoffman, Chairperson