



## OASBO Overview & Benefits

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 Ohio Association of School Business Officials

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## Who we are

- A statewide not-for-profit professional association founded in 1936
- We serve ALL types of School Business Officials (SBOs)
  - Transportation supervisors/directors
  - Food service supervisors/directors
  - Business managers/directors of operations
  - Treasurer/CFO
  - Business & finance office support staff

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## Where we are

- Headquartered in Columbus
- 5 regions
- 12 regional chapters
- 4 statewide chapters (ESC Treasurers, Food & Nutrition, Career Tech Treasurers, Transportation)
- OAPT – considered the “transportation chapter” of OASBO
  - Tim Cox, Board Transportation Rep
- More chapter information:  
<http://www.oasbo-ohio.org/Chapters---Committees/Chapters.aspx>

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Regions



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What we do

- Inform
  - Professional Development
  - Mentoring
  - Publications
- Advocate
- Provide services
- Celebrate

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Inform:



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**Inform:**  
*Professional Development*

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- Have long-standing relationships with both Ohio Department of Education and OAPT
- We collaborate closely with both to schedule annual training for transportation professionals
- We offer:
  - New supervisor "Survival Series" training
  - T-Reports
  - Hot topics
  - Human Resources
  - Business Operations

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**Inform:**  
*Mentoring*

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- We provide a formal mentoring program to help new(er) school business officials succeed.
- Who is eligible to participate?
  - Any supervisor or director level OASBO member (Associate or Professional) from any school business specialization is eligible to participate in the program. (i.e. Business Manager, Food Service Supervisor/Director, Treasurer, Transportation Supervisor/Director).

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**Inform:**  
*Mentoring*



- Why participate in a mentoring program?
  - A great way for a newer SBO to get the guidance needed early on in their career
  - A great way for a seasoned transportation supervisors/directors to help a fellow colleague
  - We match applicants (proteges) with a mentor
  - We provide an orientation
  - Pairs set expectations & goals for the relationship
  - Mentor & proteges earn contact hours for meetings

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**Inform:**  
*Publications*



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**Advocate**



OASBO is actively involved in and influences education public policy and education on finance in Ohio through professional legislative representation, partnerships with other associations and grassroots efforts.

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**Advocate** 

We advocate based on 4 priorities of our legislative platform:

1. School Finance: Revenue & Expenditures
  - Working to improve Funding Formula
  - School Funding Concept Paper with BASA and OSBA
  - Pupil Transportation Funding will be a major component
2. Student Needs & Success
  - Working with coalition to preserve Common Core
3. Human Resources
4. Professional Standards

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**Advocate** 

Experts in public school finance and tax policy, promoting accountability and effective use of school district resources.

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*Barbara & David are registered lobbyists.*

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**Advocate** 

- We utilize our legislative committee to create and vet goals, plans, positions
- We partner closely with BASA and OSBA on legislative initiatives
- We keep our members informed on current bills, their progress, their impact on school districts in Ohio
- We ask our members to take action!

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**Services** 

- Online Public Auction System (Public Surplus)
- General Liability, Property, Casualty Insurance (Ohio School Plan / Hylant)
- Workers' Compensation Group Programs (Ohio SchoolComp / CompManagement, Inc.)
- Government Purchasing Cooperative (US Communities)
- Section 125 Plan Services (American Fidelity Assurance Company)
- 457(b) Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan (ING)
- Safety & Regulatory Compliance Software (PublicSchoolWORKS)
- Procurement Card (EasyProcure – PNC)
- Electronic Vendor / Payroll Fraud Detection System (eVas / ePas – Bonefish Systems)
- Corporate Credit Card Program (American Express)
- Electric Purchasing Program (Power4Schools – FirstEnergy Solutions)
- Online Payment Software (PayFort.net – Esber Cash Register)
- Forecast5 Analytics

<http://oasbo-ohio.org/Services/Overview.aspx>

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**Celebrating Accomplishments** 

- **Scholarships & Recognition**
  - Awards, scholarships & professional registration are available for members' accomplishments and service-related activities.
  - Many awards result in scholarships for students!
    - Ex: OASBO Foundation For School Business Management *Transportation Director of the Year*
    - Ex: Rich Unger Pinnacle Award
    - Ex: Herbert Brum Scholarship

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**Membership Info** 

- **2 types - Professional and Associate**
- **What's the difference?**
  - Professional:
    - For licensed SBOs (Treasurers & Business Managers can ONLY be a Professional member)
    - Any other SBO can choose to be a professional member if they are interested in serving in a leadership role
    - Voting member
    - Annual fee based on dues calculation  
(annual salary + board paid retirement) x .008

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## Membership Info con't



- Associate:
  - Any non-licensed SBO (or licensed but not currently employed or practicing), transportation supervisors, food service supervisors, school district support staff, those seeking to enter the profession, state agency employees, full-time students, related non-profit org employees, etc.
  - \$100 annual fee

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## Associate Membership Benefits



- Member rates on seminars
- Mentoring Program
- e-communications
- SBO Quarterly subscription
- Online Tools - document library, member & vendor directories, videos
- Eligible for committees
- Eligible for OASBO services

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## How to Join



Membership joins for the new year begin **May 1**.  
Membership year runs from July 1 – June 30.

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# Planning for our Future

Member, Board & staff input

Member Satisfaction / Loyalty Research Study / Survey with Loyalty Research Center

Technology Assessment, Strategy & Plan with Illinois Partners

Strategic Planning Process with Mary Myers

Member, Board & staff input

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# Planning for our Future

333 members completed the survey!  
That's a 29% response rate!

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# Planning for our future

- Outcomes of strategic planning to date:
  - Developed goals to be shared on website and approved by board at its June, 2014 meeting

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- Thank you!
- Questions?
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