



OASNP

Ohio Association of Special Needs Professionals
An affiliated department of the Ohio Education Association

<http://oasnp.ohea.us/>

Important Dates

November 13, 2021

Board Meeting

10:30-1:00

Zoom

December 4, 2021

Lunch Break at OEA RA

Zoom

January 8, 2022

Board Meeting

Zoom

February 25-26, 2022

**Annual Conference and
Membership Meeting**

Zoom

May 7, 2022

Lunch Break at OEA RA

July 23, 2022

Board Meeting

**Place & Time to be
announced**

Message from the Chairperson

Christina West

Hello OASNP members,

WOW. Just when we thought 2020 was rough, we have been hit with 2021! During the last OASNP executive committee meeting, we talked about how so many of us have struggled in our personal and professional lives, compounding the worries of COVID-19. We know most of you probably feel the same.

You are not alone. Everyone has their own difficulties and achievements that they have been dealing with over the last months. Please don't be afraid to reach out to your fellow OEA and OASNP members; you would be surprised as to how many fellow members will relate to you!

Because of all of this we have decided to continue to hold our meetings virtually. We know that many of you are ready to go back in person (believe me, so are we!) But we want to relieve stress for our members, not add to it, by not asking members to come to in person meetings if they aren't ready for that.

We want to see you - even in a zoom. We want to hear from you with any feedback on the upcoming year as we start to plan for our annual conference. Any conference ideas you may have, please pass them along, as we want to make best of the short time we will have together at the conference.

Much luck to you this year as we all try to find our new normal. We appreciate you and your dedication and your willingness to go above and beyond.

ONE for OHIO

By: Rachel Grabowski
Crestwood Education Association

Being a new educator can be both exciting and overwhelming. Lucky for us in Ohio, we have Ohio's New Educators (ONE)!



ONE is a unique community within the Ohio Education Association (OEA) supporting early career educators. The statewide network engages and empowers educators in the first 10 years of their career to become successful, active, and visible in their profession and community

through collective action. This group is member led and driven by 37 Member Ambassadors - Ohio educators in their first 10 years of the profession. ONE has continued their work in providing supports throughout the pandemic and has partnered with OASNP to support new educators in Special Education.

You can see the group in action and witness the perks of being a member via the workshops and virtual events that continue to run thanks to the organization of fellow Ohio early career educators. Be sure to follow ONE on social media outlets @OHNewEducators and their website <https://www.ohea.org/ONE> to see what's new and get upcoming event details.



Coming Around Again – Zoom In!

Although we won't be gathering in person, we expect the 2022 OASNP Annual Conference to contain many of the features we all look forward to each year. Plans are in the works to offer legislative and legal updates, an inspiring keynote speaker, and a useful professional topic. We will have breakout rooms for the Friday night social hour! Past conferences always get excellent ratings from participants and this year will be no different.

OASNP ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2022

The OASNP Annual Conference will again be virtual on Zoom for 2022. We are planning a Virtual Happy Hour for Friday, February 25, 2022, from 7:00-8:00 pm. It is a great time to catch up with colleagues from across the state. The conference will be Saturday, February 26, 2022. We hope to set up several breakout rooms with different topics. If you do not see a topic you need, tell us what you are looking for. Send email to oasnp@oasnp.org or answer our survey.

Here is the tentative agenda:

- 9:00 Welcome, Greetings, & Updates – Christina West, OASNP Chairperson
- 9:15 OEA Social Justice Issues – UniServ Education Policy & Practice
- 10:00 Kick-off FCPE Drive –
- 10:15 Legal Update – OEA Plan Attorney
- 11:45 Legislative Update – OEA Lobbyist
- 12:45 “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work” – working across job descriptions; organizing ESPs
- 2:00 OASNP Annual Meeting – Election of 2022-2024 Officers and six At-Large Representatives
- 2:45 Wrap-up – Stay-to-the-End Raffle

Look for registration materials in your snail mail and on the website, <http://oasnp.ohea.us>, in mid-January.

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OASNP Public Relations Grant Program

Offering public relations grants to local is one of the major activities of OASNP. It is a visible reminder of your dues dollars at work, a way to showcase your local, and a vehicle for getting more members involved. Every local should consider applying. See the website, www.oasnp.ohea.org, for some ideas that have worked for past applicants. You will also find the application on the website; it can be submitted through the website or by mail.

The OASNP Public Relations Grant program is designed:

To support local associations in developing projects that reinforce the professional image of members serving individuals with special needs AND to enhance the image of education, work and life skills development for people with special needs.

- The project should promote a positive image of your local association and prominently display the name of the local on all materials.
- The amount of the local's grant depends on the proposal but is limited to \$250.
- The OASNP Executive Committee will review grant applications in late fall.



Public Relations Grant Requirements:

- Elect and send delegate(s) to the Fall and Spring OEA Representative Assemblies.
- Send at least one member to the annual OASNP conference.
- Submit an article and photo about your project to the OASNP Newslines.
- Submit a financial statement with receipts. Grant money must be used for the benefit of your local membership.
- Application must be submitted by an OASNP member.