

2018 OFT Convention

Growing Stronger Together!

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AGENDA

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22

8:30 – 10:30 AM	REGISTRATION
8:45 – 9:45 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Polaris Foyer AD and DD) <i>Sponsored by OFT and VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc.</i> NEW DELEGATES BREAKFAST (Gemini Ballroom B) <i>Sponsored by OFT and Berea Federation of Teachers</i>
9 AM	LOCAL PRESIDENTS MEETING (Gemini Ballroom A) Melissa Cropper, President, Ohio Federation of Teachers
10 AM – Noon	<u>OPENING SESSION</u> (Polaris B, C, E and F) WELCOME / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Shari Obrenski, OFT 1 st Vice President, Cleveland Teachers Union INTRODUCTIONS: First-time Delegates, OFT Officers/Executive Committee, OFT Staff Shari Obrenski, OFT 1 st Vice President, Cleveland Teachers Union ADOPTION OF RULES: Lee Black, OFT 2 nd Vice President, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers STATE OF THE UNION: Melissa Cropper, President, Ohio Federation of Teachers GROWING STRONGER THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Doug Kelly, President and CEO, Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana RECOGNITION OF LOCAL PRESIDENTS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, CONVENTION HELPERS: President Cropper
NOON – 1:15 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:30 – 3:30 PM	<u>GENERAL SESSION</u> (Polaris B, C, E and F) DIRECTIONS FOR THE NOMINATION OF OFFICERS - Michelle Rzucidlo, Cleveland Teachers Union FRIEND OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARD - SEN. PEGGY LEHNER GROWING STRONGER THROUGH MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES WITH RECOMMIT CAMPAIGN (Heather Bakke, President - Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop (MN), Terri Hook -Oregon City, Michelle Rzucidlo - Cleveland, Tammy Carpenter - Crooksville) PANEL WITH STRS CANDIDATES (Retirement Committee Chair Bill Boone Moderating, STRS Board Candidate Ben Pfeiffer, and STRS Board Member seeking re-Election Dale Price) GROWING IN NUMBERS - MEET OUR NEWEST LOCALS (Sean Belveal and Abi Haren, Cleveland ACTS; Erin Susick and Mandy Burkhart, Belmont College Faculty Association) CONVENTION SPONSOR: NATIONAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATES

3:30 – 5:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Budget - Gemini A
Communications - Gemini B
Constitutional Amendments - Vega
Ed Issues - Polaris B, E, C, F
Higher Ed - Northstar

Human Rights - Nova
Legislative and School Finance- Polaris D
Nominations and Elections - Gemini C
PSRP and School-Related Personnel- Lyra
Retirement - Polaris A

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

7:30 – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Polaris Foyer CF and FF)

Sponsored by OFT and AXA Advisors

8:30 – 11:15 AM

GENERAL SESSION (Polaris B, C, E and F)

OVERVIEW OF AGENDA / PURPOSE OF DAY

SHAREMYLESSON.COM - Natalie Dean, AFT

REMEMBRANCE OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

GROWING STRONGER THROUGH POLITICAL STRENGTH

SHELLY SIMONDS - THE POWER OF ONE VOTE (candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates
whose tie was broken by a random drawing)

RICHARD CORDRAY - CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF OHIO

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE - OFT Director of Legislation and Political Action Darold Johnson

RESOLUTIONS

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 – 4:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION

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RESOLUTIONS

GROWING STRONGER IN OUR EDUCATION VISION -State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **STRS ELECTIONS** - Retirement Committee Chair Bill Boone - Berea, OFT Field Coordinators Tom Rose, Kim Luther, Megann Walsh - (Gemini C)
- **POLITICAL MOBILIZATION/TALKING POINTS** - OFT Director of Legislation and Political Action Darold Johnson - (Northstar)
- **CARRYING OUT THE OFT PARTNERSHIP WITH MAKE-A-WISH** - OFT Coordinator of Field Services Jill Jones and Rebecca Dykstra, Development Officer – Kids For Wish Kids Campaign Manager - (Lyra)

- **PARENT HOME VISITS** - Lynn Smith and Theresa Mariea, Toledo Federation of Teachers - (Polaris D)

4:30 PM	RETURN BALLOTS (Registration Foyer) / EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (Polaris A)
5:30 PM	<u>OFT DINNER/AWARDS BANQUET</u> (Polaris Foyer, Polaris CF and FF)
5:30 – 6 PM	Reception
6-7 PM	CONVENTION RECONVENES: Installation of Officers, Awards Presentation, Convention Adjournment (Polaris B, C, E and F)
7 PM	DINNER IS SERVED - BEGINNING OF AFT REGIONAL MEETING WITH MEMBERS FROM GREAT LAKES REGION
7:15 – 8:30 PM	KEYNOTE AND Q&A WITH RANDI WEINGARTEN, AFT PRESIDENT
* 8:30 PM	<i>(We must finish so the hotel can turn over the room for the party)</i>
9 PM	PARTY WITH DEEJAY BRUCE THOMPSON (AN AFSCME BROTHER) <i>Sponsored by OFT and OFT Staff Union</i>

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

8:30 – 10 AM	COPE BREAKFAST (Polaris B, C, E and F) VIDEO FROM U.S. SENATOR SHERROD BROWN STEVE DETTELBACH, CANDIDATE FOR STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL KATHLEEN CLYDE, CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE ROB RICHARDSON, CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER ZACH SPACE, CANDIDATE FOR STATE AUDITOR REPORT: BRIAN KESSLER, TREASURER, OHIO FEDERATION OF TEACHERS MOONEY BASKET RAFFLE: (If you are not present you must designate someone to claim the basket if your ticket is drawn)
10 AM - 5:35 PM	AFT GREAT LAKES REGIONAL MEETING

OFT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BUDGET - Julia Wiant, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520

CIVIL RIGHTS - Darrell Lausche, Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - Ari Klein, Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795

EDUCATIONAL ISSUES - Terri Hook, Oregon City Federation of Teachers, Local 1080

HIGHER EDUCATION - Andrew Shella, Terra Faculty Association, Local 4719

LEGISLATIVE AND SCHOOL FINANCE - Brian Shaner, Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS - Michelle Rzucidlo, Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279

PARAPROFESSIONALS, SCHOOL RELATED PERSONNEL, AND SCHOOL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Kristina Schwarzkopf, Toledo Federation of Teachers, Local 250

COMMUNICATIONS - Cheryl Neylon, Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279

RETIREMENT - William Boone, Berea Federation of Teachers, Local 1699

OFT CONVENTION COMMITTEE

COORDINATOR OF COMMITTEES - SHARI OBRENSKI, Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279

CREDENTIALS - Tabatha Nadolny, Oregon City Federation of Teachers, Local 1080

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Lee Black, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

John Chapman, Berea Federation of Teachers, Local 1699

Tamar Gray, Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795

Sonya Lackey, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520

TIME KEEPER

Tina Reynolds, Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795

OFT STAFF

President Melissa Cropper

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President Melissa Cropper - Georgetown Federation of Teachers, Local 4903

OFT First Vice President Shari Obrenski - Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279

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OFT Treasurer Brian Kessler - Berea Federation Of Teachers, Local 1699

OFT Recording Secretary Catherine Hernandez - Toledo Federation Of Teachers, Local 250

OFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Margaret Correale - Miami Valley Career Tech Ctr Emp Assn 4575

Kevin Dalton - Toledo Federation of Teachers, Local 250

Peggy Giuliano - Newton Falls Classroom Teachers Association, Local 4864

Tamar Gray - Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795

Terri Hook - Oregon City Federation of Teachers, Local 1080

Ari Klein - Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795

David Quolke - Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279

Julie Sellers - Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

Now when the union's inspiration
through the workers' blood shall run
There can be no power greater
anywhere beneath the sun
Yet what force on earth is weaker
than the feeble strength of one
but the union makes us strong.

Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever,
Solidarity Forever, for the union makes us strong.

When in our hands is placed the power
greater than their hoarded gold
Greater than the might of armies
magnified a thousand-fold
We can bring to birth a new world
from the ashes of the old
for the union makes us strong.

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A Union of Professionals

AFT Great Lakes Regional Meeting

In Conjunction with OFT Convention

February 23-24, 2018

Hilton Polaris

Columbus, Ohio

Draft Agenda

Friday, Feb. 23

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Melissa Cropper, president, Ohio Federation of Teachers
AFT vice president

Keynote

Randi Weingarten, AFT president

AFT Jam Session

This is an opportunity for open discussion with AFT president Randi Weingarten and the officers.

9:00 p.m.

Reception

Saturday, Feb. 24

8:30 – 10 a.m.

OFT COPE Breakfast

10 – 11:15 a.m.

Union Building through Member Engagement

David Hecker, president, AFT Michigan

Kim Kohlhaas, president, AFT Wisconsin

Emily Tims, Lakeshore Federation of Teachers

Heather Bakke, president, Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop

The panel will discuss how to prepare for the loss of agency fee and payroll deduction, as well as strategies to mobilize and engage members in this new environment.

11:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Working People's Rally

We will take a bus to and from the state Capitol to participate in the Working People's Rally. A box lunch will be provided.

3 – 4:30 p.m.

Election 2018: What We're Up Against

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Moderator—John Ost, director, AFT political department

Local Leader Speakers

In this session, speakers will detail what we're up against and present an overview of the challenges and opportunities we face in 2018.

4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Speed Dating AFT-Style—Workshop Session

An opportunity to share information about AFT resources and to give leaders the tools they need.

Note: Descriptions for each are listed on a separate flier (in your packet)

- Best Practices to Reach New Personnel
- Communications Strategy & Tools
- Engaging Members through Professional Development and Share My Lesson
- AFT Connect
- Elements of a Successful Contract Campaign

5:15 – 5:35 p.m.

Wrap-up

Moderator—Jessica Smith, AFT chief of staff