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## VISION

The OAASFEP provides effective leadership, professional development and legislative information on state and federal educational programs to serve all Ohio's students.

## MISSION

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Education, legislators, and other organizations, OAASFEP will facilitate open communication, provide professional development opportunities, promote legislative inquiry, and support Ohio's school communities to foster optimal learning for all Ohio's students.



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## From the President

*Mason Bryan*

### Transitions...

Greetings and welcome to another edition of the Informer. This edition gives way to the passing of the baton. Mr. Schneider is moving into the position of Immediate Past President while I transition from President-Elect to President.

I follow in the footsteps of greatness! From the previous Presidential service of Charlie Glasgow, Ken Frelito, Jackie Blosser, and Paul Schneider along with a host of so many others. I thank them for their service and for paving the way. If only my feet could fill their shoes...what a monumental task before me. Although I must say, it is an office that for me is very humbling to have served once let alone twice. What an honor to serve OAASFEP and the members the organization represents.

Please see *From the President* on page 2

## 2015 OAASFEP FALL COORDINATORS CONFERENCE

*Federal Programs: A Time of Change*

Hyatt Regency at the Greater Columbus Convention Center

October 12-14, 2015

Consider sharing your ideas and best practices at the Conference.

**CALL FOR PRESENTERS** forms available at [www.oaasfep.org](http://www.oaasfep.org)

For 2015 Fall Conference deadline: July 31, 2015

For 2016 Spring Conference deadline: December 1, 2015

OUR WEBSITE HAS MOVED TO: [www.oaasfep.org](http://www.oaasfep.org)

CHECK IT OUT and register for the conference!

All Conference information is now online to register!

From the *President* from page 1

Mason Bryan  
OAASFEP President

While most of us wait for the phrase, “Reauthorization if here!” Many others just want to hear a clear forecast with no rain. To know it is officially summer, looking at the rainfall totals for the state of Ohio thus far, one might think it is still spring. Then again, one might ask what spring? It seems concerning the weather we went from winter to summer. Nonetheless, it could be worse, like a drought situation with fire hazard warnings or drenched and devastated by a hurricane. Still the weather will be what it will be and we must continue our journeys. Speaking of Summer, I do hope yours is going well. May it be a time for relaxing and gaining the much-needed rest, we deprive ourselves during the school year. Unfortunately, it won’t be long before we hear the sound of the “school bell” ringing to spread the news that school is once again beginning. Who knows maybe we will be a few steps closer to “Reauthorization.” However, we all know when it does arrive, there will be change.

Change is difficult, but then if you think about it, that is what we as educators have done during our careers. We are “Agents” of change. Therefore, I invite you to attend a conference tailored specific for us. This coming fall, we will begin to set the stage to prepare for our mission of change. The conference will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> (evening), 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration materials will be posted soon, so don’t delay, get your reservation secured, visit our organization’s website soon and register. The Hyatt offers free Wi-Fi in all of the guest rooms, while only being steps away from the meeting rooms. It is a win/win situation. I hope to see you there. Until next time, enjoy your summer and get rested up for our upcoming mission. ♦

Mason Bryan  
OAASFEP President

**Call for Presenters for the  
2015 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference  
Deadline: July 15, 2015**

You are invited to submit a proposal to share your work, expertise and knowledge with other leaders from Ohio School Districts, Charter Schools and Institutions. Accuracy and completeness in filling out the electronic form will aid the Planning Committee in considering your proposal.

Go to [www.oaasfep.org](http://www.oaasfep.org), click on *Conferences* tab, *Proposal System* link for full guidelines.

Go to <http://goo.gl/TPB1m> for electronic proposal form.

**Future Conferences-Plan on Attending!**

2016 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference – March 17-19

Call for Presenters deadline: December 1, 2015

**2015 Spring Conference: *Revisited*****March 17-19, 2015*****Imagine...Fifty Years Later Our War on Poverty Continues******Bill Bogner, Conference Facilitator***

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After completing about 34 conferences as planner and facilitator, I find it amazing how fast they come and go. The work that OAASFEP does for federal programs is usually about the practices and strategies for the core subjects, the new standards in Ohio, and to insure that the federal grants will help implement and enhance our classrooms in Ohio. However, as the theme of this conference suggests...as educators we must never lose sight of the intent of the ESEA Act signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. Title I was meant to help “level the playing field” so to speak for the poverty or economically disadvantaged child. While poor, many of these children were also educationally disadvantaged, and were behind their peers as they entered school and beyond. Regrettably, the conversation on helping poverty children must continue today...for it is EDUCATION and US as educators that still make the difference for poverty children. We must inspire, to teach and to care for these children, and all children of need. It is the future of America.

The 2015 Spring Conference had again many outstanding and inspiring speakers. Dr. “Mama J”. Johnson was the opening keynoter who reminded us that poverty does not have a color. We must prepare all children to compete in a global society. Dr. Monique Chism, US Office of Education, reminded us of the many challenges facing us such as continuous improvement, and to insure that opportunity exists with no gaps for race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status. She believes that great teachers matter and that “...high performing teachers generate 5-6 months more of student learning.” Dr. Patrick Schwarz, closing keynoter, believes that education is a service, not a sentence. Everybody belongs everywhere with everyone else in the school community. We create supports for ourselves in our daily lives; need to do the same for children. He challenged us to impact our children with Title I as it creates life chances.

See 2015 Spring Conference: Revisited on page 4

## From 2015 Spring Conference: Revisited from page 3

**COMING SOON:** The 2015 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference, Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

**Federal Programs: A Time of Change** will be the theme for this annual learning event for coordinators, teacher leaders, and others who manage and lead the federal programs such as Title I and IDEA-B. This conference is essential for the new coordinator of federal programs while providing in-depth information on the rules, guidance or implementation of these programs. OAASFEP works in partnership with the Office of Federal Programs (ODE) to deliver the critical and technical information related to the goals of each grant. There will be 4 general sessions with outstanding presenters along with nearly 30 learning sessions for new and experienced coordinators to select sessions that meet their personal learning needs.

Carried over from the very successful 2014 Fall Conference is the New Coordinators Academy strand, which has been embedded in as Institute A followed by four learning sessions. If a new coordinator elects to pre-register for all five sessions in this strand, they will receive much of the essential information related to Title I or federal programs. Please remember, for ALL coordinators...it is a continuous learning process to learn Title I and federal programs from one conference to another.

**OAASFEP is changing too.** And, we listen too. Educators are very busy people. Last year, OAASFEP condensed our conferences down to essentially a bit less than two days. We added free wireless internet in the hotel rooms at the Columbus Hyatt Regency. And, we made sure that all meeting rooms for the conferences were Wi-Fi. Beginning with the 2015 Fall Conference, we will use an Event Management System for online registrations and securing the reports or documents that we need. We will not print a registration packet or a conference program. By eliminating the registration company and all of the printing and mailing previously done, OAASFEP will save a substantial amount and keep the conference fees affordable for most school districts. You will be provided the opportunity to register online, be giving the links for the conference planner or program as well as for the hotel. So, by mid August watch for the information and links relative to the 2015 Fall Conference either in your email (past conferees) or on our website [www.oasfep.org](http://www.oasfep.org) . ♦

**2016 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference - March 14-16, 2016**  
(Monday evening to Wednesday noon) - ***Federal Programs: Agents of Change***

**KEYNOTERS:** Dr. Craig Boykin, Montgomery AL; Brian M. Pete, Chicago IL; Brooke Haycock, Washington DC; and surprise guest educator.  
Questions or concerns? Please contact me or any member of the OAASFEP Board.

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## NAFEPA Update

### Dr. Everett Mann

The next NAFEPA Annual Conference will be at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC on March 13-16, 2016. Preconference sessions and the conference theme have not been determined. Watch for information on the NAFEPA website, [www.nafepa.org](http://www.nafepa.org).

Our newsletter "The Connection" now comes out every week on Thursday. Along with information about the latest developments in federal education, it seeks members' opinions on federal education issues. Please respond so your voice is heard.

NAFEPA has not planned additional interactive webinars like last year. Instead, there will be videos posted on the NAFEPA webpage for members to view and send comments and questions. David DeSchryver will research the comments and questions and lead a virtual discussion a week after a video is posted. Members will receive an email inviting them to view each video and be part of the following discussion.

The National Association of State Title I Directors has prepared some priorities for Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization. NAFEPA has been asked to consider supporting these priorities. They can be seen at <http://www.titlei.org/resources/Advocacy/nastid-priorities>.

If you have comments about these priorities including NAFEPA and/or OAASFEP supporting them, please email me at [emann1967@yahoo.com](mailto:emann1967@yahoo.com). ♦



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### ATTENTION OAASFEP MEMBERS!

Consider Nominating one of your students  
for the 2015-2016 School Year

OAASFEP is proud to continue the tradition of the OHIO ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF STATE AND FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS scholarship award. As an OAASFEP member, you may nominate one candidate for the OAASFEP state scholarship program from your school/district. The qualifying candidate is an Ohio high school senior who plans to attend a college/university located in the state of Ohio for the fall semester.

For more important information about the OAASFEP Scholarship Program, go to the OAASFEP Scholarship link below to download and print a copy of the application.

<http://www.oasfep.org/Home/Assets/OAASFEPScholarshipformJune2013.pdf>



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