



## Ohio Association of Extension Professionals

### What does OAEP do?

The Ohio Association of Extension Professionals (OAEP) is the state professional association for Extension Professionals.

OAEP has two main objectives:

1. Professional improvement of its members.
2. Improvement of the Extension organization as an educational delivery system for county, state, and federal Extension programs.

### How does OAEP operate?

OAEP is operated by an elected board comprised of representatives from the three Extension regions and four program areas. In addition, first and second vice presidents in each program area and elected officers serve on the board.

The entire membership meets annually to elect officers, recognize outstanding professionals, and install new board members. The OAEP Board and the six committees meet in Columbus to conduct business four to six times a year.

### Who can join?

OAEP is open to any Ohio Extension personnel with an Administrative and Professional (A&P) or Faculty appointment. Active membership carries the privilege of holding any board position in the association and voting on all matters coming before meetings of the association.

### How do I join?

New employees are eligible to receive free membership during their first year of employment. Go to the OAEP website to download the membership form and submit to the OAEP Treasurer.

### What will I find on the website?

- Names of current officers and their email addresses
- Members of the Board
- Program area representatives
- Current newsletters
- Scholarships and deadlines for submissions.
- Links to national associations

**To find out more,  
visit the OAEP website:  
<http://oaep.osu.edu/>**

### OAEP Opportunities

- Scholarships
- Awards
- Professional courtesies
- Stipends for special study
- Newsletters and monthly updates
- Voice concerns to administration
- Strengthen relationships with county Commissioners
- Network with other professionals

OAEP is the umbrella organization for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development, and Community Development Extension Professionals in Ohio.

OAEP encourages involvement in and serves as a link to national professional associations:

- NACAA — National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- NACDEP — National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals
- NAE4-HA — National Association of Extension 4-H Agents
- NEAFCS — National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

## OAEP Standing Committees

Each OAEP member is encouraged to serve on one of six standing committees. Committees are comprised of members from each Extension region and program area, and are appointed for a two-year term. Committee chairs and co-chairs are selected from board representatives.

### Committees

**Policy:** Reviews and updates OAEP committee and board structure; assigns committees for involvement in Extension policy formulation; and recommends constitutional or by-law revisions as needed.

**Professional Improvement:** Addresses orientation of new personnel and training or networking opportunities for all personnel.

**Recognition:** Solicits nominees for service and achievement awards and coordinates the recognition program. Also extends courtesies to members for personal joys or sadness.

**Program:** Promotes sharing and evaluation of individuals and statewide programs and publications.

**Personnel:** Addresses matters of salary, fringe benefits, faculty and non-faculty advancement, funding, staff and performance appraisal.

**Public Relations:** Increases the visibility and image of The Ohio State University Extension and OAEP. Creates awareness for new personnel of the objectives, work and accomplishments of OAEP. Acts as a liaison between OAEP and the Ohio County Commissioners.

## Officers and Vice-Presidents of OAEP

Each year the membership votes for a president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, and a second vice president for each program area. Second vice-presidents and presidents-elect advance to first vice-presidents and presidents, respectively. Treasurer and secretary positions are two-year terms, elected in alternate years. The first and second vice-presidents represent Ohio to their national associations.



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