



OSSWA

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Advocating for the delivery of School Social Work services to meet the needs of all children.

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Letter from the President

Dear OSSWA members,

It has been an exciting start to my presidency! In my welcome letter, I referenced HB 166: Student Wellness and Success funds that were awarded to every school district in Ohio (<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Student-Wellness-and-Success>). The state budget dedicated \$675 million in new money over the biennium to enable schools to provide additional supports like mental health services, wraparound services, mentoring and after-school programs. And now, in partnership with Governor Mike DeWine and the RecoveryOhio initiative, the Ohio legislature invested \$18 million in the most recent budget to support prevention education initiatives for K-12 students (<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Creating-Caring-Communities/Prevention-Education>). Our state is finally jumping on board and realizing the importance of the "Whole Child" and recognizing the importance of focusing on students' mental and social-emotional health to ensure academic success.



Now is the time!!!! WE are the trained professionals to carry out this work. We need to be visible- in our schools, in our communities, within our regions, and in our state organization - Ohio School Social Work Association (OSSWA)- that is solely here for the advocacy and support of school social workers around Ohio. If we do not advocate for ourselves and the expertise we hold, who will? It is time to attend statewide and regional events, join a committee, volunteer for the board, contact your regional representative to connect you with other SSW's in your area. This is the time and we need YOU!

Have a great second half to your school year!

Jill Miller - OSSWA President

Year in Review

AWARDS 2019

School Social Worker of the Year

Sarah Vashaw, LISW-S

Sarah Vashaw, was born and raised in Stow, MA. She attended Simmons College in Boston where she received a BA in Psychology. Following her undergraduate career Sarah joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and served for a year in Salem, OR at the HOME Youth and Resource Center as a client advocate. After serving for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Sarah was a CPS worker for the State of Oregon for 4 years. She then went on to attend the University of California, Berkeley, where she received her Masters of Social Work. While there she took necessary classes and field placements for a pupil services credential.

Following graduation from University of California, Berkeley, Sarah moved back to Boston following graduation and met her husband Kirk, who she has been happily married to for the last 14 years, and has three children Allison (13) Lucy (12) and Jackson (7). In 2003, Sarah moved to Bryan, Ohio for his husband's job. At the time there were no school social workers in Bryan, so Sarah worked for a number of difference agencies, and spent several years in clinical practice at Bryan Medical Group.

In 2013, she was asked to join planning efforts for The Safe Schools Healthy Student SAMHSA grant for Williams County. While apart of the planning efforts the local director of the grant left unexpectedly, and Sarah stepped in to serve as the interim director and completed their county's needs assessment, logic model and preliminary planning required for the 5 elements of the SSS grant in Williams County. When a full time director was hired, Sarah was involved in coordinating the ongoing efforts of two elements of the grant including Youth Led Prevention and Early Childhood programming.

In 2017, Sarah was hired at Bryan Elementary as a School Social Worker. She has recently finished 11 years of service on the Board of Trustees for Sarah's Friends in Bryan, which is an agency that serves victims of crime and domestic violence living in Williams County.



Friend of School Social Work

Kim Schubert

Kim Schubert began her teaching career as a special education teacher in 1992. In 1999 Kim became the Elementary Principal at Shumaker School in the Bellevue City School District. She served in this very rewarding role for ten years until she was named the Superintendent of Bellevue City Schools in 2009. Kim feels a great deal of gratitude to continue to presently serve in this role.

Mrs. Schubert aims to be highly visible at district and community events to support the staff and students in all of their important accomplishments. She serves on many regional and local committees and boards in order to build strong partnerships among local businesses and community stakeholders. Serving children, families and community members as a public educator is Kim Schubert's life passion. She is

dedicated to providing a quality education to all students and believes that education is the foundation for a successful life, community and country. In the last five years a top priority has become educating the “whole child” by building partnerships with several mental health providers in the community and adding a district social worker to the Bellevue City Schools administration team. These partnerships and the role of the district social worker are making a positive difference in the lives of children and their families.

Champion of Children

Scott DiMauro

Scott DiMauro, a high school social studies teacher from Worthington, became OEA Vice President in 2013. He chose to become a teacher in order to give students the critical thinking and decision-making skills they need to be successful citizens in our democratic society. It was only natural, then, that he chose to become actively involved in his local union in order to advocate for his students, fellow educators, and a vibrant system of public education.

Prior to becoming a full-time OEA officer, Scott served for nine years as President of Central OEA/NEA, and has experience as president of his local, a member of his local bargaining team, chairperson of Central’s leadership and professional development programs, and political action coordinator. He also led the NEA Legislative Committee for three years.

As vice president, Scott has served as co-chair of the Healthcare and Pension Advocates for STRS and represents OEA’s 125,000 members on a variety of coalition boards and steering committees. He chairs the OEA Legislative Committee and works with OEA’s Government Relations staff to represent educators in the legislature and State Board of Education. This past year, he was proud to help lead efforts of the OEA Commission on Student Success to lay out a comprehensive vision for high quality education for all students and lay the groundwork for positive implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act in Ohio.

As OEA and other labor unions respond to the recent Supreme Court *Janus v. AFSCME* decision prohibiting the collection of Fair Share Fees, Scott has been actively involved in membership recruitment, retention and engagement work at the state and local level, particularly with aspiring and early career educators. He is a member of the Central Ohio Labor Employment Relations Association (COLERA) Board and its Program Committee.

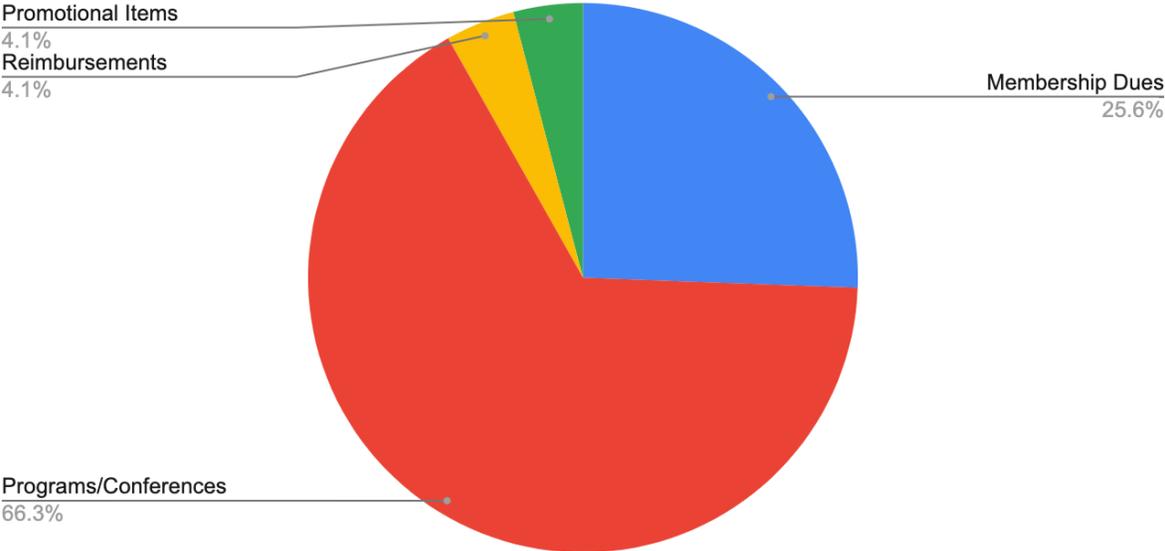


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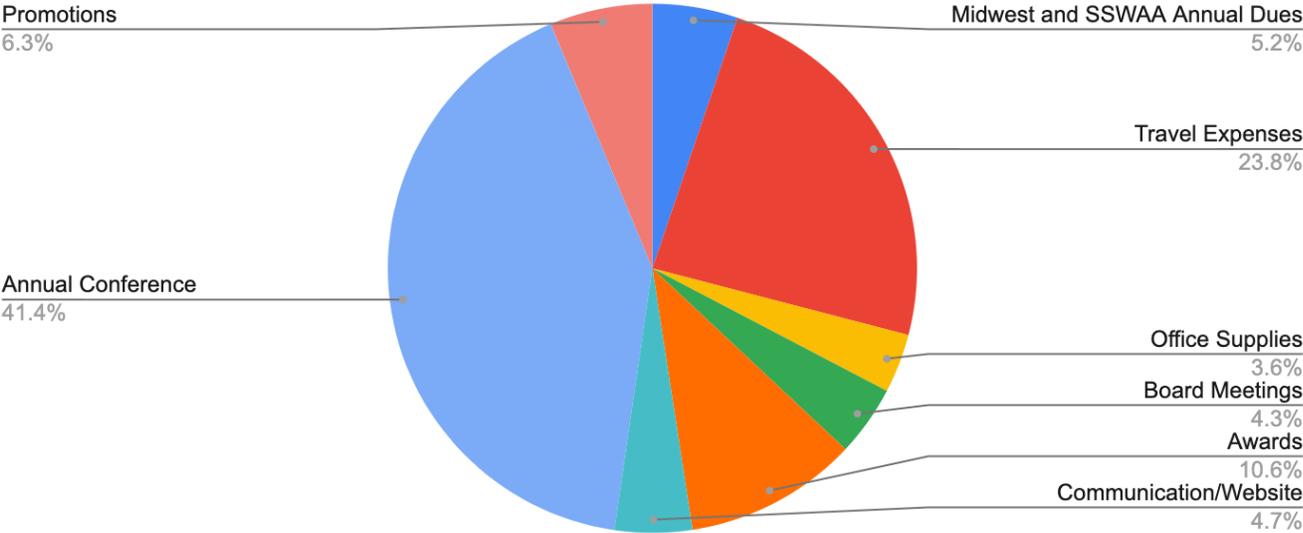
Do you know an individual who you would like to recognize for one of these rewards? Consider nominating your co-worker, peers, mentor, or anyone who has impacted the field of school social work. Nomination forms are on our website in the awards section. The deadline to nominate is **January 10th, 2020**.

Financial Report 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Income for Fiscal Year 2018-2019



Expenses Fiscal Year 2018-2019



- ◆ Your membership fees and attendance at OSSWA events are crucial to keeping OSSWA going! OSSWA appreciates your continued membership and support!
- ◆ The majority of the budget goes back to members in: conferences and professional development events, website upkeep and newsletters, membership gifts, and awards to outstanding professionals in our field!

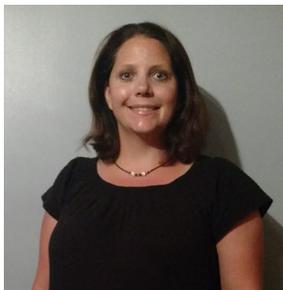
Board Members



Jill Miller
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Rachel Meffe
Past President



Cindy Johnson
Treasurer



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Secretary



Faith Gordon
Membership Director



Betsy Youse
Promotions Director



Caryl Yoo
Programs Director



Martha Jones
Awards Director



Andrew Smith
Legislative Co-Director



Brenda Rinkes
Legislative Co-Director

Board Members (continued)

AGENCY ADVISORS

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Emily Jordan, MSW, LISW | Ohio Department of Education Advisor

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

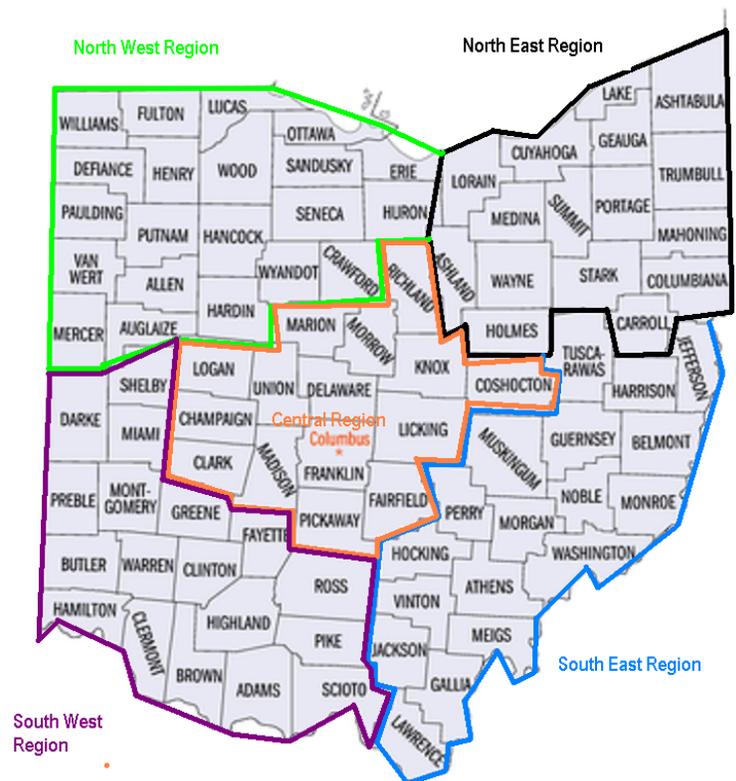
Erinn Smith | North West Region
Martha Jones | Central Region
Brenda Rinkes | South East Region
Vacant | South West Region
Vacant | North East Region

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Erica Magier | OSU Student Representative
Vacant | MSASS Representatives (2)
Vacant | University of Cincinnati Student Representatives (2)

OTHER POSITIONS

Vacant | President Elect
Vacant | Communications Director



Open Board Positions!!

Please contact OSSWA if you are interested in any vacant positions! We need your help to support OSSWA and are always looking to add dedicated and passionate members to our board!
Email osswadrive@gmail.com for more information!

Board Members Reflect: Achievements & Goals

Rachel Meffe, Past President

Achievements this year: Successfully transitioned leadership of OSSWA, researched options and with board input determined plan to create new website, OSSWA was represented at both Midwest Council meetings and at SSWAA Conference. Assisted in planning successful Spring Conference. OSSWA's budget improved due to successful membership retention and events. **Goals:** Complete transition to new website including ensuring site is fully functional and training board on how to use the site (creation of news posts and events). Our online presence is critical to the future success as it is often the first encounter people have with the organization. Presenting the organization in a professional manner with a site that is more user friendly will increase membership and enhance communication between membership and the board.

Martha Jones, Awards Director

Achievements this year: The Central Region hosted a membership social and a book read/review of "A Child Called It" accompanied the gathering. Mandated reporting guidelines were reviewed and a discussion of how School Social Workers support and inform faculty, administration and other support staff about the responsibilities of mandated reporters occurred. **Goals:** Continue to host the annual event for the Central region and increase attendance. Host an additional event to encourage new members. These goals are important to grow the OSSWA membership.

Faith Gordon, Membership Director

Achievements this year: Provided a PD session for 1 CEU based on the book "The Child Call It." Event focused on understanding how traumatic events effects a child's ability to learn, signs a child may have experienced trauma, and to provided strategies to assist students within the education environment. Provided needed support for conferences sponsored by OSSWA. Represented OSSWA as a Midwest Council member. **Goals:** To provide a PD opportunity for School Social Workers based off the book "The Lost Boy." I believe this book would enhance our knowledge, insight, and ability to support our growing vulnerable youth population that is placed in foster care. I would like to plan a social event for School Social Workers to network, and build resources.

Betsy Youse, Promotions Director

Achievements this year: Membership gifts, ordering and selling promotional items, displaying OSSWA info at conferences, and presented at NASW to promote OSSWA and our profession with two other board members. **Goals:** Look for new ways to promote membership and involvement, retain current members promote OSSWA through trainings/social work professional development

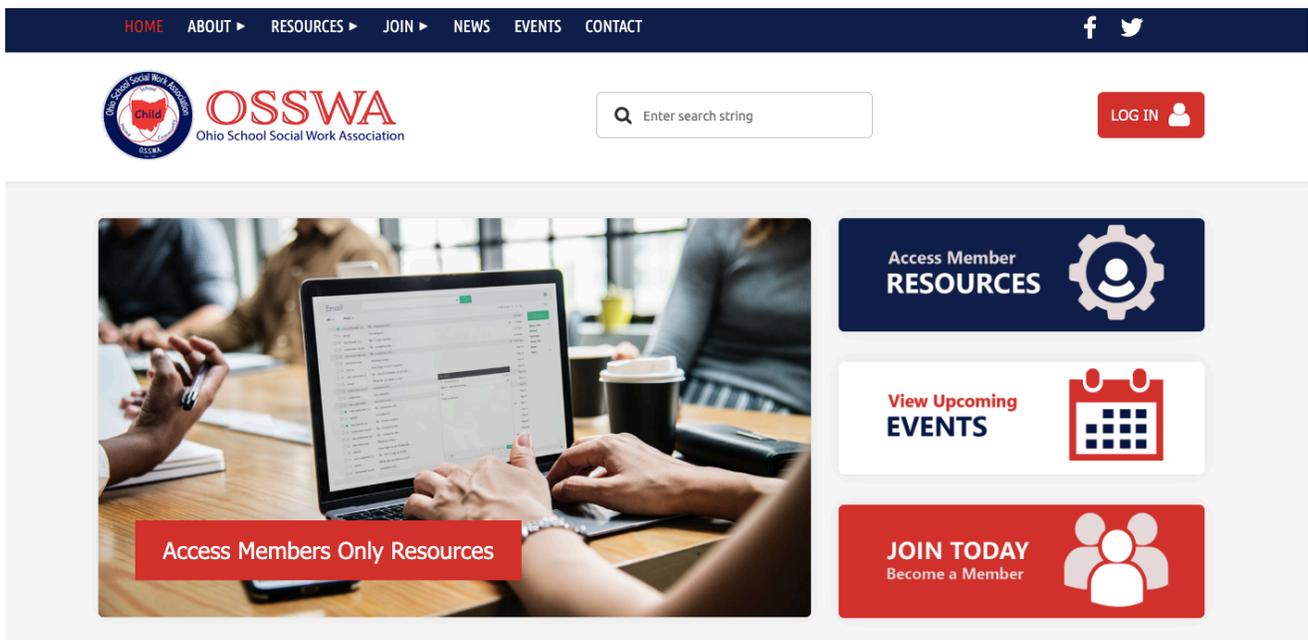
Caryl Yoo, Programs Director

Achievements this year: The spring conference was wildly successful both in money brought in and providing great professional development opportunities. I developed partnerships with excellent presenters and we met the professional development needs of our members. The back to school kick-off was held at Findlay University which accommodated our needs easily. The location was right off the highway, the facility was professional, and really an easy venue to work with. The attendees received a great training on Ethics in the morning and then work around understanding and meeting the requirements of House Bill 410. Responses from participants were very positive and the presenters were very knowledgeable in their field of practice. **Goals:** To streamline the spring conference to make registration/facility accommodations/and excellent programming work seamlessly so that a pattern of using the same tools for an excellent outcome can be made and repeated and expected. To deliver a conference in the Spring and Kick off in the summer which meets the needs of our members professional growth, brings in a profit to help further the mission of OSSWA, and brings in new members.

Website Update & Social Media

Check out our new and improved website at

www.osswa.org



Follow Us on Social Media!

Stay up to date on OSSWA events and information!



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2020 Annual Spring Conference



LGBTQ, Restorative Practices, and Trauma: Elevating the Whole Child

Friday, February 28, 2020

OSU Marion Guthrie Community Room

2nd floor Maynard Hall

1465 Mt. Vernon Ave, Marion Ohio

8:00am - 4:00pm

Registration includes Continental Breakfast, Buffet Lunch, 6 CEUs (Counselors and Social Workers)

\$90 Members - \$110 Non Members - \$40 Students

Early Bird Registration \$10 off until January 10, 2020

Brandy Wells, MSW, LISW

Relational Trauma: Breaking the Cycle, 1 CEU

Martha Jones, MSW, LISW-S

Introduction to Restorative Practices, 2 CEUs

Erich Merkle, PhD, EdS, NCSP

Children of the Rainbow: From Conceptualization to Evidence-Based Practices for Supporting Children who are Sexually or Gender Diverse in the Schools, 3 CEUs

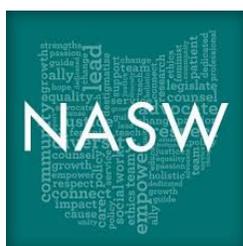
REGISTER at www.osswa.org

Other Upcoming Events:

Board Meetings

- January 11, 2020 (Saturday) 9a-12noon, Online, Board Meeting
- April 3, 2020 (Friday), 10a-3p, location TBD, Board Meeting
- June 15, 2020 (Monday), 9a-4p, Leadership Retreat, location TBD, Board Meeting

As always, our board meetings are open to all members. Just give us a heads up that you are attending by emailing us at osswadrive@gmail.com.



NASW Ohio Advocacy Day

March 26, 2020 10am-3pm

Riffe Theatre, 3rd Floor, 77 S. High Street

Columbus, OH 43215

Register at www.naswoh.org



2020 National School Social Work Conference

March 18-21, 2020

Baltimore, Maryland

Register at: <https://www.sswaa.org/nationalconference>



Midwest Council 2020 Conference

October 21-23, 2020

Ann Arbor, Michigan