OEA seeks applicants for the 2011-2012 Retirement Systems Training Program

In the interest of supporting the best, most highly qualified OEA members in their preparation for election to Ohio's retirement boards, the OEA is sponsoring a Retirement Systems Training program.

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP), the largest educational association serving the employee benefits and compensation industry, will conduct the training program. A nonprofit, non-lobbying organization, the foundation is a trusted resource for objective, accurate and timely information.

To encourage participation in the Retirement Board Training Program, the OEA will offer scholarships for members interested in pursuing seats on the STRS, OPERS and SERS Boards. These scholarships will cover the cost of four, two-day training sessions required to complete a Certificate of Achievement in Public Plan Policy (CAPPP), as well as other related trainings and/or meetings.

Priority consideration for endorsement shall be given to those candidates who have training and experience in the following areas:

A. Satisfactory completion of all international foundation of employee benefit plans trustee certificate training programs;
B. Completion of training specific to Ohio's public employee retirement systems; and
C. Attendance at STRS, OPERS or SERS board and committee meetings and/or service on a public retirement system board.

For the sole and exclusive benefit of its members, OEA may sponsor and/or provide funding for its members interested in seeking the training and experience required to receive priority consideration for endorsement to an Ohio public employee retirement system board.

The OEA Scholarship Review Committee members will review applications, conduct interviews and make award scholarship recommendations to the OEA Board of Directors. OEA Vice President William Leibensperger will review progress reports from training participants and provide updates to the Board.

For more information and to apply for a program scholarship, visit the OEA website at www.ohea.org (log in and go to the "Programs and Events" category). For more information on the IFEBP, visit www.ifebp.org.

Applications are due **no later than July 15, 2011**. Please send applications and pertinent documents to the attention of William Leibensperger, OEA, 225 E. Broad St., Box 2550, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Applications can also be faxed to 614/224-5707.