

## OEPA

The Ohio Extension Professionals Association represents the needs and interests of state personnel of Ohio State University Extension. It enhances effective communication among the membership, the university community, and the public. OEPA plays a key role in working with administration to determine organizational policy and identify opportunities for the financial and professional growth needed to maintain and attract qualified Extension personnel.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to members of the state faculty, professional staff, and administration of Ohio State University Extension and retirees from these groups. Membership is designated upon payment of dues. Currently employed faculty and staff can utilize their professional development funds provided by Extension Administration to cover the cost of regular membership in OFPA

## ACTIVITIES

- C The Executive Council serves as a “sounding board” for administrative ideas and concerns
- C Organized social gatherings
- C Annual funds 50 percent for the Mini-leave Enrichment Grant and the James Utzinger Award
- C President and President-Elect meet quarterly with the OSU Extension Director and representatives of other Extension professional associations
- C Provided input to the development of evaluation materials for Extension teaching
- C Provides professional enhancement training opportunities

## COMMITTEES

Members are invited to work with an OEPA Committee each year. They are:

- C Membership
- C Professional Improvement
- C Salary and Benefits
- C Newsletter
- C Social
- C Bylaws
- C Nominating