



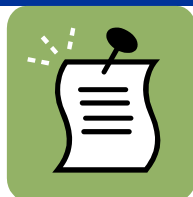
# OCSEA

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### **The President's Corner: Fall Conference is Right Around the Corner**

Greetings OCSEA Colleagues!

The 2008 Annual Training Conference is right around the corner (Oct. 1st-3rd) and the OCSEA Board and Programs Committee have been hard at work. The Programs Committee has lined up a packed training agenda. We will have two child support specialists tracks (12 sessions), a supervisor track, an attorney CLE track and a general track. We will also have a great selection of vendors and exhibitors to visit between sessions. Lunch is provided both days with the annual awards presented at a luncheon on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

OCSEA would like to thank this year's conference sponsors for their generous support:

- Northrup Grumman
- YoungWilliams
- Policy Studies, Inc.
- Oklahoma Commission for Children and Youth
- LabCorp

Our sponsors help OCSEA provide a high-quality training experience for our attendees and their support is greatly appreciated!

Early-Bird Registration ends Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> so be sure to get your registrations turned in to take advantage of the Early-Bird savings on registration fees. The last day to register is September 19, 2008.

## Board Members

President-  
Katherine McRae  
President-Elect-  
Clay Pettis  
Treasurer-  
Barbara Hatfield  
Treasurer-Elect-  
Barbara Perkins  
Secretary-  
Carol Lively  
Parliamentarian-  
Tery DeShong  
Past President-  
Vicki Spurgeon  
Emily Dalmut  
Ann Armstrong  
Sue Rudebock  
Roger Gillett  
Janet Horn  
Bruce Hammer  
Lee Cohlma  
Jennifer Hodges  
Gary Newberry  
Barbara Millikan  
Shade MaKinde

There are still plenty of rooms at the Sheraton Midwest City Hotel but you will want to reserve your room as soon as possible (and no later than September 9<sup>th</sup>) to guarantee your rate of only \$81.00 per night. The conference rate is available until September 9<sup>th</sup> or until the block of rooms is sold out. The Sheraton is a beautiful hotel and is attached to the Conference Center. Please contact me at [katherine.mcrae@okdhs.org](mailto:katherine.mcrae@okdhs.org) or Barbara Perkins at [barbara.perkins@okdhs.org](mailto:barbara.perkins@okdhs.org) if you have any questions about conference registration.

OCSEA members need to send in their nominations for the 2009 OCSEA Board. We have several openings and would love to have you join our board! Also, it is almost time to turn in your nominations for the OCSEA awards. Be sure to look for Barbara Perkins' email and take the time to honor your deserving colleagues and partners. This year, all nominees and winners will be recognized at our luncheon on Thursday.

We are going to have a great conference and look forward to seeing you in October!

Katherine



# 2009 Board Nominations

OCSEA is looking for individuals to serve on the  
2009 Board Nominations can be made between now & midnight September 3rd  
via  
email to:

[vicki.spurgeon@okdhs.org](mailto:vicki.spurgeon@okdhs.org)

**Any Association member in good standing desiring to serve** as an Officer shall forward his/her name utilizing the Associations official nominating form to the Chair of the Nominations Committee thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Any member in good standing wishing to nominate another Association member** as an Officer may do so by forwarding the name of said nominee utilizing the Associations official nominating form to the Chair of the Nominations Committee thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**DAC/DA, DHS, STO or CAP/Tribal/Contract Board Member** and as a Board Member you/they can:

- Vote for the OCSEA Awards
- Take on leadership as a committee chair
- Work with community partners in the Community Education committee
- Set the conference schedule in the Programs committee
- Market OCSEA through the Fund Raising/Merchandizing committee
- Ensure the By-laws maintain the focus of OCSEA in the By-laws committee

**Parliamentarian** and you/they can:

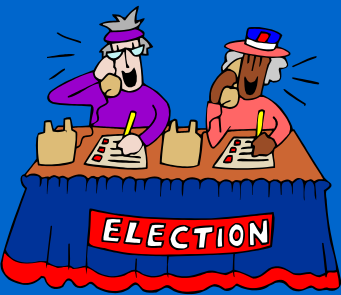
- Keep the meetings running smoothly using Roberts' Rules of Order
- Use the OCSEA By-law's to remind the Board of our duties and responsibilities to serve the interests of the Association
- Maintain and amend the By-law's as necessary to ensure the purpose of the Association is reflected in our day-to-day business

**Secretary** and you/they can:

- Be the Editor of the OCSEA newsletter
- Flex your journalistic muscles while informing the Association membership of events and happenings within OCSEA
- Determine the public face of OCSEA to internal and external Child Support professionals
- Maintain a record of the proceedings of the Board

**President-Elect/Treasurer-Elect** and you/they can:

- Choose the location of the 2010 conference
- Choose the keynote speaker for the 2010 conference
- Determine the focus of the 2010 conference
- Propose the operating budget for OCSEA
- Contribute to the professionalism of OCSEA
- Meet and work with high caliber Child Support professionals across the state
- Recruit OCSEA members into a growing organization committed to professional development through conferences
- Supervise and conduct all regular business of the Association
- Maintain an accurate record of the funds available and the members of the Association



Contact Vicki at  
[vicki.spurgeon@okdhs.org](mailto:vicki.spurgeon@okdhs.org)



**For those who are wanting to know which Board positions are continuing and which offices are seeking nominations before you nominate yourself or another OCSEA member:**

2009 President Clay Pettis

President-Elect [to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 3 year term (as 2009 President-Elect, as 2010 President, and as 2011 Past President)

Treasurer Barbara Perkins

Treasurer-Elect [to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 2 year term (as 2009 Treasurer-Elect and as 2010 Treasurer)

Secretary [to be elected at Annual Meeting] - 1 year term

Parliamentarian [to be elected at Annual Meeting] - 1 year term

Past-President Katherine McRae

DHS Board Member [serving for 2008 & 2009] Ann Armstrong (Ponca City)

DHS Board Member [serving for 2008 & 2009] Sue Rudebock (Midwest City)

DHS Board Member [serving for 2008 & 2009] Roger Gillett (North OKC)

DHS Board Member [to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 2 year term

DHS Board Member [to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 2 year term

DA/DAC Board Member [serving for 2008 & 2009] Bruce Hammer

DA/DAC Board Member [serving for 2008 & 2009] Lee Cohlma

DA/DAC Board Member [to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 2 year term

DA/DAC Board Member [to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 2 year term

CAP/Tribal/Contract Board Member [serving for 2008 & 2009] Gary Newberry (Lawton)

CAP/Tribal/Contract Board Member to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 2 year term

State Office Board Member [serving for 2008 & 2009] Shade Makinde

State Office Board Member [to be elected at 2008 Annual Meeting] - 2 year term



OCSEA OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CSE OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED FOR:

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT ELECT/TREASURER ELECT (MUST RUN AS TICKET)

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT ELECT

\_\_\_\_\_ TREASURER ELECT

\_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY

\_\_\_\_\_ PARLIAMENTARIAN

\_\_\_\_\_ DAC/DA BOARD MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ DHS BOARD MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ CAP/TRIBAL/CONTRACT OFFICE BOARD MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ STATE OFFICE BOARD MEMBER

I certify that the person nominated is an OCSEA member in good standing.

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## **BIGFOOT MEMBERSHIP CONTEST GATHERS STEAM!** *Pettis sweated bullets scrambling for the prize money . . . .*

By TERY DESHONG, special OCSEA correspondent, Boggy Depot Bureau.

WEWOKA – Several weeks ago, the membership of the Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Association (OCSEA) was rocked by Clay Pettis’ announcement of a special membership drive and contest. Clay Pettis is the current President-Elect of OCSEA and Managing Attorney for the Wewoka Child Support Office. Specifically, Pettis issued a challenge to the membership to recruit new members, backed by the promise of a \$200 grand prize. For good measure, he also threw in a prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, consisting of a signed DVD of the hit film “Four Sheets To The Wind”, in which Pettis made a brief, but semi-memorable appearance. Apparently intoxicated by the moment, Pettis then offered his beloved lucky courtroom socks for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher.

Since then, the overwhelming responses had Pettis sweating bullets as he scrambled to secure the prize money.

“I was countin’ on our aluminum can mining venture for the funds, but since the price o’ gasoline shot the moon, the roadsides have been scoured clean. Heck, these days, if you’re drinkin’ a sodie pop from a can and it slips from your hand, somebody’ll snatch it up ‘fore it even hits the ground,” Pettis said.

Pettis continued, “I even tried sellin’ blood, but they just laughed in my face and

smarted-off somethin’ about flammable blood not bein’ any good. I told ‘em it was just cough medicine, but they just said they weren’t buyin’ my bull. What nerve!”

“Well, just as I was about to hit rock-bottom and go stand at a busy intersection with a cardboard sign, my good buddy ‘n’ long-lost twin brother, Bruce “Mad Dog” Hammer, stopped by and maybe saved my bacon. I’ve always said, ‘Where would a fella be without his pals?’ Anyways, he’d just got back all inspired and excited from the last Leadership program and said his brain had been stormin’ something fierce ever since.”

“What’s got you so fired-up, bro’?” I asked. “We-we’re g-g-gonna get RICH!” stammer ol’ Mad Dog.

“Naturally, I was all ears when I heard ‘get RICH’. I couldn’t help but be a tad bit skeptical, though, considerin’ he was wearin’ that same suit he’s worn for the past 14-15 years. Fact is, he sleeps in it, too, because he says it saves him from havin’ to buy pajamas. This all told me that whatever it was hadn’t made him got rich, yet. Nevertheless, in desperate times desperate people tend to listen to desperate things with desperate hope and I was desperate.



*Clay Pettis and inventor Bruce Hammer, enjoying their stylish Space Buddies Scanners.  
~ Photo by Vanessa "Rosebud" Noahubi ~*

So, I desperately listened as the wild-eyed Hammer told me about how they'd passed around some fuzzy metal straws at Leadership and challenged the membership to invent sumpin' with 'em. Well, I seemed to remember that, because I think I was there, too. My interest and curiosity began mounting, however, when he described his invention as a "space alien listening device".

The long and short of it is, we are now in business together. On a first-come, first-served basis, Bruce H. & C. Bruce, Ltd., are proud to offer, FREE OF CHARGE, your very own Space Buddies Scanner. The unit works similar to a police scanner and you'll be amazed from the moment you first put it on as you listen in on unlimited chatter from outer space. They come in a variety of fashionable colors that you can mix 'n' match with any outfit. Your friends will be astonished as you share news, stories and gossip from other planets in our galaxy and beyond. I personally guarantee you they work, because I've never heard more voices in my head in my life since putting on my first set. Heck, I even sleep with my scanner on.

Supplies are limited. Send a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope to: My Space Buddies Scanner, P.O. Box 1300, Wewoka, OK 74884-1300. As we said, they are free of charge, but be sure and include a cashier's check or money order for \$29.95 made payable to "Bruce H. & C. Bruce, LTD" to cover shipping and handling.

So, the Bigfoot OCSEA membership contest is going strong. The rules are below, followed by a membership application form.



Time is running out!

## ~THE BIGFOOT MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RULES~

This contest is open to any member in good standing of the Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Association (OCSEA) as of 1 January 2008. All prizes will be awarded at the OCSEA meeting at the annual OCSEA Conference in Midwest City to be held October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Winning membership sponsors do not need to be present to be awarded a prize. Any and all ties will be resolved by a drawing. The drawing will be conducted by the current OCSEA President, or other individual designated by the President, during the OCSEA meeting.

For a new member sponsor to receive contest credit for a new membership, the new member applicant must fill out the membership application below and name the sponsor in the space provided in the application. The membership application must then be submitted to the OCSEA along with payment of the new member's annual or lifetime dues, whichever the case may be. The contest ends at 5:00 p.m., 2 September 2008. For purposes of this contest, "new member applicant" means anyone eligible for membership who was not a member of OCSEA as of 1 January 2008.

Any and all disputes shall be resolved by a vote of the OCSEA Board of Governors in session and all decisions by the Board pertaining to any such disputes shall be final. This contest is void where prohibited by law.



**~OCSEA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION~**

I, the undersigned, hereby request membership in the Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Association (OCSEA). I promise to abide by all rules and by-laws as adopted by the OCSEA. Please print or type, except on the signature line:

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Office: \_\_\_\_\_

My User ID: \_\_\_\_\_

The Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed application with a personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to "OCSEA" at the address below. Do not send cash. Annual dues are \$10.00 per member. For lifetime membership, submit a one-time payment of \$100.00.

OCSEA  
P.O. BOX 11242  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73136



Who will be the winner?

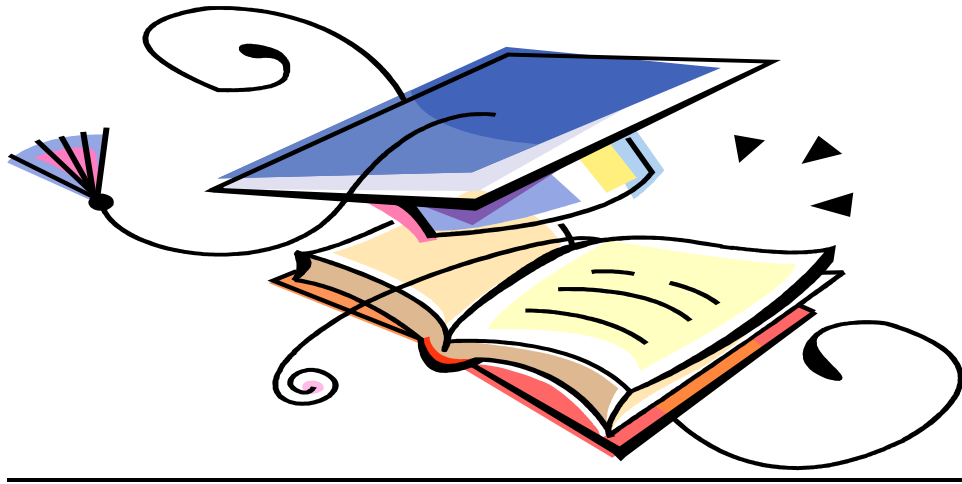
# FALL CONFERENCE 2008

## "WE CAN'T WAIT!!"



October 1-3, 2008  
Reed Conference Center  
Midwest City

Sheraton Midwest City Hotel at the Reed Conference Center  
5800 Will Rogers Road | Midwest City | Oklahoma | 73110  
telephone 405.455.1805 | facsimile 405.736.0973  
[www.sheraton.com/midwestcity](http://www.sheraton.com/midwestcity)



The Child Support Specialist (CSS) Certification Program Advisory Council is proud to announce 11 child support specialists as fully certified caseworkers through the CSS Certification program.

"The certification program is a great opportunity to develop the caseworker's knowledge of the child support program. It prompted me to learn more about the new areas of the program," said Thompson. "I am thankful that we, as caseworkers, were allowed the opportunity to become certified and I am pleased with the extended knowledge base that I can now pull from."

"We are very proud of each and every one of our certification honorees who have taken the extra time and effort to prove their mastery of all areas of our program. Other states are looking at what we are doing here to reward and recognize our casework professionals, and we appreciate each one of them who has stepped forward for their offices and our division," said Gary W. Dart, director of the OKDHS Child Support Enforcement Division

Sandi Gardner - TUW  
Natalie Cordova - TUW  
Ginger Haworth - Ardmore  
Tara Thompson - Duncan  
Kathryn Small - MWC  
Charles Weaver - STO  
Sharon Hull - Clinton  
Angela Hawkins - Clinton  
Jean Underwood - Ponca City  
Theresa Gray - Ponca City  
Melissa Stephens - Shawnee

*Congratulations!*

For more information on the CSS Certification Program, contact [Shade.Makinde@okdhs.org](mailto:Shade.Makinde@okdhs.org)

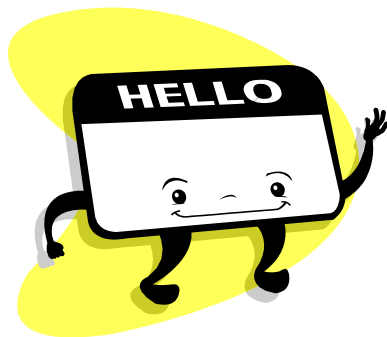


## **2008 OCSEA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
August 15, 2008	10 am – 12 pm	CSE STO, 3rd floor conf. rm.
September 12, 2008	9 am – 12 pm	CSE STO, 3rd floor conf. rm.
September 26, 2008	all day as needed (work day)	CSE STO, 1st floor
October 1-3, 2008 (conference)	All day	Reed Center, MWC
November 7, 2008	10 am – 12 pm	CSE STO, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor conf. rm.

# Oklahoma Joins WICSEC

Oklahoma is now a member of the Western Interstate Child Support Enforcement Council (WICSEC) since SWREA disbanded in 2007. For more information about WICSEC, go to <http://www.wicsec.org/> WICSEC's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference will be in San Antonio, September 7-11, 2008.



Dues are payable at any time!  
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