



Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Association

2005 Summer Newsletter

Surf's up- Riding the Child Support Wave

The 2005 Fall Conference is set for September 14, 15, and 16 in Norman. OCSEA, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, and the DAC, District Attorney's Council, are hosting a Beach themed two-and-a-half day conference. Five tracks are offered - two for Child Support Specialist, Supervisor / Manager, Continuing Legal Education, and a General track.

OCSEA President Jana Ford has chosen a Beach theme to match the exciting events in CSE, such as OCEAN. Dress for the conference is business casual—Let's be Beach Business and not Beach Bums. Please remember to **avoid** swimsuits, shorts, cut-offs and t-shirts. Capri outfits should be professional in tone. Hawaiian print shirts or floral ties are highly recommended for the gentlemen. President Jana Ford will be providing more information in the coming days and possibly some visual examples of professional beach attire. Please remember temperatures within the meeting rooms are more akin to the arctic than the beach so dress for your comfort.

OCSEA is excited to provide some wonderful speakers and a high caliber Keynote Speaker who will compliment the high caliber employees of CSE. For the first time, OCSEA is providing Oklahoma District Court Judges the opportunity for one hour of CLE in conjunction with the conference. This is a new venture for OCSEA and we are anticipating it to be an excellent community service.

Why You Need to Be a Lifetime OCSEA

Member

I am a joiner. In college I joined social service clubs, student activities council and the student senate. In law school I joined a legal fraternity and ran for Board of Governors. I am in Toastmasters and VAW (Volunteers for Animal Welfare). Yet, I did not think to join OCSEA until well into my third year of employment.

Even after joining I had trouble remembering to renew my dues each year. I was extremely excited when OCSEA first offered lifetime memberships for the low price of \$100. Many of you probably are thinking "What is so LOW about \$100?" Let me tell you...

I hope to be a career child support employee, retiring approximately 2035. When you consider \$10 per year in dues I have saved \$200 by becoming a lifetime member. Being a part of OCSEA is worth the money. I meet new people, serve on the Board, assist with conference, and all while helping me to improve as an employee!

-By Anne Lawrence

Join OCSEA- See the WORLD!

Want to make friends, influence people, and see the difference OCSEA makes in the child support world?

OCSEA needs YOU!

NOT a member? Join today! You are a member? Then nominate yourself to be a part of the 2005-2006 OCSEA Board.

Contact Lee Cohlmiya to express an interest in serving on the Board as an Officer or Board Member.

You have until **August 16, 2005** to decide how YOU want to shape the child support world through YOUR voice on the OCSEA Board.

Want to pick the location of the 2007 conference? Submit your ticket and run for **President-Elect/Treasurer-Elect**.

Want flex those journalistic muscles? Submit your name for **Secretary** and you can publish a bigger & better newsletter.

Want to vote for the OCSEA Awards? Submit your name to be an at-large Board Member.

Want to nominate someone for an OCSEA Award? Join! Membership has its privileges.

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