

**OFLA Annual Business Meeting
April 6, 2011**

Beginning Teachers Committee Report

Purpose: To represent the concerns and interests of OFLA members with five years or less teaching experience.

The committee has increased in size from two to eight members.

The committee tries to engage new teachers at the conference by offering sessions of interest to them. With the support of the OFLA board, we are hosting the 2nd annual Meet & Greet for First-Timers and teachers new to the profession, Thursday evening. This will provide a way for new teachers to network with each other and board members. We have invited new teachers, first-time conference attendees, methodology professors from the Ohio teacher-licensure universities, and education students from Ohio universities.

The committee is repeating an "Open forum session for teachers new to the profession" to gather and share concerns and advice with fellow beginning teachers. Four veteran teachers are invited to come share their expertise and thoughts with new Ohio teachers.

The committee is currently helping Debbie Robinson (ODE) to organize and run the Global Language Educators Network-Ohio this July at Denison University. We are helping to publicize to OFLA members. We are taking in paperwork to help from the administrative side. We hope to have 25 new teachers (years 2-5) participate this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucas Hoffman, Chairperson