

YSU-ACE UNION

Association of Classified Employees

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It has been over four years since we last published a newsletter. A few things we hope to accomplish with the newsletter is to keep our members informed and allow our members to share their thoughts of work, life or community events. We plan to publish this newsletter quarterly. We also want to distribute this to our members' personal email accounts. Please send your personal email address to me, Chuck, or Melanie Leonard.

If anyone would like to help writing this newsletter, please join our communication team! I would like to encourage our members to contribute to this newsletter. You can send us news and events. I am hoping to include an editorial so that we voice our opinions.

We also have a few more committees we'd like to start again. A few key committees are:

- The **Constitution & Bylaws** committee. Help our union be more accountable! This committee will update the guidelines our union will follow.
- The **Grievance** committee. The more people that are involved, the better decisions we can make.
- We are looking to start a **Safety** committee in the near future. We're waiting to hear back from HR.

I also wanted to thank everyone who came to the holiday gathering on Monday. It was nice to see so many smiling faces! **Happy Holidays!** Thanks for your support!

Connie Kolarik



Upcoming Events

University Closed

Dec 23 & 24, Jan 1

Spring semester begins

Monday, January 10

Next Chapter meeting

Our next meeting is in May. Please contact officers with questions or concerns.

Reminders

Don't forget about to nominate staff members for **Distinguished Service Awards!** Awards are given to exempt, APAS, and ACE members. The form is a simple, one page PDF and is available at <http://ysu.edu/human-resources/employee-recognition>. **Forms are due by Monday, January 31st!**



Executive Committees Corner

The executive committee would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and a good New Year. We hope that the New Year will be a good one! We would like to remind everyone that we are here to represent you and we are only as strong as your voices. Please contact any of us.

President: Chuck Shafer, Bldg. Maintenance Supervisor
1st Vice Pres: Connie Kolarik, Electrician 1
2nd Vice Pres: James Dittrich, Web Programmer
Secretary: Melanie Leonard, Business Ops Specialist 1
Treasurer: Kim Jenkins, Business Ops Specialist 1

Executive Committee:

Niki Cole, Academic Ops Specialist 1
Rich Conway, Groundskeeper 3
Maureen Drabison, Software Integration Analyst 2
Steve Katros, Academic Ops specialist 3
Jill Mogg, Academic Ops specialist 1
Nancy O'Hara, Academic Ops Specialist 1
Shaun Toth, Electrician 2

The last meeting of the **Executive Committee** was on December 9th. The committee discussed the need to fill other committees, getting masks for members, and planned for the holiday gathering and gifts. Our next meeting will be on January 13th.

The **Social Committee** is planning several events for the Spring semester. Watch for information coming soon! If you have ideas for the committee, contact Connie- or join the committee!

The **Communications Committee** will be meeting in February to put together the next newsletter. We're particularly looking for someone to help get the website running again.



News & Events

This is a space we'd like to fill with news from our members in the next issue. If you have something to submit, please email Cassie Nespor at clnespor@ysu.edu



New Members from Fall 2021

A warm welcome to new ACE members across campus!

TyRee Becker- IT

Paul Cetor- Facilities

Amber Cunningham- Maag Library

Scott Duffy- Financial Aid

John P. Gordon- Facilities

Jolie Hanlon- Maag Library

Jolie has a BA from YSU in Anthropology. She previously worked at the Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County as a community outreach clerk. Her hobbies included knitting, reading, and TTRPGs.

Tim Haskins- Housing

Chad Hickman- Housing

Chad has a BS in Business Administration and a MS in Counseling from YSU. He has worked at colleges across the country but is glad to be back home & closer to family. He loves Res Life and working with the students directly. He is also working on a doctoral degree at Kent State.

Cody Hladum- Grounds

Daniel Mahr- Housing

Claudia Pagan-Wilcox- Maag Library

Claudia is from Yuma, Arizona and lived in Denver for 8 years before recently moving to Ohio. She is a student at Eastern Gateway and plans to transfer to YSU next Fall. She spends her free time with her family and 2 boxer dogs. Her hobbies include crafting, reading, watching movies, listening to music, and roller skating.

Alissa Pletcher- Teacher Education

Alissa graduated from YSU in May. She is from Hermitage, PA and has 3 dogs. Her hobbies include golfing and reading.

Robert Schofield- Facilities

