

# AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO SERVE



From the President

The drive up State Route 23 from Portsmouth to Columbus always gives me a chance to think and reflect. That was certainly the case during the first week of August, although it seemed more like a cram session than a leisurely drive. That particular drive led to my first meeting as president of the OHSAA board of directors.

The role of board president is many things. Without question, it is an honor and a challenge, but it is also an opportunity to serve. I have been involved with interscholastic athletics all my life and that has helped prepare me for the 2011-12 school year as board president.



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Left to right: OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross, Board Vice President John Ault and Board President Tony Mantell.

Among the items on the agenda at our September board meeting, we will lay out our goals for this school year. I was a part of the process last year in my first year on the state board of directors and understand the significance of establishing these goals. They will guide our discussions and help shape our decisions.

The members of the board of directors come from every part of the state and we have all been elected by our own districts. Through the rotation process utilized by the OHSAA for decades, we now find ourselves

on the state board of directors. Just as I feel I have been preparing for many years to fulfill this role, I know my colleagues bring the same level of preparedness and dedication.

There are two things I hope to communicate throughout this school year. First, no matter what role you have in school sports, we all have a big part to play in the OHSAA. We all share the responsibility of keeping the ideals and mission of the OHSAA at the heart of what we do, including sportsmanship, citizenship, teamwork, academic accountability and self-discipline. Together, we must 'Respect the Game.'

Second, no matter what part of the state you come from, we are all similar. We all are a part of our family, our school, our community and our great state. We all want what's best for kids. Sometimes that means making tough decisions, but it is what we have been entrusted to do by our member schools. Each of us has been preparing for this opportunity for many years.

Like I said, the drive from Portsmouth gives me time to think and reflect. There is much work to be done. Let's get started.

Sincerely,

Tony Mantell, President  
OHSAA Board of Directors

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