

Chapter Self-Nomination for
Chapter Turnaround and/or Member Innovation Award(s)

STATEMENT OF GROUNDS

Overview: Growth and renewed vitality were achieved in 2005-06 through a merger with the Public Sector Labor Relations Association, a local non-affiliated association established in the mid-1980s upon passage of a modern collective bargaining law governing public employees in Ohio.

- I. Activity (Exhibit A)
 - A. Increased number of meetings 25 percent to 4.
 - B. Increased average meeting attendance from low 30s (2001-2005) to more than 50 in 2006.
 - C. Had highest known attendance at a single meeting: 90 in January 2006.

- II. Membership Growth
 - A. 2002: 65 members including organizational member-designees
 - B. 2003: 64
 - C. 2004: 74
 - D. 2005: 67
 - E. 2006: 133

- III. Financial Resources (Exhibits B-F)

Doubled cash balance of previous five years from \$6,042 to \$12,839 in 2006.

- IV. Communications (Exhibit G): More effective and efficient communications among board members, administration, members and the public achieved.
 - A. Electronic: Migrated webpage to new domain and new server, further developed contents and improved e-mail communications.
 - B. Conventional: Moved administrative office from a university lacking continuity of support to regional office of federal agency with a mission consistent with the Association's.

- V. Mission and Governance: Revised By-Laws to streamline governance (reducing size of Board, e.g.) and assure interests of both public and private sector members. By-Laws are available at www.lera-neohio.org/bylaws2006.htm