

## **MEDIA ADVISORY – May 16, 2003**

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### **OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING AT OBR OFFICES IN COLUMBUS, OH, May 22**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold its May 2003 meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thurs., May 22, at the agency's offices, 30 East Broad St., 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

During the meeting, Thomas A. Zawodzinski will discuss the potential impact of his research at Case Western Reserve University, where he works as an Ohio Eminent Scholar in Fuel Cells and director of the Case Advanced Power Institute. He currently is leading a project on the development of new polymeric membranes that operate at temperatures greater than 120°C and is the national coordinator of the Department of Energy program in this area.

Also, Rich Petrick, OBR's vice chancellor for finance, will present a higher education budget update.

Among items recommended for board action are: academic program authorizations, a bond issuance request, two joint use agreements, requests for release and distribution of funding and requests to the Controlling Board.

Media and the public are encouraged to attend the 1:30 p.m. board meeting, as well as the 9 a.m.-noon committee meetings, also being held in the main conference room at the OBR offices. The committee meetings will follow a format of four 45-minute consecutive sessions: communications, resources, initiatives and performance.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities.

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**\* Editor's Note:** *A board meeting agenda and committee meeting schedule are attached. The next monthly meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents will be held at 1:30 p.m., June 19, at the agency's offices, 36 E. Broad St., 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.*