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NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 29, 2011
Southeast Community College

The April 29, 2011 General Meeting of the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association was called to order by President-elect Kathy Bennetch at 11:05 AM.

Kathy welcomed first time attendees.

Deb Ryan moved to approve the October 22, 2010 minutes as corrected and the April 24, 2010 general meeting report as corrected, seconded by Peg Aldrich, motion carried.

Roll Call:

Local Association	**Attendance**
Nebraska Department of Education (NDEOPA)	1
Lincoln Public Schools (LPSAOP)	44
NEOPA Past Presidents	6
Omaha Public Schools (OEOPA)	2
University of Nebraska (UNOPA)	17
Wayne State College (WEOPA)	5
FROLIKers (UNOPA Past Presidents)	8
Members with No Local Affiliation	1
Guests	1

A quorum was established.

Treasurer's Report

Rhonda Meyer added a line under operating savings to show the remaining 2010 NAEOP Conference Funds. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Elected Officer Reports:

President, Diane Wasser, absent

President-elect, Kathy Bennetch reported the NEOPA membership: Total, 179 members

Active	153
Associate	3
Retired	11
Honorary	12
Total	179

There are 14 new members, the top recruiter this year is Nancy Harter. The membership list will not be published and only email is listed in the conference packets. If more information is needed, members can be contacted via email and can supply address or phone if they choose to.

Vice President, Amy Chandler, absent

Secretary, Jane Schneider, purchased a voice recorder for the NEOPA Secretary to use for recording minutes.

Director Reports:

Awards, Gretchen Walker

May 1 is deadline for nominations for the Nebraska Educational Office Professional of the year deadline.

Professional Growth Award names were drawn. The awards are to be used for professional development activities. Winners are:

$100, Lynette Dunn
$75, Rose Wiechert
$50, Denise Mostek
$50, Diane Wasser

Bylaws, Mary Guest

There were three items on the ballot, two were bylaws changes and one was a standing rule change. All were approved. The bylaws will be updated and posted on the Web site.

Finance/Records, Deanna McCoy

Patricia Liedle made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget for 2011-2012, seconded by Phyllis Rabe as corrected, motion carried.

Corrections are: fix typo in Becky Hastings name and remove "2012" from the NAEOP Expenses.

IT, Debbie Doolittle

Debbie asked for volunteers to be part of an adhoc committee to help get the Web site updated.

NAEOP Liaison, Donna Straight

Donna asked members to let her know if they are attending the NAEOP national conference in South Carolina in July. She has Nebraska pins available for sale to take for trading.

Newsletter, Diane Wasser, absent

A director is needed for 2011-2012.

Nominating, Donna Boone

163 ballots were sent to members, 89 were returned. Newly elected officers are:

President-elect, Joyce Trevett
Vice President, Gretchen Walker
Secretary, Cathy Robertson
Treasurer, Deanna McCoy

Donna Boone made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Edie Schleiger, motion carried.

PSP, Debbie Hendricks

Debbie presented awards for those who earned, upgraded or recertified their certificates at the 5/15/2010, 9/15/2010 and 1/15/2011 deadlines.

Publicity, Judy Rastede, absent

Deanne McCoy reported for her. She asked that people provide contact information or let Judy know of any means to help get the word out about our conferences and workshops. Please let Judy know of anyone that should be getting cards from NEOPA.

Scholarship, Lola Young

Jhany Alvarado from Grand Island is the scholarship winner. She will attend the conference luncheon with her father and sister. She will receive $1,000; $500 each semester for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Lola offered to sponsor NEOPA members that sign up today for a NAEOP membership by taking $10 off their registration fee and would also give them a president's pin.

Ways and Means, Lisa Morehouse

NEOPA did a great deal of fundraising previously so not as much was done this year. Part of the fundraising money goes to scholarship and part goes to NEOPA general fund. During the 50/50 last evening, we raised $202, $101 won by Deanna McCoy, and $101 went to the general fund. There will be more 50/50 drawings throughout the conference.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

2011 Fall Workshop, October 21, 2011

Mary Guest reported that we are partnering with Central Community College.

2012 NAEOP Annual Conference, California

Lola Young will be installed as President at the 2012 conference. Kathy Bennetch invited everyone to be sure and save up to attend.

Past President Scholarship Award

Carol Bom announced the winner of the 2011 Eva Sheaff Memorial Scholarship. This year's winner is Mary Guest; the scholarship amount is $500. The application and process are located on the Web site.

NAEOP Foundation

Deb Ryan spoke about the NAEOP Foundation. Donations to the Foundation go toward disaster relief, scholarships and the Jackie Evans memorial brick program. She said that for those who donated today, there would be a drawing. She will return their check to them and will donate $25 herself in its place. There is also a way to donate on the NAEOP Web site.

Central Area Retreat

The central area is talking about how to raise memberships in their local associations. A survey will be sent out to learn more about what members want and how to reach out and increase memberships.

Scholarship

Lola presented the scholarship to Jhany Alvarado. Jhany thanked the membership for the award. Kathy Bennetch gave an Associate Membership to Jhany.

Announcements:

Hasting Memorial

The dedication of the memorial brick NEOPA purchased will take place at the Antelope Park Veterans Garden at 10:00 AM on June 11, 2011.

President-elect Kathy Bennetch adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Schneider, Secretary