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UNOPA NOTES

“Experience Enrichment...Get Involved”

October 2000

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UNOPA Board

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Education is the birthright of every person. We as members of the University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association pledge ourselves to safeguard that right. We acknowledge the unique role of educational office personnel and the importance of their contributions to the university and the community.

Presidents Message

By: Edie Schlieger

Another month has passed and I again find myself writing to you. I find this to be a challenge—finding what I want to say and putting it down on paper. I find it much easier to talk to people face to face.

Wow, I can’t believe that we are in the last half of October already! As Halloween approaches I can’t help

thinking that the Holiday Season is just around the corner. As your lives get busier preparing for “the season”, I hope you will make time to attend our meeting and the Fall Workshop. Barbara Homer and her committee have worked hard to provide two very interesting and intriguing workshops this year. On December 5, Judy Rastede, Administrative Assistant at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk, will present a workshop, “Real Colors”, regarding different types of communication and teamwork. The workshop offered in the spring will be regarding Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles, presented by Campus Recreation professional staff members. There will also be several brown baggers on a variety of topics from PSP to career advancement.

On Saturday, October 14, seven UNOPA members attended the NEOPA (Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association) Fall Conference in Omaha. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but by all reports a good time was had by all. Those of you who have not yet processed your NEOPA membership, I strongly encourage you to do so. Just think—then you too could experience the fun and fellowship of attending a NEOPA Conference. If you have questions about it, please contact me and I’d be happy to assist you.

By the time you read this I’m sure that many of you have already completed and submitted the applications nominating your boss for the “Boss of the Year” award. We all look forward to finding out who will be selected as the “Boss of the Year”, which will be announced at our next general meeting—The Boss’s Luncheon. Hope to see you and your boss there on November 14. If you have any questions or need information on this, contact Sandy Watmore, myself or check out our webpage at www.unl.edu/unopa.

Finally, I’d like to thank the Directors and their committee members for all the hard work they’ve done so far this year. It takes dedicated members for UNOPA to continue and they have exhibited tireless dedication in the execution of their duties thus far. Thanks again and I’ll see all of you at the Boss’s Luncheon

Minutes UNOPA General Meeting October 10, 2000

Call to Order

President Edie Schleiger called the October 10, 2000, meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, in the Regency Suite of the City Campus Union.

Edie welcomed guests and new members, then introduced the head table, including program speaker James Main.

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

JoAnn Barry reported the beginning checkbook balance in September was \$572.79. Income totaled \$1418.90 and expenses totaled \$939.04, with a final balance of \$1052.65. The balance in savings is \$3397.53.

Committee Reports

Judy Anderson reported the Membership Committee received 71 membership renewals and two new memberships. Membership cards and letters to retirees will be mailed this week.

Jeanette Fisher reported the Ways and Means Committee needs more volunteers to work the UNOPA parking lot on game days. Because this is the organization's main fundraiser, Jeanette asked all members, especially those who have not done it before, to consider volunteering.

Sandy Watmore reminded members the deadline for Boss of the Year nominations is October 25th.

Communications & Announcements

The UNL Hall of Honor in the Canfield Administration Building was dedicated September 19th. Recipients of UNOPA's

Rose Frolik Award and Silver Pen Award are honored in the display.

Debbie Hendricks will be a presenter at the NEOPA Fall Conference this weekend.

Good luck, Debbie!

Old Business

None

New Business

Edie Schleiger reported that UNL has made a contract with mediation centers around the state, to offer free services to all employees. After a two-year pilot program, the administration will decide whether to continue this benefit. Employees can make appointments directly with the mediation center that is most convenient for them; these will not be monitored by the University. The service can be used for work related or personal problems. The Lincoln-Lancaster Mediation Center is at 1120 K Street. Their phone number is 441-5740. Information about the program will be mailed soon.

\$47.00 was collected in the 50/50 Drawing; Becky Hastings won \$23.50.

Program

Jim Main, Director of University Services, gave an "Update on Parking at UNL." Mr. Main congratulated UNOPA's representative, Sandy Lineberry, for being the most "outspoken and aggressive" individual on the Parking Advisory Committee, for which she received a round of applause from the members. Highlights of the update are:

- The 17th & R parking garage will contain 1,750 stalls. Building is ahead of schedule and on budget. Entrances to the five-story structure will be on Q and R Streets. About 85% of the stalls will be designated Area 10's and 20's.
- The most-requested amenities for the garage as noted in employee and student surveys were: convenience store with grocery staples, dry-cleaning drop-off, technology bar

with online computers, coffee shop, automatic teller machine, photo film drop-off, and pizza.

- The parking garage at 14th & Avery is slated to contain 1,200 stalls and a daycare center.
- A third garage at 19th & Vine is planned for construction in five to seven years.
- 20-year bonds were sold to finance construction at 5.65% which is a great rate.
- Eventually, two garages will be built on east campus; one north of the union and one between Continuing Ed and ETV.
- Jim is UNL's representative on the Star Tran board. None of the other five members are interested in improving routes to UNL's campuses. The system is designed to serve the outer neighborhoods, and there are no plans to increase service in the inner city.
- Properties at 10th and Q will be developed for Fine Arts programming.

Next Meeting

The next meeting and annual Boss's Luncheon will be held November 14th at the Nebraska Union on City Campus. The program speaker will be Colleen Jones, on the topic of Teamwork.

Adjournment

President Schleiger adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Christine Cary, Recording Secretary

\$\$\$Want to Earn Some Easy Money?\$\$\$\$

No raffle to sell. All I ask is two hours of your time to work at the UNOPA football parking lot and you can help earn easy money for UNOPA's annual fund-raiser.

I need volunteers at the parking lot November 4 and November 24. Please help your organization and be an active, participating member of UNOPA.

Call me at 472-3322 or e-mail: jfisher1@unl.edu

What's all this Talk about the Professional Standards Program?

If you've ever asked yourself this question, or wondered if the PSP was something you might want to work towards, then you should attend the brown-bag luncheon on November 8 at noon. Members of the PSP Endowment Committee will give a brief summarization about the PSP program, and start you on your way to completing the necessary paperwork.

Bring your lunch (and any questions you might have about the PSP program) and join us on Wednesday, November 8 in the City Campus Union. The room will be posted.

Holiday Charity Giving

A "Giving Tree" will be set up at the November UNOPA meeting. Sixty to 100 stars are being provided from KLIN with different ages of children who are in need of Christmas gifts this year. Selecting a star at the meeting will save you from a trip to a store to deliver your gift. All gifts should be returned unwrapped with the star attached and brought to the December meeting at the Holiday Inn Downtown on December 12th. All gifts will be delivered to KLIN by the program committee. Any questions, please contact Tricia Liedle at 472-3305.

**Are you Interested in joining
NEOPA or NAEOP? If so, check
out these web sites for
membership forms!!**

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