Education: The Journey of a Lifetime

President’s Message

As we get ready for the end of another academic year, we also grow closer to the end of our UNOPA year. Together we have accomplished many things this year and created priceless memories. I hope you have made new, lasting friendships in UNOPA that will benefit you long after this year—such as a smiling face in a department across campus that you can connect with now as a result of your involvement in UNOPA.

Perhaps you found benefit from the speakers at the membership meetings. UNL Softball Head Coach, Rhonda Revelle, challenged us to take pride in what we do each day. Honor and share our talents. Kacey from the Victim’s Advocates Office shared how to take action and intervene as she spoke about “Bystander Intervention: Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence.” Meg Lauerman, UNL Communications Director, urged each of us to be part of the 4Rs—Recruit, Retain, Research and Reputation—as we enter the Big Ten. Dr. Paul Read showed us the importance of UNL Research in February as he discussed Nebraska’s developing grape and wine industry.

Or maybe it was the new skills, techniques, or information from the brown bags and workshops that you could take back to your office that was a key highlight in your year. Ranelle Maltas, from UNL’s Information Services, showed us how to use the latest technology tools to work better, smarter, and faster. Our New Year’s resolutions were helped by Kimberly Barrett’s ‘Healthy Lifestyles’ brown bag in January. MaryAnn Hollingsworth, CEOE, NAEOP South Central Director, urged us to figure out the “onions in our lives” at our spring workshop.

In our spare time we have worked side by side at the Ways and Means parking lot fundraisers and attended state and national workshops and conferences. Several of our members represent UNOPA on campus-wide committees throughout the year. We honored the Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year, Outstanding Staff, and Silver Pen award recipients in November. The annual Rose Frolik Award was presented in April honoring a UNOPA member. In addition we recognized the invaluable service of our past Presidents in April.

If you are one of the many new members who joined UNOPA this year, I once again welcome you. My hope is that you will find great benefits in UNOPA for your own personal and professional growth. Take advantage of everything that is offered. It will be the best use of your time.

We can look forward to continuing our path of personal and professional growth at UNL with Linda Luedtke as our next President. I know you will give Linda and her Board the support they need to lead you in the coming year. Please join us at the May membership meeting as we install Linda and her Board.

It has truly been an honor to serve this year as your President. Thank you to those of you who served on the Board and as Committee Directors and Committee members. Your time and energy has been greatly appreciated. Thank you all of you for the lasting memories I will take with me from this year.

—Cathy Robertson, CEOE, UNOPA President 2011–2012
http://unopa.unl.edu/membership/president.shtml
On May 8, we will install new officers for 2012-13. The meeting will take place at 11:45 a.m. in Hardin Hall on East Campus. Send your reservation to Jaime Long, 1700 Y St. - BSC, 0694, jlong4@unl.edu. http://unopa.unl.edu/about/calendar.shtml.

April General Meeting Recap & Frolik Award

On April 10, UNOPA hosted the Rose Frolik Award luncheon with presentation of the 2012 Rose Frolik Award and recognition of past presidents and retirees.

Lisa King, Great Plains IDEA Campus Coordinator & Graduate Program Secretary in the Department of Child, Youth & Family Studies, received this year’s Rose Frolik Award. Lisa was presented with a certificate and will receive a $600 cash award.

Additional nominees were Joan Frederick, Financial Officer for INTSORMIL Program; Donelle Moormeier, Office Manager in the Department of Communication Studies; and Susan Thomas, Accounting Associate, HAPPI Business Center, Department of Agronomy & Horticulture.

The judges for the award were Rev. Bill Chamberlin, Presbyter, Nebraska District UPC; Gina Sherwood-Klein, Morning Host, B107.3 Radio; and Sherri Wimes, Vice-President, Human Resources Talent Team, Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation.

Cathy Robertson won the 50/50 raffle. University Bookstore donated door prizes, which were won by Dr. Damien Pfister and Tricia Liedle.

MAY 22 Brown Bag Lunch Workshop

Dr. Dawn O. Braithwaite, Willa Cather Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Studies at UNL, will present a workshop titled “Communicating Credibility for Professionals,” from noon to 1:00 p.m. on May 22 in the East Campus Union (Room will be posted).

Dr. Braithwaite said, “Credibility is the extent to which others see us as competent, trustworthy, honest, and strong. Credibility does not happen by accident, but comes from how we communicate and behave strategically to create the impression we wish for others to have. In this hands-on workshop, we will explore how to understand, plan, communicate, and maintain our own credibility in the workplace and beyond.”

Dr. Braithwaite has worked as a consultant and speaker for many public and private organizations. She has a research and teaching speciality in interpersonal and family communications, and communication in groups and teams.

Please RSVP to Jane Schneider, Mentoring Director, nschneider2@unl.edu.
May Gardening Chores
Divide & replant clumps of perennials.
Take cuttings from some plants.
Read garden books from the library.
Mowing lawns and weeding.
Fertilize some actively growing plants.
Weed garden. Weed garden. Weed garden.
Take a nap in the shade.
Write a poem.
Keep a garden journal.
Don’t get sunburned.
Sit and enjoy.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Reminder—the Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund committee is raising funds by selling raffle tickets for a NOOK Color ($200 value) at our April and May general meetings. The tickets are six for $20.00 or one for $5.00. If you can’t make it to one of the meetings, please contact Mari Greer at 472-3554 and she’ll be happy to help you. The drawing for the Nook Color will be on Tuesday, May 8, at our general meeting. This would be a great gift for a May graduate, or for Mother’s or Father’s Days!

NAEOP CONFERENCE IN JULY
Are you planning to attend the NAEOP conference in Costa Mesa, California, July 9–13? If so, please contact Mari Greer via e-mail, mgreer1@unl.edu or by phone 472-3554 and let her know by April 10. We will be asking the Chancellor’s office to help us with funding for this conference and we have to give them a list of names of who will be attending.

UNOPA Spring Workshop Wrap Up
I hope those who attend the workshop “Do You Have Onions in Your Life?” enjoyed it. NAEOP South Central Area Director MaryAnn Hollingsworth, CEOE, was a fun presenter. She described people as different types of onions. My main takeaway was that everyone has positive traits, and I should focus on those instead of the negatives that annoy me. We had a good turnout with 21 UNOPA members and 8 LPSAOP members in attendance.

I want to thank the Employee Concerns Committee for the Pampered Gardener Basket, the UNOPA Board for the Gardening Basket, and the Career Development Committee for the Onions Basket. The baskets were such fun! The proceeds from the basket raffle and workshop will go to the Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund. This fund provides opportunities for UNOPA members to be reimbursed for professional development activities. If you missed the chance to support this fund through the basket raffle, please consider purchasing NOOK Color raffle tickets from Mari Greer.

—Beth Zager, Co-Director, Career Development, bzager2@unl.edu

Quote of the month
The world’s favorite season is spring.
All things seem possible in May.

—Edwin Way Teale
This unique quilt top is at least 30 yrs old - Hand-Pieced by unknown artist - a little larger than twin size - Flower Garden Design — Machine Quilted in KY
Donated by members of NAEOP Educational Foundation and members of the 2011-12 NAEOP National Board.

Copy or Duplicate the ticket below, or go online to www.naeop.org to print out ticket(s). You are also invited to distribute at State, Area, and Local Meetings!

Please make checks payable to NAEOP.

NAEOP EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION QUILT RAFFLE
Drawing to be Held at 2012 Annual Conference
July 9-13, 2012

$1 each or 6 for $5.00; Send tickets & money to:
Mimi Pike, Fundraising Chairman
5115 Rineyville-Big Springs Rd
Rineyville KY 40162
Deadline for mailing entries: June 30, 2012

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Dear UNOPA Members,

As your newly-elected President, I am encouraging our UNOPA members to serve on the 2012–13 UNOPA Board as Standing/Ad Hoc Committee Directors.

Serving on the UNOPA Board does not require a huge time commitment and is one of the best ways to network and make friends across campus. It’s fun, gets you involved, and allows you to grow and develop your talents and strengths. Being a Committee Director is an excellent opportunity to develop your leadership skills while being a supportive UNOPA member. Like any other organization, the more involved someone is within UNOPA, the more rewarding membership will be.

I recently sent out a list of the duties for each Committee Director and the person currently holding the position. I’m sure any of them will be more than happy to answer any questions about their duties. Please Note: Questions regarding the Awards Committee should be directed to Barbara Homer. The Outreach and Mentoring Committees have been combined for the coming year and either Jane Schneider or Mary Klucas will answer questions relevant to those areas.

Since the installation of the new board is May 8th, please let me know as soon as possible which Committee Director position interests you.

I look forward to hearing from you about the committees and seeing all of you at the May 8 installation!

—Linda Luedtke, CEOE
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UNOPA President, 2012-13