President’s Message - Springtime: A Time for Showers, Flowers, Garage Sales & Professional Growth

Roddy Spangler

“The purpose of UNOPA is to provide professional growth and promote high professional standards ...”
Because there was such a huge interest, we are working to reschedule the professional development workshop, “How to Communicate Professionally in an LOL World” which was canceled in February due to illness. We are shooting for late May.

Other professional development opportunities are available at the State, Regional and National levels of our organization. There is our National (NAEOP) Conference in St. Louis in July; a Professional Development Day in Rochester, MN in April that is sponsored by our North Central Region of NAEOP; and a State Affiliate (NEOPA) Spring Event in Lincoln in May. Also, we have been invited to LPSAO’s Spring Event in April. Details of these events are in other articles in this issue of UNOPA Notes.

Despite the rise of social media as a form of communication, email is still a standard form of communication in the business world. Therefore, I share these tips on writing a professional email I found while trolling social media.

Always fill in the subject line with a topic that means something to your reader. Not “Decals” or “Important!” but “Deadline for New Parking Decals.”

Put your main point in the opening sentence. Most readers won’t stick around for a surprise ending.

Never begin a message with a vague “This”---as in “This needs to be done by 5:00.” Always specify what you’re writing about.

Don’t use ALL CAPITALS (no shouting!), or all lowercase letters either.

As a general rule, PLZ avoid text-speak (abbreviations and acronyms): you may be ROFLOL (rolling on the floor laughing out loud), but your reader may be left wondering WUWT (what’s up with that).

Be brief and polite. If your message runs longer than two or three short paragraphs, consider (a) reducing the message, or (b) providing an attachment.

Remember to say “please” and “thank you.” And mean it.

Add a signature block with appropriate contact information (in most cases, your name, business address, and phone number, along with a legal disclaimer if required by your company). Do you need to clutter the signature block with a clever quotation and artwork? Probably not.

Edit and proofread before hitting “send.” You may think you’re too busy to sweat the small stuff, but unfortunately, your reader may think you’re just careless.

Finally, reply promptly to serious messages. If you need more than 24 hours to collect information or make a decision, send a brief response explaining the delay.

More details at: http://go.unl.edu/smhq
Rose Frolik Award & Past Presidents Luncheon, April 19

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Rose Frolik Award Luncheon to be held Tuesday, April 19, at 11:45 a.m. This special event will be held at the East Campus Union in the Great Plains Room.

In addition to announcing this year’s Rose Frolik Award recipient, we will also be honoring UNOPA’s Past Presidents and recent retirees.

Please join us! Past Presidents and retirees, please RSVP to Marsha Yelden at myelden1@unl.edu, or by phone at 402-472-7306.

To register, click on the link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-unopa-rose-frolik-luncheon-tickets-24256334349

More details at: http://go.unl.edu/kzyq
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Parking Lot Volunteers Needed for Spring Football Game

On Saturday, April 16, UNOPA has the opportunity to earn some funds to support our activities for the coming year.

The Husker football team will have their annual red/white spring game and Parking has asked us to monitor the lot at 22nd and Whittier. The cost for parking is only $5 for this game. Only a few people are needed. You may use this link to sign-up as a volunteer:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bNsOdx8ASDwuJwXO1L3ziG7atjw0OZO1tvHnjBYuio/edit#gid=937861791

Let's hope for good weather and a good crowd. Our parking volunteers always have a good time.

Linda Arnold and Jan Wassenberg, Co-Directors
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LPSAOP would like to invite the UNOPA members to their Spring Membership Event on Thursday, April 28, featuring Dr. Tom Osborne speaking on TeamMates mentoring.

The cost is $10 and payment and registration may be mailed to: Lincoln
Public Schools, Attn: Lindsay Deahn, Box 19, 5905 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510

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Dr. Joan Vernikos, a research scientist who previously worked for NASA’s Life Sciences Division, emphasizes why so many Americans are unhealthy in the following quote:

"Even if people meet the current recommendation of 30 minutes of physical activity on most days each week, there may be significant adverse metabolic and health effects from prolonged sitting – the activity that dominates most people's remaining ‘non-exercise’ waking hours."

Kimberly Barrett, Assistant Director for Wellness Services & Fitness Programs at Campus Recreation, led a very thought-provoking and active presentation titled, “An Active Office,” on Tuesday, March 15 at City Campus and Wednesday, March 16 at East Campus. The presentation focused on providing the attendees with tips and simple, yet effective, examples of how they can be active throughout the work day.

Tips:
• Be active as a group
• Be realistic about timing – how long and when
• Break up activities throughout the day

Examples:
• Make sitting for hours less convenient
  o Move frequently used utensils (phone, stapler, etc.) away from your desk
  o Drink water – use restroom furthest from desk/office
  o Create a reminder to stand up every 15, 30 or 60 minutes
  o Do not email someone in your office; go talk to them in person
• Walking meetings (keep a pair of tennis shoes in your office)
• Set a walking goal for the work day
• 5 minute office workout
  o Stand up, overhead reach, lean back
  o Standing calf raises
  o Chair crunches
  o Desk pushups
  o Oblique stretches
• Stretch
  o Neck stretch – tuck chin
  o Shoulder stretch – open chest, round back
  o Knee to chest
  o Fold Forward – seated and standing
  o Roll wrists – both ways

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• Exercise proper posture!

To stay active within my office, we set aside 4 minutes in the morning and in the afternoon. At that time, we do a 2-minute plank and a 2-minute wall sit. These are just a few of many examples. Be creative!

“Start where you are. Use what you can. Do what you can.” – Arthur Ashe

-- Submitted by Alycia Libolt, Treasurer

More details at: http://go.unl.edu/kzyq (http://go.unl.edu/kzyq)
UNOPA Committee Directors Needed for 2016-2017 Executive Board

President-Elect Tricia Liedle would love to announce her full board of directors on May 10. Following is the list of committees she is still in need of directors:

UNOPA Notes--Shall be responsible for collecting information for, setting up, editing, and distributing UNOPA’s monthly online newsletter.

Nominating--Shall be responsible for assuring the future of our organization by establishing and submitting a complete slate of officers for the upcoming year and governing the election process.

Outreach--Shall be responsible for developing a mentoring program for UNOPA. This may include, but is not limited to, workshops, individual mentoring partnerships, web page information or online information. The Committee shall also be responsible for organizing and coordinating the annual summer social, Secret Friends programs, and collecting Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels.

Bylaws--Shall review the Bylaws and Standing Rules each year and present their recommendations to the Executive Board.

Please notify Tricia Liedle, incoming President, if you are interested in serving as a director of one of the above committees for 2016-2017. You may email her at pcribed@nebraska.edu or by phone at 472-3305.

More details at: http://go.unl.edu/fknv

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This is a reminder to register for The North Central Area Professional Development Days. The event is being held in Rochester, Minnesota, April 22-23. If you register, please bring children’s books (new or used) for the retirees’ special project at NAEOP Conference.

Co-Chairmen for the 2016 NCAPPD are Sharon Griffiths and Darlene Hovorka and they are looking forward to meeting new friends and reconnecting with old friends.

To register, click on the link: http://www.naeop.org/membership/area-directors/north-central-area.html

Questions? Contact:

Mary Guest, CEOE
NAEOP North Central Area Director, 2014-2016
NAEOP Affiliates and Advisory Council Chairman, 2015-2016
Nebraska EOPA Immediate Past President, 2015-2016
Email: mary.guest@unl.edu
Cell: 402-613-2430

More details at: http://go.unl.edu/ohf4
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Due to several planning challenges, the annual Spring conference will be an opportunity for NEOPA members to NETWORK, share a meal, and RECOGNIZE the new officers and accomplishments of NEOPA members. It will be held at the Southwest Holiday Inn at 2500 Tamarin Ridge Road in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Thursday, May 19, beginning at 5 p.m. and concluding around 8 p.m.

Please note that the Spring General Membership meeting will be held at that time.

As details are finalized, NEOPA will provide updates. In the meantime, keep an eye on the NEOPA website: Nebraska-neopa.org

If you have questions, contact:

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More details at: http://go.unl.edu/prpi

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For additional information about the fundraiser, click on the link: https://goo.gl/O9tHKv

If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Bahr, at jbahr@lps.org

Jennifer Bahr, Chair
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When: Saturday, May 14
Where: Fallbrook Trail System & Park, 570 Fallbrook Road
Registration: 9 a.m.; Walk: 10 a.m.

Lola Young, staff associate in the UNL Nebraska Forest Service office, has signed up for Walk MS — a charity walk to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the important work they are doing to create a world free of MS. She is doing this walk in honor of her niece, Kelly West, who suffers daily with MS, and in memory of Kelly's Aunt Linda and Phyllis Miller (mother of my brother-in-law) who both died from MS complications. You can learn more about the walk at http://walkMS.org

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system which interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million people worldwide.

Lola's goal is to raise $250. Will you help her reach her goal by donating what you can? It's fast and easy to make a tax-deductible donation on my Personal Walk MS page. The team she is on is called “steps in the right direction” and her team is led by her niece, Jaime, and consists of sister, sister-in-law, nieces and friends of Kelly's. If you prefer, feel free to mail your donation at: Lola Young, 1600 Dixie Trail, Lincoln, NE 68527-9431. Make all checks payable to: National MS Society.

Thank you so much for helping Lola reach her goal and supporting this worthy cause.

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NAEOP Annual Conference in St. Louis, July 13-16

The 82nd Annual National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP) Conference and Institute will be held July 13-16, in St. Louis, Missouri. The schedule and registration form and full descriptions of the institute briefings are available at http://www.NAEOP.org. The Early Bird registration deadline is June 1. After June 1, the registration fees go up by $35 for full registration, single event registration and institute classes. After June 15, you will need to bring your registration form with you for onsite processing.

The conference includes Institute classes that can help you obtain your Professional Standards Program (PSP) goals. Topics you can choose from include: Positively Amazing Communication Skills, Change the Things You Can, Microsoft Office Programs, Google Programs, and the Speaker’s Bureau. There are several tours that are being offered you can take advantage of.

If you are interested in meeting UNOPA friends there or making new ones from all over the country, the national conference is for you.

Need more information? Call Jane Schneider, 402-472-8670 or email her at jane.schneider@unl.edu

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