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NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 20, 2011
Central Community College, Columbus, NE

The October 20, 2011 General Meeting of the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association was called to order by President, Kathy Bennetch at 12:37 p.m.

Roll Call:

Local Association	Attendance
Nebraska Department of Education (NDEOPA)	0
Lincoln Public Schools (LPSAOP)	10
NEOPA Past Presidents	7
Omaha Public Schools (OEOPA)	1
University of Nebraska (UNOPA)	15
Wayne State College (WEOPA)	5
<i>FROLIKers</i> (UNOPA Past Presidents)	9
Members with No Local Affiliation	1
Guests	4

A quorum was established.

Treasurer's Report – DeAnna McCoy:

The Treasurer's Report was presented via written report. One correction was made – the balances at the bottom of each sub-category should show a date of 10/20/11. The report will be filed for audit.

Minutes – Cathy Robertson:

The minutes of the April 29, 2011 general membership meeting were presented via written report.

Motion: Peg Aldridge moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Lisa Morehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Communications/Announcements:

We received a Thank-You note from Denise Fisher (NDEOPA) who was a 1st Timer at national conference.

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS:

President – Kathy Bennetch:

The NEOPA Board presented replacement plaques to LPSAOP members who lost plaques in the LPS District Office fire. The plaques included were PSP, Educational Employee Office of the Year and Past President plaques. The Board also presented a paperweight to all LPSAOP members as a token of support. NEOPA has received several e-mail thank-you's from LPSAOP members.

President-elect/Membership – Joyce Trevett:

Current NEOPA membership:

Active	133
Associate	4
Retired	11
<u>Honorary</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	148

Vice President/Meetings Coordinator – Gretchen Walker:

The 2012 Spring conference will be held in Wayne on April 12-13. More information will follow today from the Wayne committee. The Fall 2012 workshop will be held in Lincoln on October 4-5. The workshop will be hosted by NEOPA Past Presidents. Diane Dianne Dickey is the workshop chair. The Board is looking for someone to host the Spring 2013 conference.

Secretary – Cathy Robertson:

No report

Past President/Field Service – Diane Wasser:

If guests in attendance would like to have someone from NEOPA speak to their group, please contact Diane.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Awards – Mari Greer:

Mari Greer announced that the winner of the 2011 Educational Administrator of the Year is Dr. Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education for the State of Nebraska. Dr. Breed was nominated by NDEOPA. The 2011 Educational Office Professional is Mary Guest from LPSAOP. Mary Guest was nominated by UNOPA. Dr. Breed was unable to attend and his plaque and check will be presented to him in Lincoln. Mary Guest was presented a plaque and check. Mari Greer also thanked the judges for assisting us this year. Both recipient names will be submitted to the NAEOP competition which will be awarded in the summer of 2012 at the Annual Meeting in Costa Mesa, CA.

Bylaws – Mary Guest:

Mary Guest reminded the membership to vote on the proposed Bylaw changes. A ballot has been sent out and is due back by November 15.

Nomination – Barbara Homer:

Barbara Homer reminded the membership that it's not too early to think about nominations for the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. Perhaps consider yourself for a position. The Nominating Committee will contact each member in the spring to solicit nominations.

Finance & Records – Debbie Hendricks:

The tasks of the committee are: Prepare the budget for the 2012-2013 year, audit the treasurer and archive records.

PSP – Lisa Morehouse:

A pink piggy bank is being passed around to collect your change. This is a challenge amongst the various Areas (Central Area) of NAEOP to collect the most change. The winning Area keeps half of the funds raised and the rest goes to NAEOP for conference expenses. Encourage your local associations to contribute to the challenge.

If you have any questions on the PSP program, please see Lisa. We should all want to grow personally and professionally regardless of the monetary support we may or may not get from our institutions.

Central Area Conference will be April 26-28 in Olathe, KS. A flyer was distributed. Lisa encouraged attendance. Also, mark your calendars for the national conference in Costa Mesa, CA in July. We encourage as many members as possible to attend to help support Lola Young, who will be installed as NAEOP President.

If you are not yet a member of the national organization, NAEOP – see Lisa. She just might pay your dues for the first year.

Ways and Means – Donna Straight (absent)

Carol Reed reported for Donna that the Ways and Means committee is selling 50-50 tickets for a chance at the baskets donated by local associations. Cathy Robertson promoted the Premier Jewelry fundraiser that the state is conducting. A thank-you to Wayne and LPS for hosting open houses. The silent auction items are available for bidding through the end of the afternoon sessions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Bennetch reported we will have a special state pin available next year that will tie into Lola Young's installation.

At the Board meeting, a program for members' professional development was discussed. The guidelines haven't been determined yet. Watch more information.

A Web Ad-Hoc Committee has been formed to look at the NEOPA website. We may look at outside vendors to assist with the website development. Initial costs were provided, however, the Board has asked the vendor to provide additional information.

Lisa Morehouse reported that Joan from Columbus would like to pursue establishing an affiliate in Columbus.

The next scheduled NEOPA General Membership meeting will be held on Friday, April 12 in Wayne, NE. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Kathy Bennetch, President.

Submitted: Cathy Robertson, Secretary
Kathy Bennetch, President

Approved as corrected – 4-13-12, Cathy Robertson, Secretary