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NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

40th Anniversary Celebration Villager Courtyard and Gardens Hotel Friday, April 16, 2004

President Dianne Dickey called the General Meeting of the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association to order at 1:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. ROLL CALL

- 47 Lincoln Public Schools Association of Office Professionals
- 7 Omaha Educational Office Personnel Association
- 23 University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association
- 10 Wayne Educational Office Professionals Association
 - 3 Members with no affiliation
- NEOPA Past Presidents (included in their association)
- 9 Retirees (included in their association)
- 3 Guests

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Diane Wasser and seconded by Amy Chandler to approve the October 11, 2003, General Meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 13, 2004 -

Checking: \$ 782.15 Savings (CD): 5,001.39 Operating Savings: 3,548.33 Scholarship Savings: 752.28

IV. COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dickey welcomed everyone to the Spring Conference. It is an extra special event because we are celebrating our 40th year as an association. It was noted that three of our national officers were in attendance - E. Anne Bomar, NAEOP President, Ann Sawicki, NAEOP President-Elect, and La Oeltjenbruns, North Central Area Director.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Audit Lynn DeShon, CEOE, UNOPA Books to be audited in July, 2004
- b. Awards Dianne Dickey, CEOE, LPSAOP
 - 1. Louise Henderson Nelson Award

 Dianne submitted our application for the award.

- 2. Educational Professional of the Year Nominations (due May 1)

 President Dickey encouraged the membership to nominate a candidate.
- 3. Four Member-Scholarships awarded

There was a drawing for four member scholarships. The largest dollar amount scholarship was drawn first; but announced smallest to largest.

The winners were as followed:

\$100 - Sandy Watmore

\$ 75 - Deanna McCoy

\$ 50 - Rhonda Meyer and Marlene Einsel

They have one year to attend a state, central area, or national conference of their choice and be reimbursed for that amount.

c. Bylaws - Roxi Hiatt, CEOE, LPSAOP

Committee: Sharon Hitzeman and Kathy Janda

The following was approved at the Board meeting and will be inserted in the Meeting Coordinator's Responsibilities of the Standing Rules: "Duties of Meeting Coordinator to include the responsibility of the coordination of conference sponsorships."

- d. Field Service Lisa Morehouse, CEOE, LPSAOP Lisa stated that she has had the opportunity to visit several state affiliates. We were encouraged to reach out to our associations and help them continue to grow and maintain membership. Past Presidents are always available to speak at any of the affiliates functions.
- e. Finance Jane Rumbaugh, CEOE, OEOPA
 Committee: Judy Rastede, Pat Podjenski, and Susan Bell
 The budget for 2004/2005 was approved at the Board Meeting.
- f. Information Technology Diane Wasser, CEOE, UNOPA
 Committee: LaRita Lang and Carol Bom
 The NEOPA website was submitted for the Past Presidents Council's Website
 Award. LaRita Lang will be Director next year.
- g. Meetings Coordinating LaRita Lang, CEOE, UNOPA

 The Board is in the final stages of making revisions to the "Guidelines for Hosting
 a State Conference". It is anticipated that the final draft will be voted on at the June
 transition meeting.
- h. Membership Jeanne Ann Kardell, WEOPA
 Membership is a 148, with 24 new members. The Board of Directors approved the
 election of three new honorary members. They are Ann Sawicki, La Oeljenbruns,
 and E. Anne Bomar. Lisa Morehouse was recognized as Recruiter of the Year.

Leslie Brooks, UNOPA, was the winner of the free membership drawing. Virginia Backstrom, WEOPA, was awarded a NAEOP membership donated by Pat Fleming; Heidi Hermanson, UNOPA, was presented a NAEOP "new" membership by NAEOP President, E. Anne Bomar. President Bomar is also

donating five dollars towards each person who applied for a NAEOP membership the day of the General Meeting.

i. NAEOP Liaison - Lola Young, CEOE, UNOPA

Committee: Carol Bom, Debbie Hendricks, Nancy Summers, and Sandy Watmore Twenty-nine NEOPA members are planning on attending the National Conference in Boston, MA. Pins and pin holders are still available for purchase.

j. Newsletter - Deb Ryan, CEOE, LPSAOP

The NEON is being submitted for the Rachel Maynard Award for Excellence in Communication. Everyone was reminded to send her pictures of affiliates installations, conferences, etc.

k. Nominating - Dee Oltman, CEOE, LPSAOP

Committee: Jorena Larsen, Jan Skoog, and Lisa Morehouse

A total of 101 ballots were received. The following were elected by majority vote:

President-elect

Deb Ryan, CEOE

Vice President

Jennifer Keller, CEOE

Secretary

Julie Kleager, CEOE

Other new officers:

President

Jeanne Ann Kardell, CEOE

Treasurer

Judy Rastede

Past President

Dianne Dickey, CEOE

1. Professional Standards Program - Carol Packard, CEOE, LPSAOP

Committee: Kathy Janda and Nancy Summers Seven new PSP recipients have been added this year:

Amy Chandler, LPSAOP

Option 1, Basic

Jeanne Anne Kardell, WEOPA

Option 2, Bachelors, CEOE

Jorena Larson, LPSAOP

Option 1, Associate Professional

Donna Straight, LPSAOP

Option 1, Advanced 2

Carol VanRossum, LPSAOP

Option 2, Bachelors, CEOE

Linda Luedtke, UNOPA

Option 1, Advanced 3, CEOE

Carol J. Wusk, UNOPA

Option 1, Advanced 3, CEOE

m. Publicity - Judy Anderson, UNOPA

No Report

n. Scholarship - Edie Schleiger, CEOE, UNOPA

Committee: Pat Hust and Debbie Hendricks

Three applications were received by the January 2nd deadline. A panel of three judges selected the winner and an alternate. The scholarship recipient was Holly Koopmans of Millard South High School. She is planning on attending UNL.

o. Ways and Means - Jenn Keller, WEOPA

Committee: Sharon Fleer, Denise Mostek, Ann Milliken, and Deb Daehnke The Fall Conference fundraisers netted a \$179.05 profit. The necklace raffle will be drawn at the banquet. Thanks to everyone who participated in the 50/50 and silent auction today.

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE

Peg Aldridge, director of the ad hoc committee, is completing the archiving of past history of NEOPA. Thanks to everyone who helped in completing this mountainous task.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Central Area Conference March 25-26, 2004, Schaumburg, IL.
 Those attending from Nebraska were Jeanne Anne Kardell, Jane Rumbaugh, Joyce Graybill, Pat Lundahl, and Dianne Dickey.
- b. Spring Conference / 40th Anniversary Celebration
 President Dickey thanked co-chairs Judy Anderson and Dee Oltman for a job
 well done by presenting them with a small token of appreciation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. NAEOP Conference July 19-23, 2004, Boston, MA NAEOP President, E. Anne Bomar, gave a presentation of what to see while in Boston. She continued with the schedule of events for the conference. She encouraged members to serve on a national committee.
- b. Discussion was held as to combining NEOPA Spring Conference with the Central Area Conference. Membership was encouraged to voice their opinions by completing the evaluation form.
- c. Dee Oltman announced that she had received word that those attending the 2001 conference would be given another 1/6 of a point to make it a full point for attending.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Peg Aldridge presented a 40 Year Certificate to Pat Lundahl for her continuing support of NEOPA.

XI. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Dickey stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as the NEOPA President for 2003-2004. She has grown both personally and professionally by "stepping out of her box". NEOPA has only been successful because of dedicated members who have been willing to "Share their Light". She thanked all for their support and encouragement and now it is time to "Step Up and Reach for the Future", as Jeanne Ann Kardell leads us into the next decade.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Pam Lindholm moved and Jenn Keller seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,