

Central Area Update

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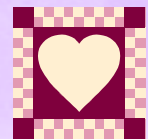
2010 is already here! If you haven't done so yet, don't forget to register for the 2010 Central Area Professional Development Days. The registration deadline is April 9, 2010. Professional growth is not only important when keeping yourself marketable but it's also important to your employer. In addition this event will give you the opportunity to network with some of the finest people you'll ever have the chance to be with! [Registration materials can be found at "http://neopa.unl.edu."](http://neopa.unl.edu)

Once you register and arrive in Lincoln you will have the opportunity to hear Michelle Roggash, our keynote speaker; Nanette Shackelford, covering "Ethics in

Business" and "Escape from Meeting Hell: Running a Productive Meeting;" Nancy Meyers, "Team Building;" and Deborah Semith-Howell, "Effective Public Speaking."

I'm still trying to choose which sessions interest me most. They all look truly excellent! Our co-chairs, Mary Guest, CEOE, NE, and Gretchen Walker, CEOE, NE, have put together an event filled with opportunities to learn as well as networking opportunities and an outstanding retiree event.

If you are interested or need more information, on this worth-while event, please contact me at lyoung5@unl.edu.



Central Area Breakfast

Due to the recent bylaws changes, we will be voting on members who will serve on the various NAEOP committees for 2010-11 at our Central Area Breakfast. This is an exciting change and will ascertain participation from all areas on all committees.

In addition we will be recognizing those who have attained PSP goals, Central Area President's and Central Area members who have been honored with special awards from their state associations (remind your state president to inform me of those individuals).

We will also welcome our 2010-12 Central

Area Director, Lisa Morehouse, CEOE. Lisa is very excited about her new position and will do a great job!

Be watching for your next issue of the NES Connector as it will include the conference information and registration form. That means you can go ahead and fill out that registration form at any point (making sure to register for the Central Area Breakfast) and send it in.

I look forward to seeing you in July and celebrating the accomplishments of our Central Area members!



Affiliates

Central Area Update



Congratulations to those Central Area Affiliates who have recently affiliated for the 2009-10 year. They are:

- ◇ NEOPA Past Presidents (NE), Deb Ryan, President
- ◇ Wichita Association of Educational Office Professionals, Breanda Decker, President

◇ Lincoln Public Schools Association of Office Professionals, Susan Bell, President.

◇ There are still a number of organizations who have not affiliated. If your organization has not yet been listed, please contact your organization's President and give her/him a reminder to do so soon.

Welcome!

Recruit!

There are no new members to report at this time. Please remember, any new members who allow me to be their recruiter, can receive a \$5 discount on their membership fee. They, or you, can contact me or send their membership form to me with a check for \$40 and I will cover the rest!

2009-10 Special Dates to Remember



April 8-10 — Missouri AEOP Spring Workshop, Hannibal, MO

April 9 — CAPDD Registration Deadline

April 15-16 — Indiana AEOP Spring Conference, Indianapolis, IN

April 16-18 — Illinois AEOP Spring Conference, LaGrange, IL

April 23-24 — CAPDD/NEOPA Spring Workshop, Lincoln, NE

May 1 — Affiliates renewal deadline

July 5-9 — NAEOP Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO



NAEOP 2010 NOTES



Plans continue to solidify in each state for the events we will each be hosting in Kansas City this coming July. Annette and Iris, our co-chairs have been communicating with Angela Meyer, NAEOP's Executive Director.

The NES Connector highlights our efforts nicely. Do take some time to read through the entire conference section and then go back to your organizations and use it as a selling tool to those who are hesitant to join us. The more helpers we recruit, the easier things will be once we're there.

I am so anxious to experience everything and benefit from our many Central Area members creativity. From

the pins to the registration table, from the speakers to the entertainment, and from the set ups to the decorations, I'm certain everything and everyone will be in the right place at the right time.

We'll have another chance to come together to discuss the progress each of our states have made when during our 2010 Central Area Professional Development Days. I believe our co-chairs are trying to find some time for us to meet on Friday, April 23 (state leaders, be prepared to report at that time). More details will follow, most likely from Annette and Iris regarding this meeting.



State Fund-raisers

While Christmas is over, Valentine's Day is on the horizon. NEOPA (Nebraska) still has cookbooks for sale and they would make a wonderful, long lasting Valentine. These cookbooks are only \$10.00 each making them an excellent inexpensive Valentine. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact either Linda Luedtke, lluedtke1@unl.edu or Barbara Homer, bhomer@mail.unomaha.edu.

We are eager to hear of fund-raisers taking place in other states. If your state is hosting a fund-raiser, please contact me with the details so I can add those to our next update.



Thoughts, Prayers, Etc.

I received the most wonderful Christmas card and letter from NAEOP Past President Butch Bender and her daughter, Kay. Butch is doing well and loves each and every communication she receives from her NAEOP friends. Kay is happy that Butch has so many faithful friends to help her through each day. Please continue to make Butch's day by sending her frequent greetings. Her address is: The Lutheran Home, 7511 University Ave. – Room #E229, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

to Martha at 3002 Farmdale Lane, Freeport, IL, 61032.

Jon Hall's youngest daughter suffered a heart attack on January 9th and had surgery (5 by-passes) on January 12. Jon was unable to join the NAEOP Board at our winter board meeting as a result. Please keep Jon and his family in your prayers. Greetings can be sent to 3405 Clearview, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

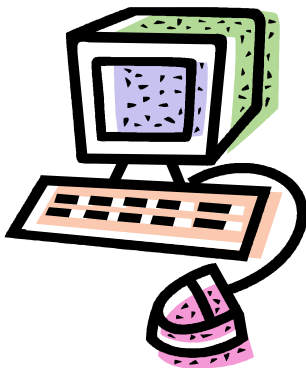
Karen Pulaski, CEOE (KS), reports that her great grandson, Jonathan Tyler, was able to come home for Christmas. He's not out of the woods yet so continued prayers are appreciated.

Becky Hastings, CEOE, NE, passed away January 17th following a surgical procedure. Sympathies can be sent to Becky's husband, Gary, at 2065 26th Road, Brainard, NE 68626.

Martha Carson, IL, had surgery on her hand in December. Get well wishes can be forwarded



Central Area Web Sites



Have you taken a minute to look at the wonderful Web sites our Central Area states are responsible for? These Web sites are also noted on NAEOP's Web site under the "affiliations" tab along with all other NAEOP affiliates Web sites. They have a wealth of information so check them out!

- Illinois: www.iaeop.com/
- Indiana: <http://iaeop.lcsc.k12.in.us/>
- Kansas: <http://kaeop.org/>
- Missouri: <http://www.maeop.net>
- Nebraska: <http://neopa.unl.edu>

National Updates

January 15-18, 2010, I had the honor of attending the NAEOP January board meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. What a remarkable group of ladies to work with!

We began with a leadership workshop presented by Past NAEOP President and current NES Editor, Linda Sockwell, CEOE. As usual, Linda did an outstanding job of presenting.

We had a brainstorming session led by President Pam Posey, CEOE. We threw out ideas of what we could do to promote NAEOP if money was not an issue. We actually came up with an idea or two that we could utilize now!

Wendy Heslink, CEOE (NY) was welcomed as our new Administrative Council Chairman replacing Elizabeth McFall who resigned her position. Dr. Jon Hall was absent from our meetings due to his step-daughter's heart surgery so Past NAEOP President Connie Bergeson, CEOE, stepped in to serve as Par-

liamentarian and did an outstanding job.

Of course we had the usual business which everyone was well prepared for. Probably the most exciting part, for me anyway, is when we talk about upcoming conferences. Since this summer is already planned, we welcomed Donna Lazar, CEOE, Conference Chairman and Past NAEOP President Gloria Tisdale, CEOE, as they presented the budget for July 16—23, 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina. The conference hotel is a bit more expensive than we are used to but it is suite style (very spacious) and the rate will include breakfast daily. They have excellent speakers lined up for us and the tour prices will make you happy!

NAEOP Executive Director Angela Meyer and 2012 Conference Chairman Becky Shipley presented a short presentation on the conference site in Costa Mesa, California. The dates will be July 9—13, 2012. After seeing the presentation, I'm certain we'll all want to be a part of that conference as well!



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NAEOP Membership Update

The next membership report is due in **February**. As of November, the Central Area had a total of 468 active NAEOP members. This total reflects a decrease since May. The numbers fluctuate during the year. The breakdown by state is: Illinois – 95 (same); Indiana – 38 (up 1); Iowa – 20 (same); Kansas – 74 (up 3); Missouri – 73 (up 3); Nebraska – 168 (up 1). Please continue to welcome new NAEOP members. And for those who are coming up on those renewal deadlines — keep your membership continuous.

It is important to recruit all year long! **Keep in mind that as a bonus, if you allow me to sponsor/recruit a brand new NAEOP member, I would be happy to pay \$5 of their membership fee.**

Pamper Yourself

- * Treat yourself to a laptop computer so you can use it anywhere (I love mine).
- * Begin now on your preparations for the next holiday season. It's the perfect time to pick up on some real bargains in the stores.
- * Life is short so make sure you tell those you care about how much they mean to you.
- * With the snow on the ground and the grass dormant, this is the time of year to surround yourself with live green plants. Blooming ones are best but any live plant is better than none.



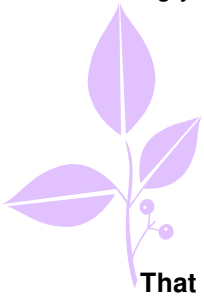
- * Take on one bigger cleaning project each week (closet, drawer, etc.).
- * Do your housework and laundry during the week, leaving your weekend for fun!

- * There are many excellent movies out there . . . go to one with a special friend or a family member.



- * Practice forgiveness always . . . it's far more difficult to hold a grudge than it is to forgive.
- * If music relaxes you, I-Pods are an outstanding way to listen to your favorites without much effort (no changing CD's).
- * Spend some time each week organizing your work-space. It will make work more enjoyable and increase your productivity!
- * Color-code your files. It's fun and makes finding those files quicker and easier.
- * Invest in a super duper new toothbrush.
- * If you're blue and you need pampering, ask a friend to stay overnight at your house and keep you company.

Inspiration



That Little Penny In The Parking Lot

I found a penny today
Laying on the ground
But it's not just a penny,
This little coin I've found.

Found pennies come from heaven,
That's what my Grandpa told me.
He said Angels toss them down...
Oh, how I loved that story.



He said when an Angel misses you,
They toss a penny down;
Sometimes just to cheer you up,
To make a smile out of your frown.

So don't pass by that penny
When you're feeling blue.
It may be a penny from heaven
That an Angel's tossed to you...

An Angel is watching over you.

—Author Unknown

Lola's Note

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season with less snow than we experienced here in Nebraska.

Christmas Eve was accompanied by blizzard conditions here and as a result, we were quite snowed in (alone). Christmas Day was spent cooking, opening gifts and scooping a whole lot of snow. The scooping continued for a couple days after Christmas before we could really get around. Twelve inches of snow is about eleven inches too many.

Ramsey has been cleared to student teach at Lincoln Public Schools and is very excited to have that opportunity. He continues to drive the armored car for now, but I continue to pray that he will be able to realize his dream of teaching full-time (hopefully very nearby). Sarah continues her job with Cedars and seems to be enjoying it.

Wes enjoyed his holiday break although it included a lot of time with mom and dad at home. His neighborhood buddy had his appendix removed over break which kept him close to his own home.

The hiring loop continues. Before you know it, I'll be starting the hiring process for summer staff as well as next year's academic year staff. Those searches will be simultaneous with my evaluation process for my staff. Busy hands are certainly happy hands!

I anxiously await my opportunity to present a workshop for our Missouri friends as well as co-presenting with Debbie Hendricks a briefing at this summer's conference in Kansas City. Both will provide me with some wonderful time spent with outstanding professionals. Once a NAEOP type event is over, I find myself looking forward to the next one. This makes me wonder, what do my colleagues who aren't members of professionals organizations look forward to. It makes me sad for them.

We all know how it is at home, we're "just mom" or "just the other half" and we see each other daily so it doesn't seem special (although it probably should). At NAEOP events, everyone feels special because we are all so happy to see one another and catch up on each other's lives.

I leave you this month with my promise that you are all special to me, and I'm certain you are all cherished by your families and friends. Take the time to share with your family and friends your special feelings for them. As we in Nebraska were painfully reminded quite recently, we never know when it will be too late express those feelings. Becky Hastings . . . you were a special lady and will be missed by all!

Lola



This is a picture of some Nebraska ladies at the market in Seattle during the 2007 NAEOP conference. I selected this picture as a tribute to Becky Hastings (in the red jacket) who recently went to join our heavenly creator.

Those pictured are (from left): Barbara Homer, Carol Bom, Becky Hastings, Mari Greer, and Edie Schleiger.