

Northwest Area NAEOP Members,

Happy Holidays! I trust everyone had a nice Thanksgiving time with family and friends and are now looking to the coming holiday season in December. Enjoy the holiday lights, eating the goodies we all like to bake (or buy), and the amazing music. I don't know about you, but for me as the song says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

This last quarter, NAEOP's Northwest Area had an increase of 16 new members! Join me in welcoming our newest members: Charmaine Abram, Amanda Bock, Miranda Eby, Ashley Ellis, Jill Follett, Kimberly Freeby, Alma Harrison, Darius Seymon Lomboy, Debra Miles, Wendy Miller, Wendy Nau, Kathleen Perry, Jennifer Roberts, Merry Christy Sina, Kailey Tobin and Lisa Wilkinson. Welcome! Be sure to check out our new member resource guide <https://www.naeop.org/new-member-resources> to find out all the nuts and bolts of NAEOP. It's also a great resource for not-so-new members as well.

I'd like to congratulate our PSP recipients who received their PSP Certificates from August 31 through October 31, 2022. They are: Lisa Blau—Advanced I; Glenda Cameron—Advanced III; Alma Harison, Jerson Daraman and Sue Perry—Bachelor Degree; Merry Christy Sina—Master Degree; Nancy De La Rosa, Victoria Treffry—CEOE; Jason Wynia—CESE. Recertifications are: Gabriele Beltz, Hayley Adams Kelly, Tami Scott, Nicki Lowery, Jane Cristallo, and Melissa Hooker. Well done!

Just a reminder on the much anticipated NAEOP Professional Development opportunities coming up:

NAEOP Book Club is "The List that Changed my Life" by Olivia Beirne. Book Club will be January 4, 18 and February 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM MDT, 6:00 PM CDT, 7:00 PM EDT. The Registration link is <https://FORMS.GLE/EB47B8F61XW3DH6V6>. For more information go to naeop.org/events and click on the Book Club tab.

There are two Podcasts coming up in 2023. Even if you missed the first two Podcasts, you can still get in on the last two, January 23 and March 27. Each is worth up to 1.5 hours of education credits toward your PSP certification. For complete information go to naeop.org/events and click on the Podcasts tab.

NAEOP's Virtual Summit, February 21 and 23, is in the works. Stay tuned for more information soon.

In my September communication to the Northwest Area members, I asked for anyone interested in helping organize the Northwest Area as an affiliate of NAEOP to contact me. I know that Ramona Martin began this project before her job ended Boise State University and she had to resign her position with NAEOP. At this point in time, I have not received word of anyone interested in serving on the board of a new affiliate, so I will not be pursuing this idea unless I hear differently from several willing to serve.

Planning for the in-person Northwest Area Meeting as part of our Annual Conference in Omaha, NE, in July 2023 has begun!. Our meeting will include 1.5 hours of Professional Development and I am looking for suggestions for the subject area or possibly a speaker (no budget for a speaker). Please send suggestions to me as soon as possible, and know in advance, I appreciate hearing from you.

At this time of year, it's good to reflect on what matters most to you. Family, Friends, Faith. We need to cherish all the memories already made and to be made in the future. Many of these revolve around our dear NAEOP friends (family). Until next time, I am wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa.

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