I would like to thank those individuals that agreed to have their name placed on the ballot to run for an officer position for the coming year. As I had mentioned in my installation speech, the members of UNOPA are similar to a candle. We have many types of people in our organization and, similar to the wick that is in a candle, each one of us has our own personality, ideas, talents and abilities. With these different personalities, ideas, talents and abilities, the officers for the coming year will continue to be the “glue” of UNOPA.

By the time you receive this edition of UNOPA Notes, the NEOPA Spring conference will be over. I hope many of you had a chance/took the time to attend this conference. This should have been a great opportunity for everyone to have the chance to do a little socializing, attend informative briefings during the day and end the conference “Shining Among the Stars”.

It’s hard to believe that Spring is here. We have only two more general meetings left, one of those being the Past Presidents luncheon and Rose Frolik Award presentation, which will be April 11, 2006. I hope to see you all there. I only have a short time left as UNOPA’s President and will continue to Keep the Candle Burning.
March Executive Board Meeting
by Donelle Moormeier, President-Elect

The March UNOPA Executive Board meeting was held March 7, 2006 at East Campus Union. President, Becky Hastings called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the minutes from the February Executive Board meeting were approved. Because President-Elect, Donelle Moormeier is unable to attend the NAEOP National Conference Linda Luedtke’s name was drawn from those attending the conference to represent UNOPA. A motion was made and carried to have Linda act as the UNOPA delegate at the NAEOP meeting this summer. Becky attended the UNL Deans & Directors meeting on February 15, 2006. Discussion was held on the first UNL Big Event to be held in April. Becky discussed 2006/2007 UNOPA officer nominations and encouraged the deans to support any of their staff who may be interested in running for office. Becky also discussed the NAEOP national conference to be held in July in Dallas. She asked the supervisors to authorize administrative leave for staff attending the conference and perhaps to consider some financial assistance to offset expenses. Herb Howe has offered to provide UNOPA with $1200 to help offset national conference expenses for UNOPA members who have an active role in the conference. Becky attended the UAAD Founders Day Meeting on February 23rd. During the meeting two awards were presented the Carl A. Donaldson Award for Excellence in Management and the Floyd S. Oldt Award for Exceptional Service to the University. Becky is a member of the selection committee for the Chancellor’s Award for Exemplary Service to Students. Items are needed for the Nebraska gift basket to be raffled off at the Central Area Conference being held in Indiana on April 15th. Items should be sent to Lola Young no later than April 13th. Items are also needed for the Nebraska basket to be raffled at the NAEOP conference in Dallas this summer. Treasurer Gretchen Walker reported a balance on February 28th of $6,656.66 with the cost object as a negative balance of $1,662.45 and the CD balance of $3,053.42. Two of the three judges for the Rose Frolik Award have been selected. Suggestions were made for the third judge, which needed to be from the local media. Diane Wasser has updated the Web site with past officers and those eligible to be nominated for the Rose Frolik award. Chris Cary reported that the nominating committee had received nominations for each office, Becky will also accept nominations from the floor at the March general meeting. Judy Anderson reported on the spring UNOPA workshop, Bringing Out the Best in People. Speaker Jeanne Baer will conduct the half-day workshop at the Lincoln Women’s Club, 407 S. 14th Street in Lincoln. The board felt that the charge for the workshop should be affordable and if need be the board would cover any difference from the budget. A survey has been sent out to UNOPA members to evaluate the mentoring brown-bag programs. The next brown-bag will be March 28th with guest speaker Nanda Ramanathan on UNL’s family medical leave policy. Sandy Watmore and Diane Wasser co-chairs of the spring NEAOP conference that is being hosted by UNOPA reported they have 36 registrations to date. The next Executive Board meeting will be April 4, 2006, 300-500pm at 1700 Y Street. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

UNOPA Mentoring Series
by Mary Guest, Mentoring Co-Chair

The UNOPA Mentoring series continued on February 28. The topic was, “Balancing Work and Family: Staying Sane in Multiple Roles.” One more brownbag session is planned for this semester on April 25.

You should have received a survey regarding the UNOPA Mentoring Program during the first week of March. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it. Your input is needed in order to continue this program in a useful way. Remember: This is your program! Help us design the program to be beneficial to you!

Calendar of Events

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Treasurer’s Report  
February 2006

Beginning checking balance  
February 1, 2006  6,161.62

Income:
- Membership  192.00
- Professional Growth  25.00
- Hospitality  374.85
- 50/50  31.00
- Interest  1.80
Total Income:  624.65

Expenses:
- Recording Secretary  4.39
- Hospitality  47.72
- Awards  77.50
Total Expenses:  129.61

Ending checking balance  
February 28, 2006  6,656.66

Checking Balance  6,656.66
Cost Object Balance  (1,662.45)
Total 4,994.24

CD  3,053.42

Member Concerns  
by Marlene Pyatt, Corresponding Secretary

A get well card was sent out to Linda Thelen, who broke her arm.
Congratulations to Lola Young for being elected as Central Area Director for NAEOP.
Let me know when a card needs to be sent to a member, it really helps brighten their day. Don’t forget to include their home address.
Thanks for keeping me informed.

Do you have news for UNOPA Notes?

Send information you would like included in an upcoming issue of UNOPA Notes to Rhonda Zugmier, rzugmier1@unl.edu by the deadline noted below.

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UNOPA History  
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Five Years Ago - (Vol. 39, No. 9)

Sandy Lineberry received the NEOPA Professional of the Year Award at the NEOPA Spring Conference. Kathy Bennetch was the Rose Frolik Award Recipient, Carol Nau and Marcia Rowley received the Silver Pen Award and Marcia Rowley also receives the Outstanding Staff Award.

Ten Years Ago - (Vol. 34, No. 9)

Congratulations to the 1996-97 UNOPA elected officers!
President-Elect  Marcia Rowley
Treasurer  Theodora Walker
Recording Secretary  Shirley Horstman
Corresponding Secretary  Tricia Sis

*(Information obtained from UNOPA Notes Vol. 39, No. 9 and Vol. 34, No 9)
UNOPA GENERAL MEETING  
March 14, 2006  
Nebraska East Union

President Becky Hastings welcomed the UNOPA members and their guests, and called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President, Becky Hastings
Approval of February General Meeting Minutes
The minutes of the February 14, 2006, general meeting were e-mailed to everyone for review on March 13. Becky asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. As there were none, the minutes stand approved as emailed/printed.

NEOPA Ways and Means Committee
Please contact Lisa Morehouse, NEOPA Ways and Means Director, if you have any items to donate for the silent auction to be held at the NEOPA Spring Conference.

NEOPA Spring Conference
Becky reminded the membership that the NEOPA spring conference will be held March 30 – 31, 2006 and is being sponsored by UNOPA this year. The registration deadline is tomorrow, March 15th. Your registration should be sent to Diane Wasser. Diane reported that over sixty people have registered for the conference. Sandy Watmore announced that she, Diane and others would be making centerpieces on Saturday morning, April 18, around 10:00 a.m. If you can help for an hour or two, please let Sandy know.

Treasurer, Gretchen Walker
Gretchen reported that the balance on February 1, 2006 was $6,161.62. Income for February was $624.65 and expenses were $129.61 leaving a balance on February 28 of $6,656.66. The cost object balance is $(1,662.45) and the CD balance is $3,053.42.

STANDING REPORTS

Awards, Becky Hastings for Jan Edwards
Becky reminded everyone that the Rose Frolik Award will be presented April 11, 2006 at the general meeting which will be held at the East Campus Union.

Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund, Becky Hastings for Sandy Watmore
The next reimbursement application due date is April 15, 2006.

Employee Concerns, Becky for Pat Hust and Tonda Humphress
Becky introduced Diane Wasser who is a member of the Chancellors Commission on the Status of Women. Diane gave a brief overview of the Commission.

The Commission was created to enhance the status of women at UNL by serving as advisers to the chancellor. The Commission has three councils: faculty, staff and student. The staff council is 50% office/service and 50% managerial/professional. Commission members serve a three-year term. After receiving recommendations from organizations such as UNOPA, the chancellor then appoints members to the Commission. The councils meet monthly; twice a semester they meet with the chancellor. Currently new members are needed for the council. You can nominate someone or nominate yourself to serve on the Commission. See the Commission’s Web site for details, http://www.unl.edu/ccsw/

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Nominating, Chris Cary and Becky Hastings
Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chris Cary, presented President Becky Hastings with the Committee’s report of 2006-07 nominees. The following UNOPA members were nominated for 2006-07 ballot:
President-Elect, Gretchen Walker
Recording Secretary, Mary Guest
Corresponding Secretary, Peg Johnson
Treasurer, Marie Dvorak

Becky then opened up the ballot for nominations from the floor, but reminded the members that anyone they nominate for an office must be present to accept the nomination. If they are not present, their name can not be added to the ballot.

One–by–one nominations were opened up for president-elect, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. After hearing no further nominations for any of the offices, one–by–one the nominations were declared closed.

Becky declared that if there were no objections—and there were none—she would appoint the Nominating Committee as the Teller Committee once the ballots have been sent out and returned.

Professional Growth, Judy Anderson
Judy shared initial details of the spring UNOPA workshop, Bringing Out the Best (vs. the Beast) in People. The speaker will be Jeanne Baer with Creative Training Solutions. The half-day workshop will be held April 26, 1:00 – 5:00, at the Lincoln Women’s Club, 407 S. 14th Street in Lincoln (14th & L Sts.). Please note: this is also Administrative Professionals Day.

UNOPA Notes, Becky Hastings for Rhonda Zugmier
Becky announced that the deadline for the April UNOPA Notes is March 15th. Please send your news items to Rhonda Zugmier.

Hospitality, Pat DeStefano and Susan Thomas
Pat and Susan held the 50/50 drawing for $31.00 which was won by Amy Stewart. The remaining $31.00 will benefit Camp COHOLO.

Spring table centerpieces with fresh and, oh so cheery, yellow daffodils were given to one person at each table. The final door prizes given away were two UNOPA bags, each containing two candles.

Program, Donelle Moormeier
Program Chair Donelle Moormeier introduced Carolyn Ducey, curator with the International Quilt Study Center (IQSC) at UNL.

Carolyn announced that the IQSC will soon break ground for a new building at 33rd and Holdrege Streets in Lincoln. The new building will have room for 4,000 quilts! The IQSC was established in 1997 with a single donation of about 950 quilts. The collection has quickly grown to around 1,900 quilts making it the largest collection in the world. The IQSC goals include:
- Preservation and conservation of quilts;
- Exhibition of quilts; and
- Education.

To reduce damage to the textiles, quilts are refolded about every two years. They are never washed but are vacuumed. Any stained items are sent away for professional treatment. Exhibitions range from the Nebraska State Historical Society right, here in Lincoln, to statewide and international exhibits. The Center recently concluded an exhibition of Amish quilts in South Korea. Whenever the quilts travel, one the Center’s staff accompanies the quilts to ensure they are handled and displayed correctly. The IQSC has a graduate program in quilt studies in addition to public education programs (such as today’s presentation).

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Carolyn discussed the Center's efforts to track down the original quilter and/or family members, and to gather historical information about the quilts. She also showed and discussed several quilt motifs, quilt culture, and the art of quilting. Lunch participants let out an audible gasp as Carolyn described the fine detail used by Amish women in their quilts—18 – 20 hand stitches per inch!

Unfortunately, work beckoned us all to return leaving many wanting to hear still more.

In closing, Becky thanked Carolyn for her fascinating presentation. She also announced that the UNOPA banner hanging from the speaker's podium was the new banner which reflected UNOPA’s change from the University Office Personnel Association to the University Office Professionals Association. Sandy Watmore was recognized for her work in having the new banner designed.

The next general meeting will be April 11, 2006, at the East Campus Union. This will be the Past Presidents Recognition and Rose Frolik Award Luncheon. In addition, UNOPA members who retired in the past year will also be recognized.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Egger

(Minutes printed as submitted)