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President’s Corner
“Keep The Candle Burning”
by Becky Hastings, President

My! How time flies when you’re having fun! Where did this last year go? It has been busy this last month.

The NEOPA Spring Conference, which was hosted by UNOPA, was held March 30th & 31st. From good speakers throughout the day to installing the new 2006-2007 officers for NEOPA in the evening, a good time was had by all. See the report that Sandy Watmore and Diane Wasser wrote on page 6.

Congratulations to the nominees for this year’s Rose Frolik Award - Jeanne Andelt and Dora Dill. Thank you for the work that you do here at UNL and the professional, giving and selfless way in which you accomplish it – you are women of character and integrity. It is a pleasure to work with you. And the winner is – Dora Dill! Congratulations Dora.

We will wrap up the year with the May 9th general meeting which will be installation of the 2006-2007 officers. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

I want to thank the ladies who have served on the 2005-2006 UNOPA Board. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you. Everyone deserves KUDOS for stepping up and helping with the Ways & Means committee – we couldn’t have done it without everyone’s help.

Serving as President this last year has given me the opportunity to do things that I normally wouldn’t have the opportunity to experience. Working with UAAD, regular meetings with the President of UAAD and the Associate to the Chancellor, attend/report at Deans and Directors meetings, serving on two awards committees, and interacting with the State Office Professionals Association (NEOPA) to promote networking and everyday business that plays an important role in our lives. My organizational skills have been fine tuned and I’ve become more comfortable speaking in front of large groups.

If you feel you’ve reached a point in your life where mundane daily events leave you feeling unfulfilled, consider running for a position on the Executive Board. It will give you a larger perspective of the world in which you live. You can’t help but come away from it knowing you gave a part of your self and received so much more in return – I know I did.

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Lincoln -- Dora Dill, an administrative technician with the Agricultural Research Division, was named the 2005-06 Rose Frolik Award winner on April 11.

Dill won the award at the University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association’s (UNOPA) Past Presidents and Retirees luncheon in the East Campus Union.

Her nominators wrote: “Dedication and exemplarily actions often go unnoticed or unrecognized except through a nomination of this type. Dora Dill is an individual who has performed beyond expectation and we feel she is most deserving of the Rose Frolik Award.”

Dill’s nominators said she was a “major driving force” in developing service objectives, which assure unit administrators and faculty that administrative actions will be handled promptly and correctly. Dill was also recognized for her vision, leadership and assistance in organizing retreats in Scottsbluff, Norfolk, Lincoln and Ithaca. She was also described as capable, dedicated, dependable and professional.

The Rose Frolik Award was established in 1988 to recognize a member who demonstrates the attributes of UNOPA’s founder and first president, Rose Frolik. Frolik is an enthusiastic, energetic person who challenges life and feels that how you do your work may be a lot more important than what you do. UNOPA members are eligible for the award if they have been active for at least the past five years.

Dill has been active in UNOPA and served as a representative to the UNL Grievance Committee and the Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women. She has served as UNOPA Awards Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Membership Chair, UNOPA Notes Co-Chair, and as a member of the UNOPA Social Committee. One of Dill’s UNOPA achievements was chairing an ad hoc committee to revise the association’s constitution and bylaws during the 2004-05 year.

For winning the award, Dill received a personalized plaque, a cash award for $300, and a one-year membership to UNOPA.

Dill has worked at the university for 20 years and began working in her current position in 1989. In 1997-98, Dill also won the Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff Award and the Floyd S. Oldt Silver Pen Award.
Past Presidents and Retirees Luncheon  
by Marlene Pyatt, Corresponding Secretary

What a great turnout for the annual Recognition Luncheon of Past Presidents and Retirees. We welcomed 20 past presidents and 6 retirees and each received a corsage. Along with our guest of honor, Rose Frolik, there were a few other special guests such as Rose’s son Dick, and Kay Hartmann brought her mother, Lois Jean Hartmann. Two of the judges of the Rose Frolik award were also able to join us. Each of the retirees were introduced and came up front for a group picture. It was great to see everyone, especially a couple of the charter members.

All of the past presidents were announced by the year they served and those in attendance came up front to be recognized. A group photo was taken after the luncheon. Several of the past presidents that could not be present had written messages to be read at the luncheon. People enjoyed hearing what these ladies had been up to over the past year.

I hope everyone had time to visit with friends they may not see too often. I enjoyed meeting our special guests and want to thank everyone for taking the time to join us for this special luncheon.

Retirees (Left to Right): Betty Wurster, Pat Lehecka, Ruth Rosenberg, Doris Jaworski, Sandy Jorgensen and Leslie Brooks

Past Presidents
Front Row: Helen Busboom, Sheila Perry, Sandy Lineberry, Rose Frolik, Pat Hust, LaRita Lang and Marcia Rowley

Back Row: Carol Bom, Lorraine Moon, Jan Wassenberg, Diane Wasser, Lola Young, Sandy Watmore, Doris Lesoing, Kay Hartmann, Linda Arnold, Rhonda Zugmier, and Kathy Bennetch
April Executive Board Meeting
by Donelle Moormeier, President-Elect

The April UNOPA Executive Board meeting was held April 4, 2006 at 1700 Y Street. President Becky Hastings called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the minutes from the March Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected. President, Becky Hastings asked that any items for the Nebraska basket for National Conference in Dallas be given to Lola Young by July 1. UNOPA Annual Report items are due to Rhonda Zugmier preferably by the end of May but Treasurers report will need to wait until June for the Treasurer’s audit. Directors were reminded that anything sent to the general membership reflect the change in UNOPA’s name from “Personnel” to “Professionals.” Diane Wasser will add the new UNOPA logo to the website for everyone’s use. South Carolina’s Association of Educational Office Professionals member Gloria Tisdale will be installed as the national president of NAEOP in Dallas this summer. Becky will write a letter of congratulations on behalf of UNOPA and send it to Gloria. President-elect noted that committee forms for 2006/07 had been sent out to the membership. These forms allow for our membership to indicate which committees they would like to serve. Marlene Pyatt reported there were 23 past presidents, two guest, and six retirees registered for the April general meeting. Treasurer Gretchen Walker reported $5,769.88 in the checking, cost object balance of ($2,756.34) and CD balance of $3,053.42. Becky Hastings reported for Awards Director Jan Edwards that there were two nominations received for the Rose Frolik Award to be awarded at the April general meeting. UNOPA’s founder, Rose Frolik, who is 96 ½ years old plans on attending the April general meeting. Sandy Watmore reported that the next due date for professional development reimbursements is May 15, 2006. Amy Stewart, Membership Director presented a “to call” list of six new UNL employees. Volunteers from the board will contact each new employee and invited them to participate in UNOPA. Becky Hastings reported for Chris Cary, Director of Nominating that ballots for the 2006/07 officers would be counted and the new officer’s would be announced at the April general meeting. Judy Anderson reported that the Professional Growth committee was finalizing the April 26 UNOPA workshop. The workshop’s registration will be $15.00 and will be open to everyone. Rhonda Zugmier reported that April 17 is the deadline UNOPA Notes. Mary Guest and Beth Krohn, Co-Directors of the Mentoring committee reported on responses to the Mentoring survey that was sent out to UNOPA members. Based on the results of the surveys the committee recommended continuing the program. It was decided to allow the 2006/07 Board of Directors to make the decision of whether the Mentoring committee becomes a full-fledged committee, a sub-committee, or stay as an Ad-hoc. Lola Young reported that fourteen UNOPA members are going to the summer NAEOP conference in Dallas. Previously, Herb Howe had allotted $1200 for the twelve members planning on attending, provided these members had a specific role at the meeting. Becky would approach Herb again to see if he would support the additional two members, even though they do not have specific roles at the meeting. Diane Wasser and Sandy Watmore reported that the NEOPA Spring Conference had 110 people attending the conference and 75 for the evening banquet. Becky announced that gifts from UNOPA were presented to Carol Bom who was installed as NEOPA president for 2006-07. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 2 at 3:00 at East Campus Union.

This past academic year several members of UNOPA participated in a professional development series on the power of mentoring. The series began with a discussion panel made up of four well-known UNL facilitators who had us re-thinking the definition of mentoring. While mentoring is sometimes a very formal process, they proved to us that every day we learn from each other in a more informal way. We covered subjects such as Getting Ahead at UNL, Office Etiquette, Staff Development Opportunities, Software tips, Balancing Work and Family, Family Medical Leave, and NU Values.

The post-session surveys indicate a strong interest in continuing the program and attendees have submitted a list of possible topics to cover in future mentoring sessions. We want to thank all those that attended one or more of the sessions and hope you all continue being both a mentor and a mentee.
Thank you!
by Carol Bom, NEOPA President

On behalf of the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association, I would like to thank UNOPA for hosting the 2006 spring NEOPA conference! You should be very proud of Sandy Watmore, CEOE, and Diane Wasser, CEOE, your conference co-chairs. They did a wonderful job of putting together a very enjoyable, entertaining, and educational conference.

On a personal note, I was very excited to have my local association host the conference and installation banquet on Friday evening. Many thanks also to Lola Young, CEOE, who performed the installation ceremony for me and my Board of Directors. The ceremony was very memorable! I also appreciate the monetary support of the UNOPA Board.

Thank you very much to all of you who attended my installation on Friday evening. I know I didn’t get to speak with everyone, but I wanted you to know that I appreciated everyone in attendance. You are all very special to me. I look forward to serving as your NEOPA President and perhaps visiting a couple of your UNOPA meetings next year.

Thank you with all my heart! Your friend, Carol Bom, CEOE

Retirement Letter
by Jan Sammet

I started working at UNL as an on call person for registration and records August 29, 1998. I worked summers in New Student Enrollment and eventually moved to computer scheduling for NSE. February 15, 1993 I was recruited to work in the Dean’s office of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for 6 months. Today, 13 years later I am going to retire, hopefully have time to brush my teeth with electric toothbrush standing in one place. I usually brush my teeth, pack my lunch (with one hand) and gather my stuff for work.

My job in the Dean’s office is working with transfer students, primary responsibility is to evaluate and approved transfer student transcripts from various national colleges. The transfer requirements and guidelines are continually changing for the better.

I joined UNOPA in 1993, have been on several committees including UNOPA Notes, Employee Concerns and Communication Technology. I have enjoyed the support and camaraderie UNOPA provides. Lunch, brunch, golf, prizes and ice cream socials are the many events planned and enjoyed by all. Every office professional ought to belong to our fine organization. Thank you UNOPA for the exceptional ride.
UNOPA hosted the 2006 NEOPA Spring Conference at the UNL East Campus Union on March 31. Those who attended spent the day learning about the diversity and similarities of our members as we evaluated the differences and similarities of “Daffodils, Daisies, and Dandelions!” Despite slightly crowded conditions due to a higher than expected turn-out, most comments from those who attended indicated they enjoyed the chance to meet other Nebraska educational office professionals while learning new and useful skills while enjoying a day away from the office that showcased laughter as a positive addition to all work environments and all of our lives.

Despite the planning committee’s best efforts to follow a tight schedule, quicker than planned greetings and introductions resulted in some extra, unplanned minutes between presentations. According to the end-of-conference evaluations, some of those who attended enjoyed the leisurely pace that allowed for time to network, make new friends, and catch up with old friends while others felt the time was wasted. Accurate scheduling is one of the most difficult tasks while planning such an event and historically we tend to run behind schedule and end up rushing to finish everyone at the end of the day. We hope those who attended left revitalized because of the ample time allowed between events.

The speakers all rated above average when evaluated from 1 to 5 by those who attended each session. The two keynote speakers were both very well appreciated and many who attended enjoyed the chance to “pick-and-choose” the briefings they felt would be of the most interest to them. Our conference briefing plan was a mini-version of what we all experience when we attend an annual national (NAEOP) conference. It was a plan that was well received by the majority of those who attended.

It is no surprise that the “Dress to Impress” by Cathie Fife was the highest rated presentation. Cathie attempted to reiterate that despite age, shape, history, and circumstances, everyone can look good in their skin. A major factor in how one looks is simply a good attitude. She mixed antidotes about a varied professional background, her current business venture, marriage, men, and shoes with fashion tips and tricks. She was a delight and inspiration. The lucky door prize winner will be visiting "Cathie Fife’s House” because she won a gift certificate to Cathie’s boutique in Blair.

The biggest complaint about Diane Rolfsmeyer’s presentation was that those who attended would have enjoyed hearing more from this very knowledgeable financial planner. She came dressed and ready to discuss growing a financial garden! Some of her easy to understand and simple to follow tips are sure to help guide us as we do simple budgeting and often difficult saving. Diane got an earlier than expected start but still could have offered more of her expertise if her time would have allowed. Unfortunately, we had contracted Diane for just 1 hour and could not have asked her to speak longer without compensation regardless of how our schedule was progressing. The door prize from Diane’s presentation was a “bag of money” which will get the lucky winner a jump start on her financial future!

Diane Sullivan shared tips and tricks of organizing. Diane is a true example of a member who possesses a unique talent for putting order into our lives. She is one of our ‘diverse’ UNOPA members. We may not all be able to completely organize our lives as the result of her presentation, but we all learned “it is OK to throw things away!” Sometimes we need someone to tell us the simple things to allow us to believe them. The lucky winner of the “Gain through Or-GAIN-ization” briefing will be learning some of Diane’s tricks first hand when she uses her 1-hour-of-organization-time certificate and has Diane visit her home or office and help her at least begin to get organized.

Christine Cary, another of UNOPA’s diverse members, shared her packing and traveling tips and tricks. During her “Have-Suitcase, Will-Travel” briefing, Chris explained how she can travel anywhere with just one suitcase and still have what she needs to attend any function. Some of the tricks were new to those attended and some were reminders of age-old ideas for packing and traveling. The lucky winner of the door prize from this briefing took home a purple suitcase. She will be able to try some of what she learned to do some summer traveling.

The morning keynote speaker, Vicki Highstreet, and “Mellow Yellow” was rated as one of the most beneficial of the day’s presentations. Her examples can be used at the work place as well as in one’s personal life. Vicki relayed a great deal of expertise in a relaxed manner. Her insight in interacting and working with co-workers was appreciated by all who attended. Her handouts were excellent and will be a great resource during future dealings.

The afternoon keynote speaker, Patt Harper, reminded everyone it is good to laugh. Using humor to accomplish your day-to-day duties allows a positive and productive environment. Things like wearing a banana nose while driving and dealing
with road rage, is an example of one of the simplest ways of dealing with anger. Keeping toys handy can relieve the tension of both the employee and their customers. We all need to allow the child in us to surface so the stress of our lives doesn’t overwhelm us and take away our health and vitality.

Our luncheon offered us a chance to network with others as we ate our lunch and then an opportunity to learn about different local association’s activities. Each organization has completed or is currently working on numerous worthwhile projects and their diversity was energizing. Since the NEOPA President has spent many hours keeping all of the members informed about the Nebraska association’s activities, Deb Ryan’s overview was most eye-opening to the non-NEOPA-members in attendance. As a result of these presentations, we hope some of the non-members will find something that triggers their interest and will consider joining one of the local or the state organizations. Lola Young and Carol Bom ended the lunch time program with an informative overview of the National (NAEOP) organization and conference. Hopefully, after hearing about what happens at the annual conference, many will make plans to attend.

The business meeting rounded out our day. President Deb Ryan conducted an organized and efficient meeting which included officer and committee reports and announcements. The meeting was a fitting finale to a day of learning and interaction.

We can’t provide a complete summary of the NEOPA Conference without mentioning our “night-before” social & auction and our banquet & installation which was the fitting end to the day. The Fund-Raising Committee, headed by director Lisa Morehouse, raised the excitement level for the conference with a spirited auction. This is NEOPA’s major fundraising event and it was a success. The staff at the Howard Johnson’s Hotel were accommodating and allowed us to have the banquet room for our “night-before” events. The banquet was held in the same room. The banquet was nice, the decorations were lovely, and the food was good. However, the zealous swimming party next door plus a make-shift sound system resulted in an installation ceremony that was almost inaudible. There isn’t a sound system in existence that would have overpowered the noise of the adjoining pool party. The result was that only those close to the mic could hear and many of us missed out on the incoming president’s address. Hopefully, it will be printed in an upcoming NEOPA newsletter so those who are interested can at least read Carol Bom’s inspiring words. The managers of the Howard Johnson’s Hotel and we, the co-directors of this conference, apologize profusely to Carol and the other incoming officers and directors for this unfortunate problem.

Despite the breaks that were filled with too much junk food, the too starchy luncheon, the too crowded meeting rooms, the too hard chairs, too impossible to hear installation ceremony AND the too-loose schedule, the majority who attended and completed an evaluation indicated they enjoyed the day and learning while laughing.

We encourage everyone to attend a future NEOPA conference, to get involved in the local or state organization, to attend a National (NAEOP) conference, AND to offer to chair such a conference. We will be glad to offer our realizations so you too can learn how to be humble and learn what being ‘flexible’ is really about.
Treasurer's Report
March 2006
by Gretchen Walker, Treasurer

Beginning checking balance
March 1, 2006 $6,656.66

Income:
- Membership $ 11.00
- Hospitality $ 328.35
- 50/50 $ 31.00
- NEOPA sponsor $ 200.00
- Interest $ 1.35

Total Income: $ 571.70

Expenses:
- Comm. Tech. $ 20.00
- Notes $ 20.00
- NEOPA Conference $1,250.45
- Membership $ 9.00
- Hospitality $ 63.26
- Foundation $ 95.77

Total Expenses: $1,458.48

Ending checking balance
March 31, 2006 $5,769.88

Checking Balance $5,769.88
Cost Object Balance $(2,756.34)
CD $3,013.54

Thank You
by Rhonda Zugmier, UNOPA Notes Editor

Since this is the last issue of UNOPA Notes for this year, I wanted to thank my Committee (Barb Carley, Carol Nau, and Kathy Schindler) for all their work in helping produce a publication that we hope was enjoyable and informative to our Members. I also wish to thank everyone who submitted an article. Without them, UNOPA Notes would not exist.

UNOPA History in UNOPA Notes*

Five Years Ago - (Vol. 39, No. 10)
Linda Arnold conducted the Installation Ceremony. Patricia Hust, President, Christine Cary, President-Elect, Carol Wusk, Recording Secretary, Judy Anderson, Corresponding Secretary, and Barb Andersen, Treasurer.

Ten Years Ago - (Vol. 34, No. 10)
The installation for Dr. Moeser was April 26. LaRita gave a greeting on behalf of UNOPA. The ceremony went well and the walk across campus with the Dixieland band was fun.

*(Information obtained from UNOPA Notes Vol. 39, No. 10 and Vol. 34, No 10)
Election Day is Coming Soon!
by Chris Cary, Nominations Director

Have Your Say
The next election will be May 9, from 8 am to 8 pm. There will be a number of interesting things to vote on including: candidates for governor of Nebraska; many state, county and district positions; whether or not to raise state senators’ salaries by $9,000 plus automatic cost-of-living increases; a $2.7 million bond issue for public parks in Lincoln; and sales tax increases in Malcolm and Bennet.

Not Sure Where to Go or What We’re Voting On?
For Lancaster County, the election commissioners web site has lots of helpful information, at http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/election/index.htm, including a sample ballot at http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/election/0506sample.pdf. The other Nebraska county’s web sites are listed at http://www.nebraska.gov/counties.phtml.

Good to Know
Doing your civic duty by registering to vote and participating in elections will not affect your status or paycheck at UNL! According to University of Nebraska policy, paid “Civil Leave” will be granted when an employee serves on an election board. To request civil leave an employee must present written evidence of an appointment to serve as a judge or clerk of election or as a precinct or district inspector. Such an employee may keep pay received from the county for this service. Up to two hours of civil leave may be granted to vote in public elections, if circumstances prevent an employee from voting at any other time. Civil leave is granted to employees when they are called for participation in the legal process, including jury duty and witness responsibility. Temporary and part-time employees are granted civil leave for regularly scheduled work hours.”

Need Some Motivation?
If you just don’t feel like taking the time to read-up on the issues and vote, rent and watch the excellent movie “Iron-Jawed Angels.” After seeing what our foremothers went through to get women the right to vote, you’re sure to feel motivated!

Got More Questions?
Call or email the Election Commissioner, David Shively. Phone: 402-441-7311, Hearing impaired: 402-441-8200, or email: dshively@email.lincoln.ne.gov.

Member Concerns
by Marlene Pyatt - Corresponding Secretary

The following cards were sent to UNOPA Members:

Brenda Peters - get well card
Gretchen Walker - Thinking of you
Jeanne Andelt - Thinking of you

Please continue to keep me informed when cards need to be sent out to fellow UNOPA members. Thanks.
Becky opened the meeting at noon. She recognized and welcomed the many guests.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President, Becky Hastings
Approval of March General Meeting Minutes
Becky asked if there were any changes or corrections to the March general meeting minutes which were printed in the April issue of UNOPA Notes. One correction was noted: In the section about the spring conference, NAEOP should be changed to NEOPA. Becky declared the minutes will stand approved as corrected. [NOTE: the error could not be located and the correction was later retracted as an error. The minutes stand approved as printed in the April UNOPA Notes.]

Thank You from Carol Bom
Becky shared a note from Carol Bom. Carol thanked UNOPA for the gifts presented to her in honor of her installation as the 2006-2007 President of the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association (NEOPA) on March 31. The gifts included two books of quotes, and a Snow Babies figurine called Girl Friends.

Committee Forms
Donelle Moormeier placed extra 2006-2007 committee forms on the tables for those who may not have received one in the mail. Please signup for the committee(s) of your choice and return to her by April 14.

Treasurer, Becky for Gretchen Walker
Becky noted Treasurer Gretchen Walker was not able to attend today’s meeting and, as a result, there was no Treasurer’s report to review. The March Treasurer’s report will be shared at the May general meeting.

STANDING REPORTS

Bradley Munn Professional Growth, Becky Hastings for Sandy Watmore
Becky announced that the next reimbursement application due date is April 15, 2006. Please send your forms to Sandy Watmore.

Employee Concerns, Becky Hastings for Pat Hust and Tonda Humphress
Becky introduced Lorraine Moon who reported on the Academic Senate.

There are 95 elected faculty in the Senate serving three-year terms. Anyone—administrators, faculty, staff, and students—can place an item on the agenda and participate in the discussion. The Senate works with UNOPA and UAAD on a variety of issues such as day care and parking. You can review meeting minutes anytime by going to the UNL Web site (> Faculty Staff > Academic Senate > Minutes).

Nominating, Becky Hastings for Chris Cary
Becky received the results of the 2006-2007 UNOPA officers election from Chris Cary and her committee. The election results are:
President-elect, Gretchen Walker
Treasurer, Marie Dvorak
Corresponding Secretary, Peg Johnson
Recording Secretary, Mary Guest

Professional Growth, Judy Anderson and Mary Guest
Judy announced the UNOPA spring workshop will be held on Administrative Professionals Day, April 26. Bringing Out the Best vs. the Beast in People will feature speaker Jeanne Baer with Creative Training Solutions and will be held 1:00 – 5:00, at the Lincoln Women’s Club, 407 S. 14th Street in Lincoln (14th & L Sts.). Registration is $15 and can be paid using a UNL cost object if desired. Fliers were on the tables. Everyone is invited—bring a friend! There is parking available in a garage across the street.

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UNOPA General Minutes (Continued from Page 10)

UNOPA Notes, Becky Hastings for Rhonda Zugmier
The deadline for the May issue of UNOPA Notes is April 14. Please send your news items to Rhonda Zugmier.

Hospitality, Pat DeStefano and Susan Thomas
The 50/50 drawing netted $68. Rhonda Zugmier won $34 and $34 will be donated to Camp COHOL. Door prizes and table centerpieces were in a “pamper yourself” theme. Door prize winners were Cary Jackson, JoAnn Barry, and Karen Shriner. We were all entertained by the reading of the Mr. and Mrs. Right Easter story which ultimately lead to one person at each table winning a table centerpiece.

Recognition of Past Presidents and Retirees, Marlene Pyatt
Marlene recognized six UNOPA retirees and UNOPA’s past presidents. Their names were listed on the program. She also shared notes from a few past presidents who were unable to attend. Pictures were taken as well.

Program, Donelle Moormeier
Donelle introduced the speaker, Pat Shorney, with the Red Hat Society which is a social organization for women over 50. April is Red Hat Society Month and the Society will hold a regional convention next week in Ontario, Canada. Pat shared some history of the society which is a relatively new association. Members are readily noticed by the red hats on their heads and purple on their shoulders. There is now a Pink Hat Society for women under 50.

Rose Frolik Award, Becky Hastings
The Rose Frolik Award is an annual award that was established in 1988 to recognize a UNOPA member demonstrating the attributes of UNOPA’s founder and first president, Rose Frolik. Rose espouses the philosophy that how you do your work may be a lot more important than what you do. Recipients of this award will receive a personalized plaque commemorating their recognition, a one year membership to UNOPA and a $300 cash award.

The three judges were from outside of UNL: Maggie McPherson, personnel training coordinator at Wal-Mart; Jason Thacker, pastor for Country Bible Church in Bennet; and Dick Janda, news anchor for Channel 8 Eyewitness News. Jason and Dick joined us for the luncheon and award presentation, and Becky asked that they stand and be recognized.

Rose has designated Sandy Lineberry, from the UNL Department of the Nebraska Forest Service, to serve as her “official” spokesperson. Becky introduced Sandy and turned the award program over to her.

Sandy explained the requirements for earning this prestigious award. Nominees must have at least five years of active membership in UNOPA and are rated on their leadership characteristics, professional growth characteristics and quest for personal growth, involvement in UNOPA, and personal characteristics. As stated earlier, Rose Frolik feels that how you do your work may be a lot more important than what you do.

Sandy announced the two nominees and recognized them with certificates of nomination: Dora Dill from the Agricultural Research Division, and Jeanne Andelt from the Nebraska Forest Service. The 2006 winner of the Rose Frolik Award was Dora Dill. Congratulations, Dora!

Becky reminded everyone that the next general meeting will be May 9, 2006. This meeting will include the installation of the 2006-2007 officers and will be held on City Campus at the Kauffman Academic Residential Center. The meeting was closed at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Egger

(Minutes printed as submitted)
Education is the birthright of every person. We as members of the University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association pledge ourselves to safeguard that right. We acknowledge the unique role of educational office professional and the importance of their contributions to the university and the community. The purpose of UNOPA is to provide professional growth and promote high professional standards for education office professionals with the University of Nebraska, as partners upholding the quality of service to the university educational system and the community.

**Calendar of Events**

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**Membership Pledge**

I hereby pledge myself to be true to the principles of the University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association.

I will recruit new members.

I will participate and become involved.

I will encourage service, fellowship, information and recognition.

I will remember that actions speak louder than words.

I further promise to support my officers to the best of my ability.

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