Wow, here it is fall already, school is starting, the days are getting shorter, the leaves will soon be turning, and the first 2006-2007 UNOPA general meeting is Tuesday, September 12th!

As your President of UNOPA this year, I am excited about the coming year. Our new officers, President-elect, Gretchen Walker; Recording Secretary, Mary Guest; Treasurer, Marie Dvorak, and Corresponding Secretary, Peg Johnson, are a great group of officers!

The Summer Social was held on June 27th with a meal of BBQ beef on a roll and other delicious dishes. Following dinner, games were played, door prizes awarded, a tour of the University gardens, and ending the evening with Jazz in June at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery. Thank you Kathy Thompson, Chris Cary, and Carol Wusk for organizing this event.

UNOPA had a group of 13 who attended the NAEOP National Conference in Dallas, Texas in July. They were: Jeanne Andelt, Christine Cary, Mary Guest, Debbie Hendricks, Barbara Homer, Cynthia Hornung, Peg Johnson, Sandy Lineberry, Linda Luedtke, Doreen Wagenaar, Diane Wass, Sandy Watmore, and Lola Young. I wish I could have been there! You can read more about the honors and awards that our members received in the October issue.

The Professional Growth and the Mentoring Committees are putting together some great workshops this year. Along with our normal Bosses’ Luncheon and Award, Silver Pen & Outstanding Staff Award, the Rose Frolik Award and Past President’s Recognition, the program committee also has an interesting year planned. We will learn some “stress management,” see what goes on behind the scenes at the Lied Center, enjoy a little American Ragtime music, find out “Why We Laugh” at our joint meeting with UAAD, and learn the art of “Effective Public Speaking.”

I look forward to a year that is full of great accomplishments resulting from the collaborative efforts of our members working toward common objectives and goals!!
Executive Board Meeting Minutes - Incoming Board

The incoming board held its first meeting. All director positions have been filled except for Ways and Means. If no director is found, the board members will be responsible for volunteering to cover the parking lot.

Donelle asked the Employee Concerns Committee to look into raising the question again to administration regarding stipends for PSP/CEOE recipients. This may be a good time to bring this up, as state colleges began providing stipends last year.

The Summer Social will be on Tuesday, June 27, beginning with a social time at 4:30 PM, dinner at 5:00 PM, followed by the Garden Tour at the Sheldon and Jazz in June.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes - Outgoing Board

The May Board minutes were approved. Officers were asked to submit their annual reports to Rhonda Zugmier, and she will compile the UNOPA Annual Report. Treasurer, Gretchen Walker reported an ending checking balance on May 31 of $4,505.78 and a cost object balance of $00. The CD balance is $3,053.42.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2006, Kauffman Center

Professional pianist, April Teet, provided musical entertainment during lunch. The April General Meeting minutes were approved. Treasurer, Gretchen Walker, reported an ending checking balance on April 30 of $8,400.62, and a cost object balance of ($4,359.64). The CD balance is $3,053.42.

The following officers were installed for the 2006-2007 year: Treasurer, Marie Dvorak; Corresponding Secretary, Peg Johnson; Recording Secretary, Mary Guest; President-elect, Gretchen Walker; President, Donelle Moormeier.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2006, Nebraska East Union

Dan Carpenter attended the meeting to share information regarding the upcoming changes in bus routes and parking that will take effect in fall 2006. The April Board minutes were approved. Herbe Howe agreed to increase the amount of travel funds to support UNOPA members attending the NAEOP conference.

Treasurer, Gretchen Walker, reported an ending checking balance on April 30 of $8,400.62, and a cost object balance of ($4,359.64). The CD balance is $3,053.42. Committee reports were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 1st Annual Staff Art Exhibition to open in the Nebraska Union Rotunda Gallery, Monday, September 11 thru Friday, September 15. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Reception to be held for artists and their guests and staff in the Gallery, Friday, September 15, 5:00-7:00 PM.

All interested UNL staff members are invited to attend the reception. This is also a good time to meet the artists. Refreshments will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congrats to Donette Petersen as her daughter, Amanda May, gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl; Grayson, and Sophia, on July 25, 2006. Donette is a Grandmother for the 1st time!!
A Special Thank You from NEOPA President Carol Bom

Many thanks to all of the UNOPA members who contributed items to the Nebraska basket from NEOPA. This basket of items was collected and taken to the national conference in July. The basket was used as a special projects item and as a fundraiser for NAEOP, the National Association of Educational Office Professionals.

We collected so many items the last week before the conference that we were able to make two “baskets” of items for NAEOP. Thanks to all who donated items on behalf of your offices and UNOPA!

Your spirit of giving made me proud to be a Nebraskan and fellow UNOPA member!

You’re Invited to Come and Enjoy “An Afternoon With Cathie Fife”

Ladies!! Are you looking for an opportunity to relax and socialize with friends while enjoying fabulous desserts and entertainment by Cathie Fife and her “One-Woman Style Show?” If so, you’re in luck!! Come and join us at the Denton Community Center, November 11, 2006, and be enlightened and entertained by Cathie Fife who may be best known as a radio personality in Nebraska and Iowa during the 80’s and 90’s. She is now a clothing retailer with stores in Blair and Plattsmouth. She has a love of fashion and an uncanny knack for choosing figure flattering styles for herself and her customers.

Doors will open at 1:30 PM; the show to begin at 2:00 PM. You can enjoy an afternoon of fun entertainment, a silent auction, door prizes, and coffee or tea and desserts for only $20/ticket. All proceeds will go to the PSP Endowment Fund.

For information, please contact Sandy Lineberry, 472-6623, Sandy Watmore, 471-1066, or any of the PSP committee members who are listed below:

PSP Committee Members:
Jeanne Andelt
Kathy Bennetch
Lynn DeShon
Mary Guest
Debbie Hendricks
Shirley Horstman
Pat Hust
LaRita Lang
Trish Liedle

Sandy Lineberry
Linda Luedtke
Lorraine Moon
Edie Schleiger
Gretchen Walker
Diane Wasser
Sandy Watmore
Carol Wusk
Lola Young

Directions to the Community Center:
Go west on Van Dorn to Lee’s Chicken, turn south (left) on Coddington Avenue. Go 3 miles to West Denton Road (dead end), turn west (right) and go 5 miles to Denton, NE. At the four-way stop, continue west 1 block to Lancaster Street, turn south (left) to 7115 Lancaster.

OR

Go west on ‘O’ Street to Emerald about 7 miles. Turn south (left) at the blinking light and go 5 miles to Denton, NE. At the four-way stop, turn west (right) and go 1 block to Lancaster Street, turn south (left) to 7115 Lancaster.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

NEOPA FALL WORKSHOP
Friday, October 13, 2006
Wayne State College
Wayne, NE

Please join us for this professional growth workshop. This is going to be a great workshop with practical tips that you can apply in both your office and personal life. The WEOPA (Wayne Educational Office Professionals Association) members are always very welcoming to all of our members as we travel to their fair city. We appreciate their hosting this workshop.

For those traveling on Thursday, lodging will be available at the Super 8 Hotel in Wayne. Jeanne Ann Kardell, a NEOPA Past President, has opened her home to members who may arrive in Wayne on Thursday evening and want to drop by for a portion of the evening. Her address is 222 Emerald Drive, Wayne, NE.

We look forward to seeing you there!
September Calendar

September 12 - General Board Meeting, Nebraska East Union

September 11 - 15 - 1st Annual Staff Art Exhibition, Nebraska Union Rotunda Gallery

September 15 - UNOPA Notes deadline for submission of articles

September 28 - Professional Growth Workshop, Nebraska Union, 12:00-1:00 PM
“Keys to Professionalism,” presenter, Dr. Dawn Braithwaite

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 professionals 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.