

Minutes  
University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association (UNOPA)  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
East Campus Student Union

President, Cathy Robertson, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

The minutes of the January 18, 2012, General Membership Meeting had been emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. **The minutes will stand approved as presented.**

**Officer Reports**

**Treasurer: Marlee Crombie**

The January Treasurer's report was emailed to the membership prior to the meeting and a revised report was provided at the meeting. There were no further corrections. **The report will be filed for audit.**

**Past President: Mari Greer**

The NEOPA Spring Conference is Friday, April 13, 2012, in Wayne, NE. Be sure to register early. Mari will help coordinate carpooling to the conference.

Lola Young will be installed **as at** NAEOP Conference in July, 2012. We would like to have as many people as possible attend to support Lola.

The Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund is selling raffle tickets for a Color Nook. Raffle tickets are \$5 for one ticket and \$20 for five tickets. The drawing will be at the May meeting. Contact Mari Greer, Lainey Bomberger, Marlee Crombie, Mary Klucas, Jane Schneider, or Beth Zager to purchase raffle tickets.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Awards: Edie Schleiger**

Nominations are being accepted for the Rose Frolik Award to be presented at the April meeting. Rose's motto was "How you do your work is more important than what you do." Forms are on the UNOPA website as well as a list of eligible members.

**Bylaws: Pat Hust**

Recommended changes in the Standing Rules were presented. Those changes include:

- Raising annual membership dues to \$15 per year with a renewal deadline of September 15 or be removed from the active member list and lose full member privileges. Dues will be \$15 regardless of when paid.
- Removal of Rule 2 regarding break in service from the University as it is longer necessary due to change to Bylaws Article II, new section 3. This will cause a renumbering of the Standing Rules
- Updating information regarding closed sessions of the Executive Board.
- More clearly defining UNOPA support for the President/Delegate and the President-Elect to attend the NAEOP National Conference.
- Removal of rule regarding the storage of Director Notebooks due to the use of Digital Commons.
- Adding new rule regarding use of telephone or electronic meetings to provide more documentation for the approved changes to Bylaws Article V, Section 4.
- New rule regarding electronic voting methods for Bylaw changes and elections to provide clarification of the procedures to be followed.

**Pat Hust moved that the changes to the Standing Rules 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 as presented and recommended by the Bylaws Committee, and approved by the Executive Board on January 10 be adopted by UNOPA. Janice Wassenberg seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed by majority vote.**

**Career Development: Beth Zager**

The UNOPA Spring workshop will be on 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, in Hardin Hall. The speaker is MaryAnn Hollingsworth, the South Central director of NAEOP. The cost is \$15 for UNOPA members. Registration deadline is March 14, 2012. There will be baskets raffled off. The proceeds go to support the Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund.

**Nominating: Nelvie Lienemann**

Nominations have been requested for officers for next year. Nominations are still being accepted. Those nominated will be notified in the next week or so. The slate of nominees will be presented at the March 13, 2012 meeting.

**UNOPA Notes: Linda Ratcliffe**

The deadline for the next issue of UNOPA Notes is Friday, March 16, 2012.

**Ways and Means: Cathy Robertson**

UNOPA received \$6100 from the University for the parking lot last fall. We still don't know if there are options for next year or not. There were 41 members who worked the lot, 20 of which worked more than once. Sharen Simmon's name was drawn for the \$25 VISA gift card.

**Hospitality: Jaime Long and Sara Luther**

The 50/50 drawing collected \$70. Tricia Liedle received \$35 and \$35 will go to President Cathy's designated charity – Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship program. Door prizes went to Cathy Robertson and Beth Zager.

Lynn DeShon was presented with a gift certificate for an overnight stay at Staybridge Suites. Rosanna Kevil, a representative from Staybridge Suites, did the drawing and presented the gift certificate to Lynn.

**Guest Speaker**

Susan Thomas introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Paul Read, Horticulture and Viticulture, and Steve Gamet, Viticulture Technologist. The title of the presentation was "Grape Expectations: Nebraska's developing grape and wine industry." Dr. Read discussed the grape and wine industry in Nebraska from the pre-Prohibition era where there were 1000s of acres in grapes, to the decline with Prohibition, to its slow re-emergence after The Nebraska Farm Wineries Act in 1985. Today there are 27 wineries in Nebraska which help to stimulate economic growth especially in small towns. Nebraska wineries are nationally recognized and competition winning.

UNL's Viticulture program was initiated in June 1997. The program focuses on high quality grapes, cold hardiness, weed management, disease control, potential for organic production, root stock studies, fertilizer and nutrient studies, vineyard management, cultivar (variety) evaluation, other education resources, wine school, and Nebraska's Wine and Grape Grower Forum featuring seminars, vendors, and an annual banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Klucas, Recording Secretary