

Minutes of the

UNOPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 12:02 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

East Campus Student Union

President, Mary Klucas, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 14, 2013

The minutes from the May 14, 2013 General Membership Meeting were not available. We hope to have the minutes available for approval at the October General Membership Meeting.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The July and August Treasurer's reports were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. The July and August reports will both be filed for audit.

OFFICER REPORTS

Past President – Linda Luedtke

Linda reminded the membership that the Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund can be used to reimburse members for workshops, conferences, or other education expenses that they incur. The next deadline to submit a reimbursement request to the Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund is October 15th.

Linda shared with the membership what a great experience she had at the National Conference which was held in Alexandria, Virginia in July. UNOPA members installed include: Lola Young (Immediate Past President), Carol Bom (Secretary/Treasurer), and Gretchen Walker (Higher Education Council Chair). UNOPA was awarded 1st place for Newsletter, 1st place for Website, and was the recipient of the Louise Henderson Nelson Award.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards – Diane Carson (Acting)

The deadline to make nominations for the Floyd S. Oldt Awards is October 18th. Diane encouraged all to review the criteria on the UNOPA website and nominate those whom you believe are deserving.

Career Development Professional Standards Program – Debbie Hendricks

The deadline to apply or re-certify for PSP is September 15th.

Debbie plans to host a few brown bag sessions in the near future for those who are interested in learning more about PSP.

Membership – Barbara Homer

Barbara reported that UNOPA currently has 89 members consisting of 65-Active, 2-Associate, 3-Retired, 1-Lifetime, and 19-Honorary.

Barbara also presented welcome mugs and pins to the following new members: Lindsay Augustyn (Center for Science, Mathematics, and Computer Education), Marcus Gonzalez (Student Accounts), Marilyn Johnson (Mathematics), Benjamin Lass (Institutional Research and Planning), Lila Luft (Student Accounts), Michelle McLaughlin (Student Organization Financial Services), Andrea Swartz (Student Accounts), Kathy Thorne (Communication Studies), Cheryl Wemhoff (Electrical Engineering), and Stephanie Vendetti (Center for Science, Mathematics, and Computer Education). **Gifts were only given to those present.**

Barbara reminded all that President, Mary Klucas will personally pay for the membership fee of the member who recruits the most new members.

Ways and Means – Roddy Spangler

Roddy spoke to the membership about selling parking spots during home football games at 22nd and Vine (in front of the Whittier Building). This is UNOPA's primary fundraiser and she encouraged members to not only help work the lot, but to promote the lot to co-workers, friends, and family.

UNOPA Notes – Andrea Peterson

The October deadline is September 13th.

NEOPA Workshop – Cathy Robertson

Cathy indicated that UNOPA will be hosting the state conference's (NEOPA) fall workshop. The workshop will be held on October 18th from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center. A flyer will be coming soon and information can be found on both the UNOPA and NEOPA websites. Cathy encouraged everyone to attend.

Hospitality – Diane Carson

Diane thanked Tricia Liedle and the Nebraska Water Center for the lanyards being used at the meeting.

The 50/50 drawing collected \$75.00 (\$37.50 split) and the winner was Andrea Swartz. Prizes were also awarded to Deb Lawrence, Tricia Liedle, Lindsey Augustyn, Katherine Schwarman, and Dennis LeBlanc.

GUEST SPEAKER

Jane Schneider introduced our guest speaker, Dennis Leblanc, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academics. Dennis joined the Athletic Department in 1983 as a member of the Track and Field staff

before joining the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes in 1987. Dennis has earned several recognitions and awards including: Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students (2004), Honorary Mortar Board membership for his leadership and service to students (2005), and the Hero Mentor Award through the American Red Cross for his outstanding leadership and mentoring (2007). During Dennis' time at Nebraska, 2,600 student athletes have earned their degrees. Jane also introduced Dennis' assistant Leah Huber.

Dennis thanked the membership for what they do to make Nebraska what it is. He presented each member in attendance with a "300 and Counting" pin that signifies the number of Academic All-Americans that Nebraska has had.

Dennis spoke about the vision of the Athletic Academic Program – "To provide the most comprehensive nationally recognized academic enhancement program in college athletics." In order to have the most comprehensive program, we need to have staff, programs, facilities, and resources. Nebraska has been very successful in following its vision as we have been recognized for having 5,000+ graduates, 300+ Academic All-Americans (currently 307), 100+ post graduate scholarships, and 16 Top Ten awards. Academic All-American honors are awarded to student-athletes who excel at their sport and maintain at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA. The Top Ten award is given to ten out of approximately 400,000 athletes across the nation for their success on the field/court, in the classroom, and in the community. Nebraska leads all Universities in having the most Academic All-Americans and Top Ten award recipients.

Dennis highlighted the Athletic Academic Program's mission – "Through expertise and continuity, we passionately serve student-athletes by fostering tradition, retention, and graduation." He focused on the core competencies of enhancing recruiting, promoting integrity, monitoring eligibility, and achieving graduation. Dennis also spoke on the guiding principles of serving, operating with integrity, communicating and collaborating effectively, functioning as a team, and being passionate. Dennis presented a diagram of the employees in his Department and the important roles each serves in accomplishing their mission.

In closing his presentation, Dennis offered insight into what the perfect vision would be –

"Every outstanding high school athlete who is also a student desires to come to Nebraska. Each athlete will feel welcome and develop a sense of confidence/independence, will graduate, and will leave with an education necessary to transition into their chosen career. Athletic Department employees will also understand the awesome role they play in the athlete's personal, academic, and professional development."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Klucas announced that Brenda Schwery, Founder of Aiding Angels, will be our speaker for the October General Membership meeting. Aiding Angels is this year's charity chosen by President, Mary Klucas.

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Approved as Corrected – October 8, 2013

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Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Alycia Libolt, Recording Secretary
Mary Klucas, President