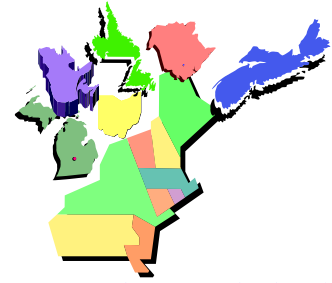


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It's February already and the groundhog says we're going to have six more weeks of winter! For some people that might be a blessing if they like winter sports but if I had my way, it would be spring all year round. I'm looking forward to spring with the beautiful flowers, trees blossoming, the birds returning to the Northeast area and nice warm breezes.

Check your calendars and be sure to submit nominations for awards by March 15, 2010. Affiliate packets were mailed out with the application forms for nominations for the Olive T. Richie Educational Office Professional of the Year, National Educational Administrator of the Year, Local and State affiliates on the Louise Henderson Nelson Award, affiliate websites, newsletters, and magazines. You can also find the applications on NAEOP.org.

I encourage you to renew your membership with NAEOP and recruit new members to join. We can always use new ideas, suggestions, and love to see new faces at our conference. Our Annual conference this year is in Kansas City, Missouri on July 5-9, 2010. The Special Projects Committee is working on an afghan to raffle off at the conference. If you would like to participate in putting the afghan together, you can send knitted and crocheted squares to Chris Walsh, 14925 Mockingbird Lane E., Clearwater, FL 33760. The squares can be any color but a standard size of 7" x 9" or 12" x 12". Chris will put all the squares together to make a very colorful and unique afghan. Don't forget to start working on putting together a State Basket for raffle also. Please plan on someone carrying the basket home on the plane. It would be ideal to add a one price priority box with the basket so that the member who wins the basket can mail it home and not have to carry it on the plane.

Elizabeth Napolitano, CEOE
Northeast Area Director and Awards Chair

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST AREA AFFILIATES



New Hampshire News

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for the 58th Annual NHAEOOP, Edith E. Hammond Conference scheduled for May 5-7, 2010. This year's conference will be held at the Nashua Radisson in Nashua, NH. The conference rooms are spacious and the accommodations are lovely! This year our keynote speaker is the world renowned Dr. Debra Peppers. Dr. Peppers' mission through humor and inspiration is to encourage and provide tools for positive change in the workplace, school, business, and community. Speaking professionally throughout the world for more than twenty-five years to educators, businesses, and community organizations, Dr. Peppers not only shares her

amazing story “From Troubled Teen to Teacher of the Year”, but also her 100 pound weight loss. Leading by example, Debra shares through unique communication strategies that even failure can be turned into success! We’d love to have you attend. Please visit our website www.nhaeop.org to obtain additional information of our conference.



NEWS FROM VERMONT

Glory Martin

The Vermont Association of Educational Office Professionals had their annual fall conference in October hosted at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol. We had a day packed with information from technology to self defense. Past President Linda Tribble was also there to preside over the installation of the new officers and to present her workshop, “Life Is Not A Dress Rehearsal.”

The Community Service Project for the fall conference was the donation of a new book to be given to the Vermont Department of Libraries. Some books were donated to public and school libraries around the state; others will be added to the regional library collections. They will be available to librarians and to the general public.

We are currently working in conjunction again this year with the Vermont Superintendents’ Association for our spring conference. The conference will be held at Lake Morey in Fairlee, Vermont on May 19, 2010. Details of the conference are still being worked on but are based on balancing life and dealing with stress management.

~~As you think about yesterday, and make plans for tomorrow, keep in mind that there will be times when you can help pull someone’s little red wagon for a while. ~~



New York News

News from New York State AEOP
Wendy L. Heslink, CEOE, President

Happy New Year! On behalf of the NYSAEOP Executive Board, I would like to wish you all a very healthy, happy, and prosperous new year.

This spring we will be hosting two Professional Development Days and would like to invite all our colleagues from the NAEOP NE Area to join us. One will be on the eastern side of the state in Saratoga Springs, while the other will be held on the western side of the state in Buffalo.

Friday, April 30, 2010, a Professional Development Day will be hosted by the NYSAEOP Western Region Director, Joette Cappello. The Erie County AEOP and Chautauqua County AEOP will be assisting Joette in this endeavor. The one-day workshop will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 4201 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY. Topics to be discussed during this day will include “Confidentiality in

School Offices,” “Smart Phone Applications,” “Current Health Issues for Women” and “The NAEOP Professional Standards Program.”

NYSAEOP’s Capitol Region Director, Pat Ross, will be working with the Tri-County Educational Office Professionals Association from the Saratoga Springs area to put on a totally different PD Day on May 25, 2010, at the WSWHE BOCES, 27 Gick Road, Saratoga Springs, NY. This one-day workshop will be filled with professional development opportunities for all attendees, and will give all those in attendance PSP credits, as well. Workshops to be presented include, “ATTITUDES,” “Dealing with Difficult Individuals,” “Effective Time Management,” “The Changing Role of the Educational Office Professional,” and “Personal Wellness.”

NYSAEOP invites all members of the NAEOP NE Region to join us at either of these workshops. As we all know, networking is a great way to develop strong resources. Plus, if you need PSP in-service credits to get your PSP certification or re-certification, this is a great way to do it!

If you cannot attend either of our Professional Development Days, I do hope you’ll consider joining us at our 58th Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, 356 Villa Roma Road, Callicoon, NY, November 4-7, 2010. This incredible resort is nestled in the beautiful Catskill Mountains. There promises to be a wide variety of workshops and trainings offered, professional development opportunities available and even some fun and relaxation thrown in, as well. One of the highlights of this conference will take place on Saturday, November 6th, when our officers for the 2010-2012 term are installed.

Keep watching our website, www.nysaeop.org for more detailed information on all of these opportunities, and please plan on joining us at one, two, or all of them. We’d love to have you.

Until then, keep dreaming, believing and achieving!



Pennsylvania

A letter from Carol Goldberg, President
Berks County Association of Educational Office Professionals

The Berks County Association of Educational Office Professionals was started in school year of 1969-1970, and an affiliate of PAEOP, has been going strong for 40 years. Our goal of this association is to advance the educational interests of Berks County through the services of educational secretaries/office personnel, to cultivate a spirit of enthusiasm, understanding, and goodwill among educational office employees, and through organization to pool our ideas and ideals toward a more efficient and professional staff.

We are a non-profit organization whose membership is comprised of active and retired support staff from many of the public schools, career and technology schools, intermediate unit, and colleges in Berks County. Our active members are persons engaged in the clerical, secretarial, or educational office aspect of work at an educational system or organization. Our retirees remain dedicated to the ideals this networking organization offers and are always a great source of reference from which we are able to learn. We total 188 in this current year 2009-2010.

We award a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior each year, give Christmas gifts to children selected from the Salvation Army's "Angel Tree" program, and contribute to food banks in Berks County, Women in Crisis, local libraries, and Opportunity House. We ask local area businesses for donations of gift certificates, products, coupons, etc. to be given as door prizes at our meetings. By this endeavor we all benefit. We advertise and endorse the businesses or product for them and we reduce our expenses by offering raffle tickets for these donated prizes.

The membership dues have kept to \$5.00 per year. We also have four dinner meetings a year which are held at the different school districts, Berks County Intermediate Unit, or career technology centers. The dues collected help to offset the costs of our annual Fall Professional Development Workshop and our Spring Administrative Professionals' Event.

Benefits of NAEOP Membership

The National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP) provides the opportunity for members to enhance their professional competencies through academic programs, conferences, and institutes. These incentive activities enable the members to take progressive steps to their desired professional growth level. Each Professional Standards Program certificate is based on requirements in three areas: education, experience, and professional activity. Filing dates for PSP applications are as follows: January 15, May 15, and September 15. You will also appreciate the networking with other members and through information through the *NES Connector* magazine. For more information go to NAEOP.org.

Information

A *Northeast Area Newsletter* goes out by email to all Northeast Area members quarterly each year. If you have any information you would like to include please contact me. You can include conference information, pictures, information about your association, etc.

The Northeast Area is represented on the National Board by Cheri Goldrick from Vermont, Cathy Eberle from New York and myself. Wendy Heslink from New York was recently appointed as Administrative Council Chairman and also serves on the Public Relations & Publications Committee.

The NAEOP Listserv is a great communication and networking tool for members only. If you have a question you need answered about almost anything you can post it on the Listserv and get answers from other office professionals all around the country.

Questions? For more information about NAEOP or the Northeast Area, please contact me. I'm here to serve you as your Northeast Area Director and I would love to hear from you.

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"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Archbishop Desmond Tutu