

Message from the President



Welcome to the New Year,

I hope that this finds you well, and warm again. It has been a difficult stretch of weather for many of our members across the country.

NAREOP is in need for members to step forward so that this association can move ahead. We have a very large membership and I understand that you are retired, but that doesn't mean that you are not able to give a little time to support this association. There has been a very small core of members who are trying their best to keep it going, but they too are tired. Please consider sharing some of your talents with this group. I personally know there is a lot of talent out there, and we would appreciate you sharing some of it with the rest of us. For those of you who are not physically able to join us, there are other ways that you can help: supporting the Scholarships, by donating an item or purchasing raffle tickets (our grandchildren benefit from these scholarships); supporting the Ways and Means, by donating items or purchasing raffle tickets for these items). Both of these raffle tickets are available in this issue of the BEAM. Your support is appreciated. If interested please let me know.

I had the opportunity to attend the Winter Board Meeting, in Albuquerque, N.M. in January. The three entities of NAEOP: NAREOP, the Foundation and NAEOP, held a joint board meeting at which we discussed making sure that all three groups are informed and involved. At the upcoming conference in Minnesota, we will be looking forward to having Retirees assist with introductions, mentoring new NAEOP members, and just making ourselves known as a viable source of information, history and mentorships. It was a wonderful experience to be included in the decision making for the organization. We are an important piece of the larger puzzle.

Please make plans to attend the annual conference in Bloomington, Minnesota, July 17-20, 2018.

“Embrace Life, Encourage Learning, Enjoy Nature”

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2017-2018 President, NAREOP

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2017-2018 NAREOP SCHOLARSHIP

Happy winter ladies! Not sure what it's like where you live, but here in northwest Illinois it goes from winter, to spring, and back to winter.

First of all, I want all you grandmothers to be aware that the NAREOP scholarship application is now on the website. If you can't find it, please let me know and I will forward a copy to you or directly to your grandchild. The deadline is April 1. You'll remember the guidelines have been changed and the scholarship is available to all full time students who are a grandchild or great-grandchild.

Now, on to the Student Scholarship Award drawing. Because we are getting a late start, I encourage everyone to send in your chances right away. We need to build up our account. We were able to give two \$1,000 scholarships last year, but our funds have dwindled because of having to pay back Foundation funds that had to be used. As a group, we must spend our money wisely. I hope everyone will consider making a donation to the scholarship fund and/or sending in your chances. You could be one of three lucky winners since the total is divided in half with half going to the scholarship fund. The other half is divided three ways. The three lucky ladies last year each received a check for \$150. Not bad for a small investment!

I look forward to hearing from everyone soon with your check and tickets. Also, remember to encourage your grandchildren who are students to apply for the scholarship. We had five applicants last year. Let's top that!

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Ruth Burgess, CEOE
NCA Representative



I have accepted Connie VanHoesen's invitation to continue to serve as NAREOP NCA Representative on her board for 2018-2019.

Nominations and Elections

This is the list of officers that we need volunteers to step up for: President-Elect, Vice-President (Ways and Means), Secretary/Treasurer, and some area Directors. Please step up and volunteer.

Let Pearlious Bledsoe or members of the committee: Chris Whitmire, Pat Prioleau, Donna Berger, Mary White-Thompson know, or you can contact Connie Van Hoesen- President Elect. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

TO: All NAEOP Members

The North Central Area Members are looking forward to seeing you at the 84th Annual NAEOP Conference and Institute in Bloomington, Minnesota this summer. Information about the conference was provided to you in the Winter issue of the *NES Connector*. The conference hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton, which is the same hotel where the 2009 NAEOP Conference and Institute was held. Reservations can be made by using the personalized group webpage at <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MSPBSDT-NAE-20180707/index.jhtml>. Room rates are \$135 for single and double, \$145 for triple and \$155 for quad. The hotel deadline is June 20, 2018.

Many of you have sent in your conference registration and we encourage you to register early. The early bird registration deadline is May 15, 2018. In order to be listed in the annual report, you must register by May 15. After May 15, the registration fee increases. Registration and conference information can be found on the NAEOP website, www.naeop.org, under the Events tab. Registration fees are listed on p. 16 in the Winter issue of the *NES Connector*.

Did you know that NAEOP has a Conference Layaway Program? Minimum Deposit/Payment: \$50. Attached is further information about the plan. NAEOP provides this service at no cost!

The institute and conference are packed full of professional learning opportunities, business meetings and fun activities for everyone. Come join us in Bloomington and "Accept the Challenge – Become the Difference!"

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JACKIE AND ANNE L. EVANS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DRAWING

Feel free to copy this page and share with your AEOP members, friends, and family

Drawing to be held during the 2018 Annual NAEOP Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota

**Jackie and Anne L. Evans Scholarship Fund
NAREOP Student Scholarship Awards**

Make check payable to Evans Scholarship Fund. Print your name in each form or use address labels. \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Need not be present to win.

Mail to: Martha Carson, 3002 Farmdale Lane
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NAREOP 2018 RAFFLE TICKETS

If you need more than one ticket per item, please feel free to duplicate.

Complete and mail with donation to: Karen Pulaski, 8433 South Spencer Road, Sedgwick, KS 67135

Make checks payable to: NAREOP

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(Please print or use return address labels)

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\$1 (6 for \$5) - Donation to NAREOP

(You do not have to be present to win)

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\$125 Cash

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#1 Diamond Look Necklace & Bracelet

(Please print or use return address labels)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

\$1 (6 for \$5) - Donation to NAREOP

#2 Necklace and Earrings

(Please print or use return address labels)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

\$1 (6 for \$5) - Donation to NAREOP

\$100 Cash

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COMING EVENTS

NAEOP NATIONAL CONFERENCE: JULY 16-20, 2018 IN BLOOMINGTON, MN