

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring to all our BSUAOP Members!! Spring makes me think of fairies, flowers, and our trees blooming with fresh leaves. Each spring we look forward to new growth and beauty. We also look for new faces and leadership in BSUAOP.



As we look forward to the end of the semester, we also look at a new incoming BSUAOP Board for Fall. I hope you really think about becoming a part of this great organization. Being a part of BSUAOP has not only helped me grow as a professional, but with leadership, and meeting new people all over campus. Please really think about becoming a part of this great Association.

We are starting to put together our committee for Bosses Breakfast. If this is a committee you would like to be a part of please contact me at kellyjohnston@boisestate.edu. Every year this is a big hit all across campus. We have a great time recognizing our great bosses with a healthy breakfast and an outrageously funny show put on by the courageous employees of Boise State.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Executive Board this year for all the help you have given, particularly for stepping up to the plate when we had no one run for President-Elect. Professional Development Day still had to be planned and it was a huge success thanks to all of you.

Thank you so much to Sue Antonich for stepping up and taking the Vice-President position when Rita stepped down. Sue took on the job of planning all the Brown Bag luncheons for the rest of the year, along with all her help with the Holiday Auction. I also would like to say thank you to Linda Hamson for her work as Past President. I would like to wish Linda a very speedy recovery with her health issues.



Kelley Johnston, BSUAOP President

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BSUAOP Needs Your Help . . .

The arrival of the Spring term means that BSUAOP must prepare for the 2011-2012 academic year. The Nominations Committee is preparing to solidify a new board for next year. This is always done with as much input from the total membership as possible.

Serving on the Board in AOP is a GREAT way to gain more confidence, learn leadership skills, network with other Boise State employees, and make yourself an even more valuable employee. Please contact Heather Meyer, who is chairing the Nominations Committee, at 426-4241 or heatherjmeyer@boisestate.edu if you are

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Network with Colleagues from Across the State at IAEOP . . .

and Get Financial Support to Do So

The Idaho Association of Educational Office Professionals (IAEOP) 39th annual spring conference will be held April 29-30, 2011 at the Best Western Inn in Burley, Idaho.

The year's keynote speakers are Dave Robinson, a school psychologist with the Bonneville School District, who will present on "How to Manage Stress and Get Along with Sometimes Difficult People;" and Brent Lierman, a workplace trainer and speaker who specializes in what works in the workplace, who will present on "Life's Challenges."

Other workshop topics include "Identity Theft," "Basic First Aid," "Organizing from the Inside Out," "Intermediate Microsoft Excel and Word," "Yoga", and "Connecting with the C's In Success." For more information or to register for the conference, please visit <http://www.idahoaeop.org/Conference.htm>.

Want to attend the conference, but not sure you can afford the registration? Apply for

a scholarship with BSUAOP! As a member of BSUAOP you are eligible to apply for a scholarship for professional development opportunities, including IAEOP conference.

The deadline to apply for scholarships to attend the IAEOP conference has been extended to **March 15**. To apply, please visit http://www.boisestate.edu/bsuaop/scholarship_instructions.htm. Applications must be sent to Danielle Devoe at mailstop 1900 or danielledevoe@boisestate.edu. Questions contact Danielle via e-mail or call 426-1368.

You can also connect with colleagues across the nation at the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP) conference, which will be held July 18-22, 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina at the Embassy Suites, Airport/Convention Center. Visit naeop.org for more information.

BSUAOP scholarships apply to NAEOP too! Apply today!

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interested in serving on the board or wish to know more about AOP's open positions.

There is a second way to be involved with AOP's preparations for next year — serve on the Nominations Committee. If you are interested or willing to serve on the committee, please contact Heather at 426-4241 or heatherjmeyer@boisestate.edu.

The committee's task is to assemble a cadre of nominees for the following positions:

- President (necessary due to the lack of a President-Elect this year)
- President-Elect
- Vice President

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Four (4) Member Representatives

The committee must have the slate of nominees prepared to present to the Executive Board for approval by the March 22nd meeting. This gives the committee just over one month to gather nominations. Ballots will be sent to all active members in April.

Contact Heather, 426-4241 or heatherjmeyer@boisestate.edu, with any questions or concerns about AOP's nominations and elections process.

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Know Someone Who Does Great Work? Nominate Them!

Do you know of an office professional who does outstanding work and is under appreciated? Do you have an awesome boss? If so, nominate them for the BSUAOP Office Professional of the Year and Administrator of the Year awards.

The deadline is for nominations is **March 15, 2011**. Please take the opportunity to nominate someone you feel is deserving of such an honor. Visit <http://www.boisestate.edu/bsuaop/awards.htm> for the nomination forms as well as the specific details as to the nomination process.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the nominations, please feel free to contact Danielle Devoe at 426-1368 or danielledevoe@boisestate.edu.

Inspirational Imaging



The Friendship Bridge leads to statue Eternal Wind by Nobuyo Okuda, located just off the Boise State quad.

Photo by Boise State Photographic Services.

“Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand — and melting like a snowflake.”

Marie Beyon Ray

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The purpose of BSUAOP is to assist its members in reaching a professional level of excellence, to promote positive attitudes and to encourage further training in specific fields relevant to each member's responsibilities within the university.

PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The Keynoter is published four times per year by BSUAOP. It is delivered primarily by e-mail and is posted on the organization's website at: www.boisestate.edu/bsuaop.

If you wish to receive a hard copy, please contact Danya Lusk, Keynoter Editor at 426-1687 or danyalusk@boisestate.edu.

Learn About Early Tragedies in Idaho History



Janet Ward will speak on "Malick Family Settling in the West - Three Generations of Tragedy" at the next BSUAOP Brown Bag Luncheon on Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30 in the Simplot B ballroom in the SUB. Ward has traveled much of the Oregon Trail from Nebraska to Oregon. Her talk reflects her thirty year interest in the Trail. She has an M.A. in Ecology from the University of Colorado. She has lived in Idaho since 1969, teaching, volunteering and writing.

In *Far From Home*, Dr. Lilliam Schlissel annotated letters written between 1848 and 1867, which trace the Malick family migrating west and settling on the banks of the Columbia River. Although their homestead was profitable and the family financially comfortable, the Malicks were decimated by tragedy: drowning, murder, insanity, and death during childbirth. Eventually the land was sold and the children scattered. "Nothing was handed down, nothing passed on ... hardly even a memory."

The youngest two, Peter Shin and Susan, were "up in Idaho" and Dr. Schlissel wondered what became of them. Ward's talk will illustrate the various research methods (the territorial census, serendipity, collaboration) that she used to find Susan and Shin and include stunning accounts of mayhem and murder found in the archives of the *Idaho County Free Press*.

Were the Malicks particularly unfortunate or representative of families migrating west? Bring your lunch and find out on March 8 at 11:30 in Simplot B.

This luncheon is funded in part by the Idaho Humanities Council, a non-profit organization that serves as the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Save the Date for a Fun-Filled May Morning

BSUAOP's Bosses' Breakfast 2011 is coming up on Friday, May 6. Each year BSUAOP hosts a breakfast to celebrate bosses at Boise State. Employees are invited to treat themselves and their bosses to breakfast and entertainment. Each year the entertainment segment of the breakfast starts the day off right by provoking hearty laughter in the audience. The planning committee is working hard on the menu, the script and the other details of putting together this wonderful annual event. To volunteer for the committee, this event or for more information, please don't hesitate to contact Kelley Johnston at 426-5313 or kellyjohnston@boisestate.edu.

Start your May with a smile – mark your calendar and watch your e-mail for more information. Get ready to bring your appetite, bring your laughter and bring your boss to the annual Bosses' Breakfast!



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