

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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\_\_\_\_\_ (Participant's Name) of the \_\_\_\_\_ (district name) School District recently participated in a 3-day conference sponsored by the Illinois Association of Educational Office Professionals (IAEOP) at the Stoney Creek Inn in East Peoria, IL.

Presentations included the following:

John Wyant-öFrauds, Scams and Safety Issuesö This session focused on the dynamics of frauds, cons and scams; how to avoid becoming a victim, what to do if you are a victim, and an overview of scams currently playing. John Wyant is a Professor of Criminal Justice at Illinois Central College.

Paula Bender, MS Ed.-öCan You Ever Get Organized? Or Are You Cluttered for Life?ö This workshop focused on finding the organizing system that works best for you as well as the benefits of becoming more organized. Paula Bender holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in reading disabilities. She has been employed at Waubensee Community College for 35 years and has been a member of IAEOP for 32 years, currently serving as Immediate Past-President, Conference Planner and Professional Development Chairperson.

Thelma Webber-öRetirees Letter Writing and Fellowshipö Thelma provided the necessary materials for writing to members who are unable to attend conferences. Thelma graduated from Hersher High School and started working in the office 42 years ago, where she continued until her retirement. She continues to take courses at Kankakee Community College. She served on the IAEOP Executive Board as chairman of special projects and community service/fellowship committees, as Director North and President.

IAEOP and NAEOP are the only state and national professional associations for educational office personnel. The organizations are dedicated to providing professional growth opportunities for their members and continue to work toward increased recognition for educational support staff as an important component of the educational team.

Both organizations recognize the unique role of educational office professionals and the important contributions they make to the profession. The prestige, status, and credibility of IAEOP are enhanced by its affiliation with the National Association of Educational Office Professionals. IAEOP is also recognized by the Illinois Principals Association and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials.

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) has been with the \_\_\_\_\_ School District for \_\_\_\_\_ years and serves as \_\_\_\_\_ (position).

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