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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) in conjunction with the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP) Central Area Professional Development Day at the Eastland Suites in Urbana, IL.

Presentations included the following:

Joe Tomlinson-øF-I-S-H Seminar: You Hold the Key to Unlocking Unbelievable Possibilities!ö This session focused on the 4 Fish Principles, Play (Work made fun gets done!), Make Their Day, Be Present, and Choose Your Attitude. Joe is the Senior Consultant, with PRISM Educational Consulting, LLC.

Elizabeth øLizö Sexson-øOrchestrate Your Future ó Using Your Talentsö This workshop focused on developing talents in both the changing workplace and away from the office. Liz Sexson, Southern Illinois University, Retired Emeritus, Consultant - Special Events, Chicago Region, is a veteran member of IAEOP and NAEOP

Naomi Fettes-øProfessional Standards Programö The Professional Standards Certification Program is the only certification program for educational office employees. Naomi explained the program to those in attendance and assisted in determining the approach to earning the recognition and certification. Naomi Fettes serves as Chair of the Professional Standards Program Committee and Chair of the Educational Administrator of the Year Committee for IAEOP. She is an active member of IAEOP and NAEOP and currently services as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of CSD158, Huntley, Illinois.

Other conference highlights included recognition of the Administrator and Office Professional of the Year and IAEOP scholarship winners, installation of officers, and the opportunity to network with other educational office staff members.

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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