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2006 Convention Heads to Nebraska

The National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Board of Directors extends its appreciation to the Austin Commission for Women and Shannon Meroney, Convention Director for their work towards working on convention 2006. As a result of challenges that could not be resolved in a timely manner, the selection of an alternate site became necessary. With sincere gratitude for the time, energy and effort expended by the Austin Commission, the Board moved with unprecedented speed and efficiency to ensure that NACW was positioned to offer its members a productive forum in July 2006...in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Slated for July 19-22, the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, with the support of the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women and the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, will host this year's convention. This year's theme is...

Making it REAL
RESPECT EQUALITY ACHIEVEMENT LEADERSHIP

A new tradition will begin this year with a track of workshops on commission operations to help commissions become better at what they do. Other workshops on the issues that impact women are being planned to provide you with great perspective on important issues. First-time NACW Convention attendees will receive a special ribbon, allowing long-time attendees to recognize and greet them. Business sessions will include approving a new set of bylaws (which will be sent to commissions in time to review prior to the convention) and election of seven members to the Board of Directors.

Special room rates of \$60 per night make the convention very affordable. Stay an additional day or two in Lincoln to enjoy all the city has to offer – particularly July Jamm, an annual street music and art festival; the Holiday Inn has agreed to honor the special room rate for three days prior and three days after the convention.

Registration is \$300 for NACW members, \$350 for non-members – so make sure your commission sends in their dues soon! (For an invoice, contact bcoffey@lincoln.ne.gov for

TIP: Share this NACW 'Networking' Newsletter with your commission members, as well as your elected officials. It's a great way to let them know that there is a national professional organization for commissions for women across the country.

NACW Convention Sites

2006 – Lincoln, Nebraska
2007 – Louisville, Kentucky
2008 – New Mexico

TIP: Does your commission have no budget but you still see the value of being a member of NACW? There's a special \$50 rate for commissions with no budget, so just take up a collection among your commissioners and you'll have it in no time! Your membership in NACW will help your commission be better. We're about networking and making things happen in all commissions across the country!

Quotables

●The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been.
Madeleine L'Engle

●I do not believe that women are better than men. We have not wrecked railroads, nor corrupted legislature, nor done many unholy things that men have done; but then we must remember that we have not had the chance.
Jane Addams

● During the '70s, women bonded with each other, explored their feelings...now men are getting a chance to have those things. So now can we have the stuff they have?
Nicole Hollander

one to be emailed or snailmailed you.) Join the "Commissioners" or "Executive Directors" Exchanges for great ideas and networking. This year, the Awards Luncheon and the Installation of Officers will be combined into a Celebration Breakfast on Saturday morning with national comedienne Juli Burney. Juli has performed at hundreds of comedy clubs, including the Comedy Store, Funny Bone, Slapstix and Noodles Comedy Club and has filed with HBO and Showtime. As promised as part of your NACW dues, a "Members Only" Networking Event is planned, and a "Resource Rendezvous" will offer a spot for commissions to bring their best projects and products to share with others. And NACW will unveil a national project that commissions can take home, 'unwrap,' and initiate to create value in their communities.

Registration packets will be in the mail by late February, but mark your calendars now! Packets will include Delegate forms for voting in the business sessions; **per NACW Bylaws, dues must be received by April 1 to be eligible for voting.**

Board Member Runs for Congress

NACW Director **Patricia Presley** of Oklahoma announced her candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives, 5th district. Patricia kicked off her campaign by saying, "For too long, petty partisan bickering has handicapped America and has handicapped Oklahoma. Many in Congress use our differences to divide us. I think it is time we sent someone to Washington who can work with both sides to accomplish goals that help *all* Oklahoma."

Patty is the first woman elected Oklahoma County Court Clerk in 1996, was re-elected in 2000 by more than 70% of the vote and ran unopposed for re-election in 2004. She currently serves as Chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. Run, Patty, Run!

Two Join NACW Board of Directors

We welcome two additions to the NACW Board:

Lynn Adler, JD of Arizona has a special focus on older women's issues and is a published author. We welcome her talents and skills.

Kay Swan, PhD hails from Utah and has a special spot for NACW – she met her husband during an NACW convention! Her expertise in family and human development will be assets to NACW.

Elections for seven spots on the Board of Directors will take place at the convention in July. Registration packets will outline the qualifications for Board members, a job description and an application to have your name placed on the ballot.

Noteworthy

- The New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women has moved! Note their new mailing address:

300 San Mateo Blvd., NE Suite 101
Albuquerque, NM 87108-1520

Phone numbers stay the same.

- The Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women has a new address, too:

The Ferguson Center
P.O. Box 94985
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- *Defying the Odds: Triumphant Black Women of Newark* by Barbara J. Kukla is dedicated to Connie Woodruff (1921-1996) who served two terms as NACW President and 16 years as head of the New Jersey Commission on the Status of Women. For information, contact Barbara Kukla at 973.325.3760 or bjukukla@aol.com

- The State of New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women has produced a Spanish translation of their *Legal Handbook for Women in New Hampshire 2004, Manual de Derechos de las Mujeres de New Hampshire 2005*. For information or a copy, contact Theresa deLangis, PhD, Executive Director at 603.271.2660 or their website www.nh.gov/csw

- NACW has signed on as a partner for The National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy 2006. For information and ideas on how your community can participate, go to www.teenpregnancy.org

- NACW's website is currently under major reconstruction! Thanks to an educational grant from Procter & Gamble, the website will have a whole new appearance and will debut in mid-March. The new website will have all information about the upcoming convention, as well as other helpful information. Be sure to look for the announcement that it's gone "live!"

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CoffeyTalk

Bonnie Coffey
President

It's true – there are some amazing women in our midst. As I work with some of the members of the Board for NACW, I am comfortable that our national organization is moving forward in a positive and dynamic way. I am grateful for not only the work of these fabulous women, but their friendship, too.

Vice President Glenda Woods is our eternal optimist and one of the most enthusiastic people I've met. Debbie Sober, our Treasurer, is thoughtful and detail oriented and excels at being objective. NACW's secretary, Robin Stultz, is persistent and consistent and keeps our history alive.



I hope you will create an opportunity to meet your NACW officers and Board at the upcoming convention and business meeting...having been associated with NACW for eleven years, I learned that getting to know the women who were guiding the national organization was inspiring to me and helped me to see the vision.

There are incredible women in this organization who can help you in your commission's work, not only in practical matters but for those challenges we all meet in terms of funding and support. Fabulous friends and relationships await you. There continue to be times when I call on many of them for perspective, help and advice.

It will also encourage you to become involved in NACW, because we ARE better together. Women's commissions across the country are facing challenges, and we must - together - ensure that commissions not only survive, but thrive.

I invite you to become actively involved with NACW – you can start by coming to Nebraska in July! Let me hear from you – I can be reached in a variety of ways:

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Lastly, thank you – for your daily work in the issues that impact women. If not us, then who?

