Welcome to the Arkansas Association of Educational Office Professional (AAEOP) website. It is my honor to be given another opportunity to serve as Arkansas AEOP president. I started on my journey with my local association in 1978 mainly for professional development and fellowship. I immediately began working on my PSP (NAEOP Professional Standards Program) certification. I became an Arkansas AEOP member in 1982 and an NAEOP member in 1985. I never dreamed that 37 years later I would still be involved with these associations. I have a passion for these associations, they are family. No matter what, they have been there supporting me and other members.

The 2016 AAEOP theme is built on the family tree. “Growing with the AAEOP family tree - Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.” The roots to this family tree began in 1934 with an association, under the leadership of Louise Henderson Nelson, now known as the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP). NAEOP is the only national professional association explicitly for educational office personnel (www.naeop.org). Over the years those roots have grown and state and area affiliates developed. AAEOP was organized in 1938 and today has eight affiliate associations in various areas of Arkansas. These affiliates and their members are the AAEOP family tree. Each affiliate provides a strong branch for its members to grow from.

The AAEOP mission statement emphasizes the importance of our association to educational office professionals. Following through with our mission will provide the means for our AAEOP family tree to grow.

Arkansas Association of Educational Office Professionals is dedicated to providing professional and personal growth opportunities and exemplifies Service, Information, Recognition, and Fellowship.

AAEOP provides a website, newsletters, scholarships, annual conference and workshops, awards/recognition, professional development and links to other association opportunities. The AAEOP Board members are available to answer any questions. Contact information for board members and affiliate presidents can be found on the “Board” page of the website. Anyone interested in more information about the association should also contact a local association and plan to attend a local meeting which is open to all educational office professionals.

If I can be of assistance or answer any questions, please call or email me. I look forward to a great year and watching the trees – state association and our affiliate associations grow with new members and opportunities. I hope you will consider “Growing with the AAEOP Family Tree” in 2016.

Sincerely,

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