



# The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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## President's Letter

### Bylaws Don't Matter (Until They Matter!)

Bylaws only matter when there's an issue. Reviewing and updating bylaws falls somewhere between backing up our computers and keeping our anti-virus software updated. We know it's important for our own good, but we put it off and hope everything will be okay.

Tom Prohaska and Tim Potter realized that with additional funds coming into the association from grants and fundraising, the bylaws should be revised for better accountability. Their proposal is to increase the size of the executive board and enable the board to establish standing and ad hoc committees in order to increase participation in decision-making for the association. They propose to expand the board from just the four officers to include standing committee chairs and past presidents. Voting membership in the association would include only dues-paying members.

The proposed amendments will be presented to the membership at the May meeting and voted on in July, so please plan on attending both meetings. Thanks, Tom and Tim for digging out the bylaws and working to keep AEPNA current and transparent!

The May meeting will be fun and informative. Speakers will address crime and animal control – two topics close to our hearts! We've invited Russ Miller of the

Citizens Patrol to address crime awareness. And we're hoping to have an animal control officer from Nebraska Humane Society join us as well.

Tom Prohaska is bringing the bylaws and grilled hot dogs as the main dish. If you bring your questions and a side dish or dessert, we'll have a great meeting. Chocolate always makes bylaws more palatable.

I'll see you at the meeting in May!

Avery Schwer



**Next Meeting ...**  
**Thursday,**  
**May 16th**  
 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Saint Matthew Evangelical  
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 1725 S. 60th Street  
 3rd Thursday  
 Every Other Month

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 and join us!

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# Small Wonders

## How do your flowers grow?

Even in the midst of cold and snow, a walk around the neighborhood showed spring fever on every front. Even if the crocus couldn't bear the cold, the tin, glass and acrylic flowers in yards promised that spring was coming. Thanks to our neighbors who make our lives beautiful even when it's gray and cold!



## FREE Shredding Event – May 18th

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