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LINCOLN — The highest honor that can be bestowed upon members by the Nebraska Press Association (NPA) has been awarded to Charlyne Berens, emeriti professor and associate dean at UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications. She retired from teaching at UNL in 2014, where she taught writing, reporting and editing. She was editor and co-publisher of the Seward County Independent from 1976-1990, served as Nebraska Press Association past president, and was inducted into the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame in 2011.

At an April 20 awards banquet, attended by more than 125 journalists, Berens was awarded the Master Editor-Publisher Award. She is the 47th person so cited by the NPA, the state’s oldest trade association, which is comprised of all 166 daily and weekly newspapers in Nebraska.

Previous winners of the Master Editor- Publisher Award are:

The late Joe W. Seacrest of Lincoln	Bob Pinkerton of Kimball
The late Fred Seaton of Hastings	The late Lee Warneke of Plainview
The late Jack Lough of Albion	Jerry Huse of Norfolk
The late Ronald R. Furse of Aurora	The late Lloyd Reeves of Crete
The late James W. Kirkman of North Platte	The late Arnie Kuhn of Hemingford
The late Jack Lowe of Sidney	Ken Rhoades of Blair
The late Lyman P. Cass of Ravenna	The late Loral Johnson of Imperial
The late Harold W. Andersen of Omaha	The late Alton “Mook” Wilhelms of Stromsburg
J. Alan Cramer of Wayne	Clancy Hebda of Fullerton
The late Robert Bogue of Oakland	The late Richard Lindberg of West Point
The late H. Dwight King of Holdrege	R.L. “Butch” Furse of Aurora
The late George Miller of Plattsmouth	William C. Nuckolls of Fairbury
The late Joe R. Seacrest of Lincoln	The late Theodore “Ted” Huettmann of Wisner
The late Everette Waters of Bertrand	John Gottschalk of Omaha
The late Henry Mead of Seward	The late Dean Dorsey of Cozad
The late Henry Trysla of South Sioux City	Gilbert M. Savery of Lincoln
The late Ray Dover of Valentine	Zean Carney of Wahoo
The late Norris Alfred of Polk	Donald L. Russell of Sutton
The late Fred Rose of Ainsworth	Ted Gill of Arapahoe
The late Jack Tarr of David City	Gene Morris of Norfolk
David Beliles of Grand Island	Elna Johnson of Imperial
The late Jack Pollock of Ogallala	Greg Viergutz of Gothenburg
The late Doug Duncan of Papillion	John Edgecombe, Jr., Geneva

The Nebraska Press Association is proud to call Charlyne Berens the 47th Master Editor-Publisher.