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President's Message

Dear ESP Members,

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. We have a history of strong leadership, outstanding membership and representation at the national level. I am looking forward to being part of our continued growth and development serving as your President. We currently have Jennifer Bridge running for 2nd Vice-President of the National Association and Ken Jones is applying for the National Professional Development Committee. We have Natasha Lucas serving on the National Member Recruitment and Retention Committee and Lora Lee Howard serving on the National Marketing Committee. My apologies if I missed anyone and please let me know. Our chapter also achieved the Gold Key level supporter with a \$5,000 donation to the National Endowment that contributes thousands of dollars back to our members across the nation, including our Alpha Kappa Chapter and members.

Recently our chapter received a \$1,000 grant that along with support from Dr. Henning and the Steve and Nancy Willis Cooperative Extension Professional Development and Enrichment Fund made the Writing Impact Statements In-service possible in conjunction with our annual meeting. Many thanks to Lora Lee Howard and Professional Development committee for wonderful job they did planning our Annual Meeting and in-service.

We had members attend the JCEP Conference in February and PILD in April. We thank Dr. Henning, National ESP and our chapter for their support. It's not too early to be thinking of PILD for next year. It is open to anyone related to extension interested in Public Issues Leadership Development. There were volunteers there this past year along with extension professionals. These conferences provide

valuable broad based program and policy information for our professional development.

Our next National ESP meeting will be in Cape May, New Jersey on October 23 – 27, 2016. It looks to be a beautiful setting. Take some time in researching the best airport to fly into as far as renting a car and getting to Cape May. More information will come out on that closer to time.

I want to thank Ken Jones for all his direction throughout the past year to help prepare me for this new role. I appreciate all of the officer team and committees for all their efforts this past year and I look forward to working with the new officers, committees and members in the coming year to continue the wonderful work of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Paula Jerrell
President
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SAVE THE DATE

for the 2016
Epsilon Sigma Phi
National Meeting on
October 24-27, 2016,
At the Grand Hotel,
Cape May, NJ.
Hosted by:
ESP Alpha Xi Chapter
Rutgers University

For more information, visit:

<http://espnational.org/en/2016-esp-national-conference>

CALLING ALL MEMBERS...

We would love to add your name to a committee. If you see a committee you would be interested in, please contact that chairperson or Paula Jerrell. If you are curious, the committee chairs can tell you more about their committee.

2016-2017 Committee Chairs

Chapter Relations: Sarah Brandl
Global Relations: Janet Turley
Membership Recruitment and Retention: Dana Anderson
Professional Development: Amanda Hardy
Public Issues: Debbie Temple
Marketing: Linda Combs
Resource Development and Management: Crystal Osborne
Retirees and Life Members: Jeanne Davis

2016 ESP Scholarships Julie Brown

For all of these member benefits, the new deadline date is July 1, 2014

- Angus Professional Development Scholarship – at least two \$500 scholarships are left this year that can be used for any professional improvement activity:
<http://scholarship.espnational.org/angus-scholarship>

- Redinger Administrator / Leaders Scholarships: Four persons may receive awards if they have any kind of leadership responsibility and have never gone to the National ESP Conference – they can receive \$500 to help get them to the October Conference in Cape May:
<http://scholarship.espnational.org/redinger-administrator-leader-scholarship>

- NEW: Special ESP Scholarships - several \$400 Scholarships to attend the National Conference in Cape May for persons who work for 1890 of 1994 Land Grant Institutions. (This is designed to get these professionals involved in ESP – so it is not just for first timers, and they don't have to be an ESP member!) Details and instructions will go up on the ESP website in early June – so let your colleagues know to be ready to apply. Contact SGR Chair Dan Culbert for interim details.



Nine new members were welcomed to the Alpha Kappa Chapter of ESP at the Spring 2016 Meeting. Joining ESP is a great opportunity to network and grow professionally!

*Photo credit: Darold Akridge, Bullitt Co. CES

National Membership, Recruitment & Retention

Natasha Lucas

The National ESP MRR Committee has been working hard each month via online meetings. We are currently planning an upcoming membership related webinars on August 30th (more details to follow). Please note the other webinars that are being offered to the membership below. We have also been making plans for our National ESP Conference that will be held in Cape May, New Jersey on October 24th-27th, 2016.

The 2016 Conference will be hosted by the Alpha Xi Chapter at Rutgers University. Conference updates can be found on the ESP National website or on the Conference Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ESP2016TurningtheTide/>

Early bird registration rates of \$425 will begin at the end of May, and will end on August 15th. The National MMR Committee is in charge of the Life Members/New Members meeting. Hoping that the Alpha Kappa Chapter will have a large delegation attend this meeting!

ESP National is moving forward to provide its membership with a series of on-line training for today's Extension professional. Here are some upcoming broadcasts that may be of interest to your membership:

Tuesday, June 14 at 1pm EST (noon CST) "Working with Extension Agents on LGBTQ Issues" Sponsored by the ESP Public Issues Committee as part of their Diversity awareness Seminar Series, this webinar will provide an overview of diversity-related materials and opportunities in Tennessee and Montana. The webinar URL is <http://msuextensionconnect.org/commdev> with more details on the ESP webpage. For more information, please contact paul.lachapelle@montana.edu or (406) 994-3620.

Tuesday, June 21 at 1pm EST (noon CST). "Creating Inclusive Extension Spaces and Programming" Sponsored by the ESP Public Issues Committee as part of their Diversity awareness Seminar Series, Dr. Katherine E. Soule, University of California, will provide an overview of national efforts to create inclusive Cooperative Extension programming for youth and families. The webinar URL is <http://msuextensionconnect.org/commdev> with more details on the ESP webpage. For more information, please contact paul.lachapelle@montana.edu or (406) 994-3620.

2016 ESP Annual Meeting & In-Service

Lora Lee Howard

Extension Agents from across the state followed by specialist and retirees were in attendance at the 2016 Annual Meeting and In Service. Most of them had been employed between ten and twenty-five years. Many attend the annual meeting and in-service yearly to network with other professionals, see old friends and co-workers and to enhance their professional development. We like having the in service and annual meeting together. This year many attended the in service to hear the speaker enabling them to write impactful success stories.

We received suggestions for next years in service that the committee will review. Many did state we did not have to have entertainment at the meeting even though they did enjoy this years' entertainment immensely.

The vast majority of us were pleased with the location, facilities, parking and food. Overall those that responded to the survey (about half of those in attendance) were very pleased with the Annual Meeting and In service this year. A special thanks goes to the committee that worked tirelessly to provide this year's meeting.

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