



Alpha Lambda Chapter

Epsilon Sigma Phi

“The Cooperative Extension Professionals’ Organization”

President’s Message —

Dear ESP Member,

We hope you’ve marked your calendar and plan to join us for the ever-popular Extension Family Picnic at this year’s State Fair on Thursday, August 11. In addition to a great lunch, visiting with old friends, renewing and reminiscing, we are having a mini auction to liven up the day! So come with money in hand and join in the fun. We are anticipating a great crowd and in order to accommodate that we are securing two tents for the event! You’ll be able to meet the Summer Extension Interns and see what they’ve been working on as their projects will be on display.

For some of you historians we will be celebrating 100 years of Extension in Indiana. What better way to spend the day...good food, birthday party and cake, auction, and great people! We hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Alpha Lambda on the announcement that our Chapter is the recipient of an ESP Mini-Grant! The funded

proposal will allow us to offer training for our citizen/volunteer boards that will be held next April. What’s even better than winning the award is that the Director will match the grant, enabling us to extend the benefits of the award.

Speaking of historians, we are still soliciting stories, experiences, anecdotes from all of you to share about your experiences while working in Extension. You do not have to be retired to share your good stories with us. You all have them and we’d love for you to contribute to the book. Cathy Burwell is gathering all of this so please gather your good thoughts and ship them off to her. (You’ll have the opportunity to do so at the picnic so if you don’t have time between now and then...we’ll capture you that day!) -- Natalie Fowler, ESP President

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Special points of interest:

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- **Annual Meeting**
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- **Dues**
- **Purdue Extension History Book**

Alpha Lambda Annual Meeting —

Have you been one of those who hated to get up early to attend the Annual Business Meeting of Alpha Lambda Chapter of ESP?

Traditionally, our annual business meeting has been held at 7:00 a.m. on the Wednesday morning of Professional Development Conference. Attendance has always been good, but we’re hoping that this year all ESP members will make plans to attend their meeting.

Working with the Professional Development Conference Committee, it has been

possible to move our Annual Business Meeting to the Tuesday Luncheon time period. So when making plans for this year’s Professional Development Conference, be sure to sign up for the Business Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday, October 18.

We hope to see you there!



ESP Needs Your Help! —

Traditionally we have signed up for committees when we sent in our dues for next year. For most of us this is sometime in September or early October. This schedule does not allow us to have the committee vice chairs (those who will serve as chair the following year) and the committee member lists ready to distribute at Professional Development Conference, so we would like to try something new.

Please go to page five of this newsletter for a list of the Chapter committees and a short description of what each does.

Please take a minute to review this list and volunteer your time for one of the efforts that you are interested in. Then send the list to Cathy Burwell, ESP vice president or if it's easier, just e-mail Cathy, at ceb@purdue.edu of the committee you would like to work on. Committee assignments are usually for a two-year term. -- Bill Rice

Life Dues Change —

For some time our Chapter has given retirees the option of paying National Life member dues of \$150, or State Life member dues of \$100, or both. Paying State Life member dues allowed the individual to take part in all the Chapter activities, receive newsletters, and announcements, and be eligible for Chapter awards. This membership was not recognized by the National association, and thus any of our award winners who were State Life members only were not eligible to be forwarded on for District and National awards. Those individuals who are State Life members only also do not figure in the Chapter's membership count, used for voting delegate numbers.

At the May Board meeting this issue was discussed, and the Board has recommended that we eliminate the State Life member option for anyone retiring after this year's annual meeting. Present State Life members can remain in their present status, or may upgrade their membership to include the National Life dues. This recommendation will be voted on at the annual meeting on October 18 during Professional Development Conference. If you have concerns about this, be sure to be there to vote.

Purdue Extension History Book —

The Alpha Lambda Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi is gathering anecdotes and stories about the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service from Extension Educators, Specialists, Retirees, and Extension's Friends. It is our goal to preserve the rich heritage of Extension work in Indiana through the last half of the last century up until today. We're looking for those Extension stories that can make you laugh, or cry, or just pull at your heart strings.

Categories:

- Back when I was in Extension
- My Mentor
- My Most Memorable Extension Experience
- My Most Successful Method
- My Most Memorable Character
- The Funniest Thing that Ever Happened to Me
- The Worst Thing that Ever Happened to Me
- Stories of Deans, Directors, and Program Leaders
- What has changed the most since I started is...
- Exciting Area Events
- My (or Extension's) greatest impact on people was.....
- Stories from Extension Friends who remember Educators or Specialists
- Proud Leadership – People Who Stepped Up and Made a Difference in My Program
- AND the Rest of the Story.....

Courage-

Soar to new limits by setting your goals higher

Success-

Success is selecting the right course and sticking to it

Teamwork-

Working as a team player means winning as a team

Inspiration-

Inspiration is the source of creativity

Incentive-

Incentive is the fuel of the will

Strength-

Strength of purpose turns diversity into success

2006 Alpha Lambda Chapter Committees

Please volunteer for the one(s) that you would be willing to work on.

- _____ **Audit:** Responsible for auditing the treasurer's books. Usually done around or at the State Fair. One meeting should do it.
- _____ **Annual Meeting:** Responsible to plan the agenda and to host the annual dinner. Committee may meet once face-to-face, but most work is done via phone and e-mail.
- _____ **Awards and Recognition:** Responsible for all state recognition and awards – work is usually done in the spring – advertise awards, and select winners. Work is done via phone and e-mail.
- _____ **Constitution and By-laws:** Responsible for reviewing National and Chapter constitution and by-laws and recommending appropriate changes. Depends on the year, but often there aren't too many changes. Most work done via phone and e-mail.
- _____ **Global:** Responsible to study ways members can support Global Mission of CES – Advertise and select Global Awards and winners. Most work done via phone and e-mail.
- _____ **Marketing/Public Relations:** Responsible for providing events to enhance ESP membership including Summer Family Picnic, and auction at annual banquet. Most work done via phone and e-mail.
- _____ **Membership and Initiation:** Responsible to determine eligible candidates for membership and conduct initiation ceremony. Most work done via phone and mail.
- _____ **Nominating Committee:** Prepare a slate of qualified members to serve as officers. Work done via phone and e-mail.
- _____ **Regional and National Awards:** Responsible for submitting Chapter awards for regional and national recognition. Work is done in fall and early winter. Work done via phone and e-mail.
- _____ **Retirees Committee:** Provide events and activities and communications to and from retirees.

Make your selection for committees and send to:

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