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President’s Message —

Dear ESP Member,

I hope each of you is enjoying the great summer weather and all the activities that come with this time of year. Many of you are buried with all the summer work related events that surround fairs, camps, workshops, and field days, but we hope you will find a few minutes to relax and bring yourself up to date on the many exciting things your professional organization is doing.

I want to thank each of you who participated in our major spring professional development event, the Citizen Board Development Trainings. Ninety-nine active and retired staff participated in the workshops where they had the opportunity to hear Mike McKinney, Professor Emeritus Public Policy, University of Florida, present guidelines and tips for working with Extension Boards, and then work in small groups on real world problems and issues. One hundred percent of those attending indicated they would try some of the things they learned with their boards. These workshops came about as a result of a mini-grant our Chapter received to provide training in this area. Matched by the Director of Extension, we were able to provide attendees with a nationally recognized speaker in this area and an opportunity to learn from colleagues on this important topic. Chapter leadership is discussing the submission of another mini-grant application to national ESP, to continue to build on this board development foundation. Read more about what participants said about these workshops later in this newsletter.

If you haven’t already, make plans now to attend out Extension Summer Picnic

on Thursday, August 10 at the Indiana State Fair. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch being served at Noon. This is always a great opportunity to meet friends and colleagues you haven’t seen for awhile, and catch up on all that is going on for everyone. Lots of our retirees use this event to reconnect with each other and it is a great way for active staff to stay in touch with those who’ve chosen different ways of filling their days. If you’ve never taken the time to attend the Extension Summer Picnic, I hope you will change your mind and make this the year you plan to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Elsewhere you will read about the upcoming national meeting. This year’s meeting will be held in Annapolis, Maryland from November 14 to the 17th. This conference provides excellent professional development experiences and opportunities to network with others in our organization. Our Chapter is pleased to have two presentations and two posters accepted for this conference, so we encourage you to join the delegation that will be representing Indiana.

If you have suggestions or comments about ways your ESP Chapter can better serve you, I encourage you to share those with the officers or committee chairs. The Board is committed to being your Professional Extension Organization, and wants to hear how best we can do that.



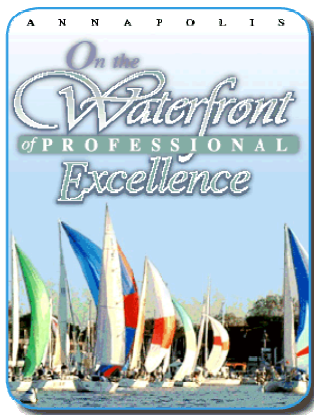
Have a Great Summer!

Cathy Burwell - President

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**“ESP – On the Waterfront of Professional Excellence”
Annapolis, Maryland
Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference
November 14-17, 2006**



The Tau Chapter of Maryland will host the National Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference November 14 - 17, 2006 at the Loews Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, MD. The conference will offer opportunities for professional development for Extension professionals and continuing education for retirees. This conference will feature dynamic keynote speakers, scholarly concurrent sessions and poster presentations, three program tracks – life members, emerging leadership, and program developers, strategies for enhancing Extension’s image, opportunities to explore new tools and technologies to enhance outcomes of Extension programs, methods for strengthening communities through Extension programs, and recognition of ESP members for excellence in programming addressing diversity and critical issues. Conference events will include pre-conference tours on Tuesday to Historic Annapolis, the University of Maryland College Park: Clarice Smith Center, Plant Sciences, Dairy Bar and Rossborough Inn; and a seafood industry tour are being planned. An evening “Taste of Maryland Reception” welcoming event is also scheduled.

A special Retirees and First-timers breakfast will be held Wednesday followed by Regional Meetings, the first General Session, and a Poster Showcase Session in conjunction with lunch. Concurrent sessions, also begin on Wednesday. Thursday features are the second General Session, concurrent sessions, the Ruby Lecture and Luncheon, the ESP Auction, and dinner. The Alpha Omicron Chapter of Pennsylvania is handling the Silent and Live Auctions. On Friday, the various ESP National Committees will meet, followed by the third General Session, the National Council Meeting, and the Awards Banquet.

Enjoy the Baltimore Aquarium and Inner Harbor stores and restaurants; while in Maryland. You will want to visit the many national memorials in Washington D.C. and browse the fine free museums on the National Mall. Check out the Anne Arundel County website and plan your personal itinerary: www.visitannapolis.org.

The Loews Annapolis Hotel is offering the \$125/day conference lodging rate for doubles or kings until October 13, 2006. The early bird registration fee for the conference is \$375 with a deadline of August 15, 2006. Watch for the registration information in the next issue of ESP Connection and on the ESP web site at: <http://espnational.org>.

Emily Remster wins a National Continued Excellence Award -

Word has been received that retired Porter County Extension Educator, and Past President of Alpha Lambda Chapter has won one of two Continued Excellence Awards being given by National ESP. This award recognizes an experienced Extension professional with 20 plus years of experience who has exhibited continued leadership, initiative, and excellence in Extension program planning, delivery, evaluation in program or administration, on a state, regional, and/or national level in years after receiving the state DSA.

In her 30+ years as an Extension Educator, Emily has been dedicated to the Extension philosophy and has worked to help residents of her county and area to learn life skills and leadership abilities. Her dedication to the professionalism

of the Extension Educator has been exhibited by her willingness to share her time and expertise on the national level as NEAFCS President and JCEP and PILD chairs.

Emily continues to serve others in retirement by being a director and chair of the Grant Committee of the Porter County Community Foundation, and secretary of both the Porter County Ag Society and the Valparaiso/South Haven Adult Education Board. Emily will receive her award at the Awards Banquet at the National Meeting in Annapolis, MD in November.



Sherer Appointed to National ESP Committee —



Roger Sherer, Alpha Lambda Chapter Secretary, has been appointed to the National Epsilon Sigma Phi 2007 Resource Development and Management Committee. Roger will work with Randy Brooks, of Idaho as chair and others throughout the country to develop a financial plan that promotes professional

development needs and recognizes the excellence of the membership. His appointment is for one year, but he may serve two additional years on this committee.

CONGRATULATIONS ROGER!



Administrative Leadership Award Renamed —

Our Chapter was most saddened to learn of the passing of our colleague and friend, Lynn Busse. We all remember Lynn as an active member of our organization, as he held many leadership roles and served our organization for many years as Chapter Annalist.

Our Executive Board met recently and voted to honor and remember Lynn by naming one of our annual awards in his memory. Each year we give an Administrative Leadership

Award. This award recognizes an Extension Professional who has shown noteworthy administrative leadership, performance, and accomplishment during their CES career. Beginning this year the award will be known as the Lynn D. Busse Memorial Administrative Leadership Award.

The first recipient of the Lynn D. Busse Memorial Administrative Leadership Award will be named at our Annual Banquet on Wednesday evening, October 18th at the Trails in West Lafayette.



Extension Summer Picnic

***Make plans now to attend the
Extension Summer Picnic!!***

Date: August 10, 2006

Location: Indiana State Fair

Registration: 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

**Alpha Lambda Chapter
Annual Meeting**

Wednesday October 18, at the Trails



**We will again have an auction,
and the committee is
working hard to plan an
enjoyable evening.**

**Look for the registration in the
PDC conference registration
materials either online or
in hard copy you receive
and plan to be there!**

Citizen Board Training -

Two day-long workshops were held in the spring of 2006 to train Extension staff on how to effectively work with Advisory Boards and Councils. Ninety-nine staff members participated. Results from a post survey indicate:

- * 100% of participants plan to try some of the ideas they learned at the session.
- * 83% of respondents indicated they gained “Many” to “A Great Deal” of new skills in managing board meetings
- * 66% of those responding said they gained “Many” to “A Great Deal” of new skills in empowering boards
- * Nearly 1/3 of respondents indicated that Board Orientation was one of the most important things they learned
- * More than 60% of respondents requested additional training on working with citizen advisory boards
- * One workshop participant said:
“[I am] motivated to improve our Extension Board – give members a reason to want to participate”
- * A participant in Citizen Board Development Training -
“I really thought about effective / ineffective groups and what I can do to help the groups I work with to be more effective”



Workshop participants will again be surveyed in September to determine what skills from the spring workshops they have already had an opportunity to use with their boards. This information will help in the planning of additional workshops.

ESP Fall Fling -

Mark your calendar for the ESP Fall Fling on September 21, 2006 in Putnam County.

- In the morning the group will tour Hilltop Orchids - a grower and international distributor of orchids.
- Lunch will be at the DePauw University Nature Center.
- In the afternoon we will travel to Dixie Chopper - home of the world's fastest lawn mower.



- The next tour is at Harris Sugar Bush to see how maple sugar is made.
- Dinner will be at the Almost Home Restaurant on the Courthouse Square.

More information will be coming at a later date.

- Bev Morgan, Chair ESP Retirees Committee

2007 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.

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<http://espnational.org/>



Important dates for your calendar:

- ⇒ August 10, 2006, Extension Summer Picnic, Indiana State Fair
- ⇒ October 17 - 19, 2006, Professional Development Conference, W. Lafayette, IN
- ⇒ October 18, 2006, ESP Banquet, The Trails, West Lafayette, IN
- ⇒ September 21, 2006, ESP Fall Fling, Putnam County
- ⇒ November 14-17, 2006, National ESP Conference, Annapolis, MD

