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Epsilon Sigma Phi

National Honorary Extension Fraternity

Lambda Chapter Briefs

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See us on the web at:

<http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/>

Mission Statement: Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is dedicated to fostering The Cooperative Extension Professionals' Organization standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional.

Vision Statement: Epsilon Sigma Phi leads the Extension System in promoting and supporting professionalism in Extension.

Greetings from Lambda Chapter President Rod Howe

On behalf of Epsilon Sigma Phi's Lambda Chapter and our sister Northeast Chapters a proposal to host the 2011 national conference in Syracuse has been submitted to the ESP Board of Directors. The proposed dates are October 9-13, 2011. When the Northeast State ESP Presidents started a discussion about hosting the conference, the Lambda Chapter took a stance of wishing to be supportive of what the group thought made the most sense. For a variety of reasons it seemed that a NYS location would be appropriate. We are viewing this as a team approach with support from our sister states.

Epsilon Sigma Phi hosted a meeting, in partnership with Extension Administration, with sister organizations and sections at the CCE Association of Onondaga County's office on March 21, 2008. The meeting covered changing contexts that impact professional organization involvement, approaches to professional development, and what elements might be included in a three year build up to CCE's 2011 centennial anniversary. There was agreement on the value of networking and connectivity; the need for both system-wide issues training and subject oriented professional development; and the desire to be inclusive of paraprofessionals. There is interest in exploring whether Epsilon Sigma Phi might be a coordinating mechanism for the organizations and sections.

I am pleased to report that during the recent JCEP Regional Workshops, the 2009-2010 ESP Regional Vice Presidents were elected. Beth Claypoole is the Northeast Region Vice President and Chair of Public Issues. Beth is the Executive Director for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County. She has served the Lambda Chapter of ESP as Chapter President and on the National Public Issues Committee.

I am also pleased to report that the Lambda Chapter's membership is growing (slowly, but growing). Keep those nominations coming in.

Director Dillard Reflects on Her Recent Trip to China

Last Fall, CCE Director Helene Dillard was part of a Cornell University contingent to China. She shares her observations and reactions via recorded video at the following site:

<http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/hrd-china/twocolumn.html> Topics include extension in China, food systems and food security, experiencing diversity and engaging diversity.

Celebrate the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity and Unique Qualities" 2008 Galaxy III Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 15-19, 2008

The National ESP Board invites and encourages you to mark September 15-19, 2008 on your calendar and make plans to experience an outstanding educational and personal development experience. All six national professional Extension Associations are actively participating in the planning and programming of the conference. Two outstanding keynote and capnote speakers are committed to bring inspiring and educational programs for more than 2,000 participants. In addition, participants will be able to choose from more than 150 scholarly workshops and seminars presented by your peers. All of the associations will be presenting leadership development workshops. The best thing about being a participant in the conference is that you are welcome to go to any of the workshops and seminars. You will also be able to participate in the dynamic poster sessions, outstanding educational exhibits, and cultural, recognition, and social experiences the Galaxy Committee has planned. You can find more information by visiting the Galaxy III website at www.ces.purdue.edu/galaxy

Lambda's Own Elizabeth Claypoole Elected to National Board of Epsilon Sigma Phi as Vice President for Northeast Region

Written by Gretchen Ferenz

Last month elections were held for national office representing the Northeast Region at the Epsilon Sigma Phi business meeting which took place during the Joint Council of Extension Professionals' Leadership Development Workshop in Orlando.

Elizabeth Claypoole, also known to colleagues as Beth, was elected as Vice President-Elect for the Northeast Region to the National Board of Epsilon Sigma Phi, a two-year post to begin in September during the 2008 Annual Council Meeting taking place at Galaxy III Conference in Indianapolis.

Serving on the National Board is an important role for an individual and a significant contribution made by the individual's representative State Chapter in support of its region. As a national professional organization serving its members and the Extension system, Epsilon Sigma Phi's vitality is directly dependant on the commitment and contributions of its members in assuming leadership roles and responsibilities, as well as on the support provided by the members' State Chapters. Beth has stepped up to the challenge and embraced the opportunity to lead and will be in need of our Lambda Chapter's support in helping her meet the many obligations that accompany national leadership.

In addition to providing leadership for and representing the Northeast Region and its State Chapters for the Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) organization, Beth has the additional responsibility of providing leadership to one of six standing National Committees. ESP is very fortunate that Beth inherits leadership for the National Public Issues Committee, as she has experience serving as a national committee member and has both attended, as well as currently contributes toward the planning of the annual Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference held in Washington, D.C. Beth's multiple leadership experiences that include attending national ESP conferences where she has served as a NY delegate, serving in the role of President to our Lambda Chapter and to ACCEE, and providing leadership as Executive Director in Wayne County, prepare her well for this new professional development opportunity. Please join me in congratulating Beth and wishing her well!

Lambda Chapter is Seeking Award Nominations for Excellent Extension Colleagues

Celeste Carmichael, Professional Recognition

Nominations for awards may be submitted any time, by anyone (before Sept...but don't put it off). Forms, including a new online form, are available at: <http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/awards.htm>

It's easy to do and the form only takes a few minutes to fill out. Many of last year's winners were so surprised and pleased that their colleagues thought

their work merited an award nomination.

Awards will be given out at our October Conference. Recipients will receive their first year of ESP dues - paid for by Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Nominating is simple - just provide enough detail about your colleague(s) to give the review committee a flavor of what the nominee (or nominees) has accomplished. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

So please take a few moments to nominate a colleague. You'll be glad you did.

If you have not yet renewed your dues for the new year, please do so now. There is a link to the dues form front and center on our chapter home page: <http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/>

Nominate a Member Today

Eligibility for Epsilon Sigma Phi and the nomination process used to seem mysterious to many. Not so today. Any member may nominate colleague seen as upholding the professional ideals of ESP (see Creed on page 1). Persons in exempt professional educator roles with two years experience are eligible for nomination. Recognize a colleague today! See our home page for the nomination form: <http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/>

