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The Lambda Briefs

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Newsletter

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*

A REAL ANNUAL MEETING

After two years of virtual annual meetings, Lambda Chapter members are being offered the chance to attend a face-to-face luncheon followed by our annual meeting at the **Ithaca Ramada at noon on September 13th**.

Nancy Crago, President, Epsilon Sigma Phi, will speak to Extension directors and to you who are not directors at the luncheon on a "The Nature of the Profession." Few of us were extension education majors in college. Sometimes we are so specialized subject matter-wise we lose sight of what extension education is all about. Epsilon Sigma Phi can serve to put professionalism in the profession. Please try to adjust your schedule to give support to our organization and extend respect to our national leader by attending.

To register, please e-mail Joan Lewis at jl154@cornell.edu with your name, title and an account to bill the \$18 cost to. Joan may also be reached at 382 Roberts Hall, on campus and her phone number is 1-607-255-2118 if you need to make other arrangements.

Even if you are not there for the luncheon, you are encouraged to attend the annual meeting. The time is not precise since we will convene as soon as possible after the luncheon and speaker. We will keep the meeting brief and have a roundtable discussion with Nancy Crago on a topic from a previous "The Connection" – "Is Your Chapter Ready for a Makeover?"

Paul Lehman
President

GREETINGS LIFE MEMBERS of ESP Lambda Chapter: Big doings coming up!!

Our ESP chapter will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, September 13. Festivities will start with lunch at 12:00 in the Ithaca Ramada Inn. Let's make this a mini-reunion for Life members. We can reminisce about the good old days (yes, they were good!). And we can learn what's happening in Extension today! After lunch we'll participate in the ESP annual meeting, with additional recognition for award-winners who were recognized at the Association for Cornell Cooperative Extension Employees (ACCEE) for outstanding workers and teachers. Nancy Crago, President of the National ESP will join us to update and challenge us on the modern role of ESP and our chapter in forwarding our extension profession. Send off an e-mail to Joan Lewis at jl154@cornell.edu with your name so she can count you in for a meal. Joan may also be reached at 382 Roberts Hall, on campus and her phone number is 1-607-255-2118 if

you need to make other arrangements.
Hope to see you there!!
Bill Pardee

COME ON, NORTH EAST!

It's not too late to show that the Northeast is still able to host a national ESP meeting Nov. 14-17th at Loew's Hotel, Annapolis, MD. Maryland (Tau Chapter) is hoping for 5-6 volunteers from each state to fill a variety of roles during the conference. Check the ESP web site for details. September 1st is the deadline for early bird registration.

Lambda Chapter to Adopt ROLLING MEMBERSHIP

At our annual meeting the executive committee proposes the following changes to our by-laws:

Article III. Membership, Section 3
Admission to Membership:
Throughout the year, new member nominations will be encouraged and forwarded to the membership chair. Candidates will be contacted and encouraged to join. Induction will take place at the annual meeting.

Change to:

Throughout the year, new member nominations will be encouraged and forwarded to the membership chair. Candidates will be contacted and encouraged to join anytime during the year upon approval of the Executive Committee. Formal induction will take place when possible at the annual meeting.

**(Add) Article III. Membership, Section 4
Membership Renewal:
Membership shall be maintained on an annual rolling basis with renewal**

reminders sent by the membership chair as each anniversary date arrives.

SEEKING ESP AWARD NOMINATIONS!!!

Hello everyone! Fall is just around the corner which means the end of the year is quickly approaching ---- now is the time to "catch someone doing something right!"

Your Lambda Chapter is seeking award nominations in thirteen (13) categories. A form along with descriptions of the categories that nominations may be made in will be arriving soon as an email – if you don't receive this and desire a form please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Please send nominations to me no later than **Friday, September 22, 2006**. It's easy to do and 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.

The expectation is that award recipients will be members of Epsilon Sigma Phi by the date that awards are presented.

You don't need to provide every single detail about a nominee's work - just enough to give the review committee a flavor of what the nominee (or nominees) have accomplished. Feel free to contact me if you have questions. After nominations are returned, the review committee will do the rest.

So please take a few moments to nominate a colleague you think has done the right thing this past year. You'll be glad you did.

Thank you,
Sue Beebe
ESP Awards Chair

Nominations Requested for "FRIEND OF EXTENSION AWARD"

The Friend of Extension Award is the highest recognition provided by our Lambda Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national extension professionals' organization. By practice, the award is made jointly with the Director of Extension. The guidelines are broad: "This is the highest recognition presented by an Epsilon Sigma Phi chapter to a non-Extension (lay) person, company or organization and is designed to recognize truly outstanding support and personal involvement in Extension efforts." Each of you likely knows a potential recipient of this significant honor. Please take a few moments to provide by e-mail the name and contact information for a nominee along with a brief narrative explaining the basis for your nomination. Send nominations to Mike Duttweiler at mwd1@cornell.edu by August 24, 2006.

EXPLORING PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT ROLES – International Diversity Education

During a regional conference call in July with Kendra Wells, NE Vice-President, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Jeff Meyers, State President from Pennsylvania mentioned an area of chapter leadership that had worked well for them - international diversity education. Alpha Omicron Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Pennsylvania, was able to generate some visibility through program, helped to some degree by the fact that educators received 5.5 credits towards the mandatory 8 hours of diversity training required of them.

Sponsored by Alpha Omicron Chapter, the Extension Leadership Team and with financial assistance from the Office of International Programs in the College of

Agriculture, a program “Extension Reaching Out to Multicultural Communities: At Home and Abroad” was held at Cranberry State College, Harrisburg- Pittstown on May 10th, 2006.

Educators were asked: “Are Extension educators making choices and influencing others to make choices that will create a better, safer world for today’s children and their children? Are we building and maintaining teams and relationships that will effectively solve current world problems?”

Speakers addressed “Reaching Out to Multicultural Communities,” “Building Cultural Competencies,” “Understanding Legal Issues of New Populations,” “Exploring Cultural Perspectives of Families,” “Talking Global Issues with Americans,” “Discovering Global Trade,” and “Planning Your Global Trade.”

I have approached Director Dillard and in turn, Dr. Margaret Smith about opportunities to parallel this activity in New York.

Paul Lehman

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Urban Extension Conference will be May 7-10, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. It is being planned by the 12 North Central states and hosted by University of Missouri Extension. The planning committee has issued a call for presentations, and is looking for outstanding presenters to attend America's finest urban conference for Extension Professionals whose focus is reaching new and diverse audiences in urban communities across the county. See the call for papers section <http://extension.missouri.edu/urbanconf> for more details.

DO YOU USE E-MAIL AS A LIFE MEMBER?

Linda Cook, Executive Director, Epsilon Sigma Phi says that she only has about 500 out of 1400 Life Members, nationally with working e-mails. Many bounce back – which means they aren’t “working” either, it seems.

Perhaps you hate this monster. But, it is sure fast (if you read your messages regularly and saves organizations a lot of money.

If you would, please let Linda Cook know your e-mail address by contacting her at espoffice@espnational.org and copy John Ameroso, Membership Chair, jma20@cornell.edu with your information.

Paul Lehman