



EPSILON SIGMA PHI

SPRING 2005

Message from the President - Michelle Rodgers

Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Omicron Chapter Committees 2004-2005

Executive Committee

Michelle Rodgers, President
Ken Green, Vice-President
Shirley Bixby, Treasurer
Jeffrey Myers, Secretary
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Daniel Perkins Co-Chair (04-05)



We're off to a great start in this new year of involvement of our Alpha Omicron chapter. Thanks to our membership committee, treasurer and each one of you, we have on record at the national office a membership of 79 annual members and 101 Life members. Last year, our chapter received recognition from National for Achievement in Chapter Membership. We're on track to apply for this recognition again this year!

Speaking of membership, I'd like to encourage every member to take an active role in the committee assignment that you have received. Check out the chapter website to find your committee assignment if

you missed the email sent earlier this year.

(<http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/casprof/esp/>)

And speaking of active roles... kudos to Alpha Omicron chapter for our great involvement at the National level. Our chapter provides Northeast representation on five of the six national committees. Reappointment nominations for members serving on national committees include: Nancy Wallace, Member Services, Mary Jo Depp-Nestlerode, Public Issues, Duane Stevenson, Resource development and management, Mary Alice Gettings, Global Relations, and myself on Professional Development. Committee work is a great way to keep our state and national associations strong.

Additionally, Alpha Omicron is very proud of National Vice President, Nancy Crago who is having a busy year planning the upcoming annual national session.

President's message continued:

And if you have never attended an ESP National meeting—this is the year to try it. The ESP National Conference will be held November 9-12, 2005 at the Broadmore in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A great location, wonderful speakers, concurrent session presentations focused on three tracks of emerging leadership, life members, and program developers, and national networking will make this a professional development experience worth attending. Please hold the date on your calendar and plan to attend this year!

The Executive Board has been busy coordinating chapter activities. I am appreciative that three officers were able to attend the NE JCEP Leadership meeting in Columbia, MD in February. Additionally, the board is meeting by conference call on an 8 week basis and with two face to face meetings each year.

This helps to keep us on track and to keep ESP initiatives in focus. We are excited to have established the following goals as the focus to our efforts this year.

Goal 1 A professional development activity sponsored by Alpha Omicron Chapter this year

Goal 2 Determine interests and needs for life members and develop an action plan

Goal 3 Increased recognition of our members in the number of applicants/recipients of the many and varied recognition programs at the chapter, regional and national level. Specifically, we would like to achieve nominations for each of the chapter recognition programs this year and at least two nominations at the national level.

With these goals in mind, these steps have already been taken. Annual meeting chair Karen Thomas has been engaged in discussion of scheduling our annual conference. As plans move along, opportunities to incorporate our own or a cosponsored professional development presentation will be explored.

Patricia Powley, recent life member, has agreed to chair an ad hoc committee for life members and has prepared a survey to life members to help determine interests/needs of this group and inform us of future action steps to meet the needs of these members. Additionally, Patricia has taken on the task of archiving the chapter files that consumed several boxes. We will be glad to have them consolidated and organized for future years!

Finally, committee chairs of the various recognition programs are being asked to target nominations for awards and to engage in an earlier discussion of the recognition opportunities through ESP. Two applications have already been submitted for the Richard R. Angus, Professional Development scholarship...and we're awaiting the results from national.

And for those who you who like to plan ahead, next years Annual Conference will be hosted by the Northeast Region and held in Annapolis, Maryland November 12-19, 2006. As a board, we have agreed to have our chapter take on the responsibilities for the annual scholarship auction, so save up your dollars and plan to help us conduct the silent and live auction to make it one of the best yet.

I'm very proud of this chapter and consider it an honor to serve in a leadership role. Please join me and the officer's in serving your chapter with pride in this year 2005!

Committee Chairs continued:

Professional Development
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Guy Temple, Chair

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Patricia Powley, Chair

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Dennis Murphy, Chair (05-06)
Natalie Ferry Co-Chair (05-06)

Scholarship and Loans
Sandra Hall, Chair (04-05)
Jane Landis, Co-Chair (04-05)

Sympathy and Memorial
Andrea Bressler, Chair (04-05)
Phyllis Wright, Co-Chair (04-05)

Web Site (Ad Hoc)
Peg Shuffstall, Chair
Kathy Hostetler, Co-Chair



See complete committee listings on
page 6.



Save The Date!

Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Omicron Chapter Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for October 18, 2005 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. for the Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual meeting and dinner at the Penn Stater. Our meeting will be held in conjunction with the Extension Annual Conference and Outreach Professional Development Conference. Watch for details about the meeting in upcoming newsletters.

Mark your calendars! Additional Important Dates:



The Association Meetings, Extension Annual Conference, and the Outreach Professional Development Conference have been scheduled for October 18, 19, and 20, 2005. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these informative and exciting events. A few details are noted below. . .

Extension Annual Conference Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The conference will open with a welcome from President Spanier. The McDowell Lecture and other professional development opportunities are also being planned.

PEAFCS / PEA4-HA / PACAA Association Meetings- Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Outreach Professional Development Conference- Thursday, October 20, 2005

Please mark your calendars now and be watching for further details!

Amy S. Gregor

You Can Become An Officer Too!

This year promises to be an excellent one for Epsilon Sigma Phi as our state officers lead our membership and represent Pennsylvania. Your ESP Board has clear goals and plans for the organization to be very effective in supporting Extension professionals. We believe that ESP exemplifies the many good benefits and qualities of working for Cooperative Extension and as such ESP Board members feel a strong tie to the Extension profession. The role of board members is to provide leadership and address the business of ESP through meetings and communications. In addition, board members also have the opportunity to represent PA at regional and national ESP meetings and attend outstanding workshops and leadership programs.

As officer positions come open each year, the nominating committee is always looking for individuals who would like to enrich their career with the experience of serving as a state officer. If you have always desired or even recently desired to become a state officer of a fine and well established professorial organization, please let Marilyn Corbin and/or Daniel Perkins, co-chairs of the nominating committee, know of your interest. We would be happy to visit with you about the officer positions and how you can become one, too.

Marilyn Corbin, Chair
Nomination Committee

ESP Recognizes Friend of Extension and Extension Staff Assistant Recipients at Annual Meeting

Mary Manzoni, Staff Assistant for the Northeast Region's Director, Michael McDavid, was recognized as the recipient of the Extension Staff Assistant Award for 2004. Mary excels in the areas of customer service, problem solving, communication and teamwork to insure quality service in every aspect of her work responsibilities. Michael, in his nomination, says "Mary encourages excellence and sets the example of an administrative assistant. She is a clear communicator, consistent performer, superb worker, and outstanding person who is highly deserving of this award."



Nancy Hottle, PCCEA President and long time supporter of Cooperative Extension in Bucks County, was recognized as the State Friend of Extension for 2004. Nancy has been an outstanding friend and volunteer in Bucks County for over 35 years, serving as a 4-H leader, Extension Board President, legislative advocate, and Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative Extension Associations (PCCEA) officer. Nancy has demonstrated strong leadership in her role as State President of PCCEA to provide an impetus for change for the organization over the past two years.

The 2004 Committee of Stacie Bird, Ted Alter, Andrew Curtis, Fred Davis, Lee Miller, Dave Rynd and Martha Gregory reviewed applications and made recommendations for the awarding of the ESP Friend of Extension and Extension Staff Assistant Awards.

By Martha Gregory, Chair
Extension Relations & Leadership Awards

See page 8 for a collage of pictures from the Annual Meeting.

Alpha Omicron Chapter Spring Newsletter

2004-2005 Alpha Omicron Chapter Budget Shirley Bixby, Chapter Treasurer

2005 Budget

INCOME

Dues	3,200.00
Extension Extended	700.00
Banquet	1,000.00
Donations	100.00
Forgivable Loan	300.00
75 th Anniversary Donations	0.00
JCEP Regional Meeting Reimbursement	300.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Reserves	2,730.00
Total Income	\$8,330.00

EXPENSES

National Dues	1,920.00
Banquet	1,000.00
Extension Extended	575.00
President Expenses	500.00
JCEP Forgivable Loan	400.00
Alpha Omicron Forgivable Loan	500.00
Extension Relations Awards	80.00
Chapter Awards	60.00
JCEP Regional Meeting	300.00
National Education Foundation	50.00
PILD	500.00
Treasurer Expenses	20.00
Newsletter Expenses	200.00
Retirement Gifts	300.00
Membership & Initiation	200.00
Sympathy & Memorial	25.00
Professional Development	1,500.00
75 th Anniversary Contributions	0.00
Ad Hoc Committees	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total Expenses	\$8,330.00



Profit and Loss Statement

December 1, 2004 through March 7, 2005

Income

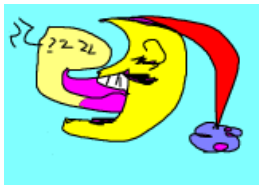
Dues	3,790.00
Extension Extended	593.00
Banquet	1,172.38
Donation	120.00
Forgivable Loan	400.00
Miscellaneous Income	18.00
Total Income	6,093.38

Expense

National Dues	2,440.00
Banquet	1,035.97
Extension Extended	114.75
Chapter Awards	37.00
Total Expense	3,627.72

Net Income **2,465.66**

Old Jake Wakes Up



After the annual conference presentation of the film "Old Jake Wakes Up". I was inundated with requests to borrow the film. I now have several copies and will schedule the video if needed for a meeting during 2005. I am only able to loan the video tapes as USDA/Archives II holds the film rights, but will be happy to loan and send the video in advance of a meeting on a first come, first serve basis. Thanks for your patience.

Jan Scholl

2004-2005 Committees - Vice-President, Ken Green

The Strength Of An Organization Is A Function Of Member Commitment

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J. Lee Miller
Dave Rynd
Karen Vines

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Roxanne Price Co-Chair (05-06)
Deanna Behring
Nancy Crago
Nancy Kadwill
Robin Rex
Fay Strickler

Historical (Ad Hoc)

Guy Temple, Chair
Helen Bell
Jack Bergstrom
Tom King
Jack MacMillan
Jane Marhefka
Betty Struttin
Elton Tait
Eunice Tibbott
Bernie Wingart
Frank Zettle

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Phil Clauer
Bill Shuffstall

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Internationalizing Extension

Several ESP members from PA attended the Internationalizing Extension Conference, sponsored by USDA, University of Michigan State Extension, and University of Florida Extension, in Orlando in January. As a result, ESP will be working with the Extension Leadership Team to provide education in the area of diversity and international travel.

The delegation from PA included Daney Jackson, Marilyn Corbin, Nancy Crago, Leon Ressler, Isabelle Hanson, and Mary Alice Gettings. This group attended various workshops that addressed the challenges and impacts of international efforts, how to stage messages about global issues to our local audiences, and an update on the USDA Internationalizing Extension Initiative.

Participants attended concurrent sessions that focused on the challenge of evaluating impacts of international efforts, developing a language to communicate our international work with our local communities, and multicultural competencies. As a result of the USDA initiative, nine mini-grants were awarded and results were presented at this conference. In-depth training sessions addressed two of these mini-grants. Members from our state attended the training on “An International Extension Curriculum: Strengthening Extensions Capacity for International Engagement.” This curriculum deals with internationalizing Extension inside the U.S. as well as helping us to prepare for international travel. You can find this curriculum at www2.ces.purdue.edu/iec.

The other in-depth session that was conducted was entitled “An International Cultural Orientation Business Model Adapted to Extension.” Those that attended were required to complete a questionnaire that was then examined prior to the conference. They were provided with feedback as to where their strengths and weaknesses are in the areas of diversity and international travel.



Penn State Cooperative Extension and ESP Alpha Omicron Chapter were well represented. Both Nancy Crago and Isabelle Hanson were speakers during concurrent sessions. Nancy’s topic was “Helping Others Benefit from Your International Travels” and Isabel Hanson spoke on “Multicultural Competencies: The Intersection of Diversity and Internationalization Initiatives.” Daney Jackson provided the closing remarks to end the conference. In addition, Deanna Behring was on the planning committee.

Mary Alice Gettings, Chair
Roxanne Price, Co-chair
Global Relations Committee

ESP National Meeting

“ESP - Colorado Gold”

**Colorado Springs,
Colorado**

November 9-12, 2005

<http://espnational.org/05conf.htm>

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Send an email to your fellow Alpha Omicron Chapter members by addressing the email to:
esp-membership@lists.cas.psu.edu
All current members (including Life-time members) with an email address on file with the local chapter will receive your message.

<http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/casprof/espl>

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