

Epsilon Sigma Phi State Chapter Report

JCEP Regional Leadership Workshop

Name and State of Chapter: Alpha Omicron

Chapter reports will be presented by a chapter representative at the ESP session. Additionally, **send report in electronic format to the ESP National Office at espoffice@espnational.org.**

Your Chapter in Review:

1. Membership Numbers: Annual: 63 Life: 97
2. Membership Requirement(s): Membership is open to full-time faculty, professional, and administrative staff who have exhibited excellence in education and programming leadership, and who have held full or part-time Extension appointments for a total of two years or longer. Members continue to provide leadership and excellence in Extension programming throughout their career and during retirement.
3. Dues Structure: (indicate amount collected **above** \$40 national dues)
 - a. Annual: \$20
 - b. Life: \$0
 - c. Initiation: \$0
4. Highlights of 2007 Chapter Activities: Representatives on 5 of the 6 national committees for 2008; Immediate past president, Nancy Crago, from our chapter in 2007; recognized as a platinum chapter of merit; received the NE region membership award; Silver Chapter Certificate of Achievement in the Development Campaign with an average contribution of almost \$48.00 per member; and the Certificate of Achievement for Member Participation in the campaign at 26.5%; 3 board members represented the chapter at the NE Regional workshop; 11 members attended the national meeting in Charleston. 2 members were invited to do workshops and/or present poster sessions.
5. Life Member Activities or Involvement: Our Alpha Omicron president in 2007 was a life member. Nancy Wallace, NE Region Director is also a life member of Alpha Omicron. Life member, Patricia Powley, continues to play an active roll in assisting and serving on committees at the local level. Our newest life member is also serving as a committee chair. Life members actively chaired and served on a committee collecting extension stories to be published this year. Life members keep in touch through the Extension Extended newsletter that they produce and fund. The association offers to pay a portion of the members life membership fees at retirement.
6. Chapter Financial Resources to support recognition programs, professional development and scholarships. (How were funds generated and utilized?)

Alpha Omicron has the following amounts included in their budget for 2008: Annual Meeting - \$1000; Awards - \$140; Professional Development - \$ 3000 (to provide speakers and/or workshops for the annual meeting. The membership increased the budget for 2008 to provide an additional \$3200 to cover officer expenses for officers participating in the JCEP regional meeting and national meeting. Funds (\$500) are also designated to offset an officer's participation in PILD. The annual budget includes \$500 given as a forgiveable loan from the chapter in addition to \$100 contributed to a JCEP forgiveable loan which ESP oversees for the combined organizations.

7. Brief report on Committee Activity in the Chapter:(As appropriate, include the situation, action taken and results.)
- Professional Development: Annual meeting was held in conjunction with extension conference this year so there was not sufficient time for additional professional development activities. The funds budgeted for 2007 were rolled into the 2008 budget to increase what can be done in 2008.
 - Member Services: Dues were increased to reflect the increase in national. A recruitment reception was planned to be held at fall in-service, but it had to be cancelled due to low enrollment.
 - Global Relations: This committee received a national diversity award as a result of the internationalizing extension program they developed and delivered. Contributed article to fall ESP newsletter encouraging members to visit the national ESP website.
 - Member Recruitment/Retention: An active campaign of personal contacts was launched to recruit new members and retain current members. We plan to offer a social activity at spring in-service to introduce potential new members to the benefits of membership.
 - Resource Development: \$349 was raised for the National Endowment through the annual auction.
 - Public Issues:
8. Describe chapter intergenerational efforts. Bring samples to share as appropriate. We were not certain what was meant here. We do regularly update our web-site and have gone from a paper to electronic newsletter. The Emerging Leadership presentation - "Five Things You Need to Know About Distance Learning" was hosted by our chapter.
9. Describe chapter efforts to recruit new members and promote the benefits of ESP to all Extension professionals within your state? Please list. An officer attends the luncheon during new member orientation to talk about ESP and the benefits of membership. A reception is planned during the upcoming state-wide in-service to promote awareness of ESP and recruit potential new members.

Note: When submitting electronic copy to the National ESP Office, please attach a copy of the New Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs forms to the submission. The forms can be found at: <http://www.espnational.org/Forms/index.htm>.