



Epsilon Sigma Phi

A SLICE OF PI

FALL 2007

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PI CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings

Minnesotans have faced many challenges this summer – severe drought in areas, too much rain in others, extreme flooding in the Southeast, and the terrifying I-35 bridge collapse. I know many Extension and ESP folks have been touched by these events, both personally and professionally. Thank you to all who assisted in any way, and know your colleagues are thinking of those impacted.

Here are some ESP activities I'd like to emphasize in this issue:

Annual Meeting: The current ESP year will conclude with our annual meeting, held in conjunction with Extension's Fall Conference, on Monday, October 8, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Your ESP Board will have compiled the annual report, including officer and committee reports, financial documents, and other summary information. We will also elect a new slate of officers and announce committee chairs for the coming year.

Membership: As we prepare for the annual meeting and the new ESP year, it is time to look at ways to grow our membership. Last year, we approved a new category – ASSOCIATE MEMBER, open to all county, regional, and state Extension program and administrative professionals who have served less than 3 years. This expands our potential membership to a greater variety of positions and to newer professionals, and also makes them eligible to apply for professional development scholarships from the MEWS fund. So, invite your colleagues, co-workers, team members, and more to become a part of ESP.

By-Law Revisions: Our organization continues to update documents, so once

again there are revisions needed in our by-laws. Please review the recommended by-law changes printed in this newsletter, to be prepared for the vote at annual meeting.

National ESP Conference/Meeting: Your President-Elect, Kay Stanek, and I attended the national meeting in Charleston, SC, Sept. 11-14. We will share our experience at annual meeting, including the "ESP Achievement in Chapter Membership" award given to Pi Chapter this year. This award really recognizes all of you who encouraged and recruited new members this past year – pat yourselves on the back!

Retiree Directory and Electronic Newsletter: Gwen Gmeinder has done a great job of collaborating with the Dean's office on communication with our retiree's. The new directory has been distributed, and the Dean's newsletter, *Extension Update*, is being distributed electronically three times a year.

Pi Chapter Policies and Procedures: Your board devoted many hours to updating and expanding this document to make it a more comprehensive guide for chapter leadership. They will be given to officers and committee chairs at the annual meeting, with additional copies available to interested members – or contact me if you'd like to receive an electronic copy.

There are many pertinent articles included in this newsletter, so please read it carefully. I look forward to seeing everyone at the October 8th annual meeting.

Sincerely,

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Save Your Money!

By: Colleen Gengler

Great items for you or for gifts will be available at this year's Epsilon Sigma Phi Silent Auction. The event will be held on the first day of the Fall Program Conference, Monday, October 8. Items will be accepted that morning during registration at the Earle Browne Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center. The Auction will close at 6:30 p.m. just before the MAEE/ESP Banquet that evening.

All funds will go the Minnesota Extension Worker's Scholarship (MEWS) fund. Scholarships are provided to any Extension employee who has an Extension appointment and wishes to pursue professional development. Applicants need to be regular or associate members of ESP Pi Chapter. There are also scholarships for professional development available to Extension retirees who are life ESP Pi Chapter members.

Plan to support colleagues and the Auction by donating and/or bidding. Contact Colleen Gengler, cgengler@umn.edu or (507) 372-3907, to donate items or for more information. Retirees, your donations have been so appreciated. Please get in touch with Colleen if you are not attending ESP functions that day and do not have a way to get your item there. She will try to connect you with a current staff member who can help.

Global Relations

By: Larry Zilliox

Every day the world seems to get smaller and international activities seem to come closer to our community. The challenge is to tune into what is happening and when an international opportunity is available to take part and learn more about our world.

Two events in my life recently brought the point home. A weekend guest at my Bed and Breakfast was a physician from the Fargo area. In talking with the couple over a second cup of coffee I learned that they were originally from Columbia, South America. His mother still lives there but all of the children have left. A sister was living in Atlanta, Georgia, an older brother was living in Scotland and a younger brother was going to a university in Germany. Talk about a global family.

My second encounter was with a German couple who I met at the State Fair. I had met them in Germany a few years ago through some friends. Over some great fair food we reminisced about things in Germany and their experience in traveling across America. In our conversation she mentioned she had checked out my web site for the B&B. What a small world it really is.

We don't have to travel to be involved internationally anymore. Many of our small communities have seen an influx of people from other countries. All we need to do is be inquisitive and friendly and opportunities to interact will be available. Of course traveling is always more exciting if you are open to try new adventures.



Extension Retiree Newsletter

By: Gwendolyn A. Gmeinder

The second issue of *Extension Update*, the electronic newsletter just for Extension retirees, was distributed in July. Highlights included an introduction of Matt Musel, new development officer in Extension and Dr. Karen Shirer who joined Extension as the new associate dean and capacity area leader for family development.

Other articles featured community vitality capacity area work across the state and a summary of the 2007 legislative session and Extension Day at the Capitol. The third issue will be sent out in November.



Retirees in Memoriam

By: Gwendolyn A. Gmeinder

We remember the retirees who have passed away in the past four months:

Earl Fuller, Emeritus Professor and Extension Economist passed away unexpectedly on August 14. A memorial service is being planned in the Twin Cities at the end of September.

Wilma Gary, an Extension Educator for Ramsey County 4-H from 1972–1990, died on June 28, in Dallas at age 84. As a teacher and quilter, Wilma wove tales of African-American history for students of all ages. Her quilts have been exhibited at the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota's Goldstein Gallery in St. Paul.

Wayne J. Hansen, age 60 of rural Gilfillan, passed away unexpectedly on August 3. Wayne worked for 20 years for the University of Minnesota as the Redwood County Extension Agent. He was currently working as a Project Specialist with the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute based in Marshall.

Gerald McKay, age 98, died in St. Paul, August 20. His 80-year association with the University of Minnesota began when he was a student in the old School of Agriculture in 1931. From 1945-1974 he was a professor in audiovisuals communications with the former Institute of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics.

Myrna Shearer, 69, of Chetek, Wisconsin, passed away on July 15, 2007. Myrna received her master's degree in home economics from the University of Minnesota. She had a long, distinguished career as a 4-H agent and home economist for Extension in Chisago County, 1959–1988.

ESP SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2008:

By: Janet Beyer

ESP Phi Chapter slate of officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, October 8:

President-Elect: Neil Broadwater

Secretary: Chuck Schwartau

Director: Toni Smith

Treasurer (appointed by the board): Sheila Craig with Jerry Tesmer (in training to take over Treasurer's duties in 2009)

Director: Sue Fisher will continue for second year of term.

Proposed By-Law Changes

By: Janet Beyer

Please review the following proposed By-Law changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the association shall be Pi Chapter – Epsilon Sigma Phi, the University of Minnesota Extension Chapter of the

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

..... and through University of Minnesota Extension.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Qualifications: Full Annual Membership in this organization

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2 – Directors: : *(sentence added at end of the section:)* One director represents annual membership and one director represents life membership.

Section 3 – Committee Chairs: The chair of each standing, internal and special committee shall

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES

Section 7 – Committee Chairs: The chair of each committee

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

Section 2 – Standing Committees:

g. Global Relations: This committee provides awareness and access to international work, service, and travel opportunities.

(Pi Chapter membership voted to delete this committee at the 2005 annual meeting; however, with the national initiative to emphasize international Extension work, the board recommends re-instating this committee.)

i. Fundraising: This committee shall raise funds according to the direction and intention of the Executive Committee for these purposes: to add to the Minnesota Extension Workers Scholarship Fund; to support the mission, vision and operations of Pi Chapter; and any other purpose which contributes to the professional development and work of ESP, Pi Chapter members.

(The board recommends making this committee one of the Standing Committees, rather than a Special Committee, due to its annual responsibilities and activities.)

ESP Members, Life Members and Prospective Members Invited to Annual Conference
Monday, October 8, 2007
Earle Brown Heritage Center,
6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

This year's annual meeting is scheduled around the statewide Extension Fall Program Conference at the Earle Brown Heritage Center at Brooklyn Park. The ESP annual meeting will be held prior to the opening conference lunch and general session. We invite our ESP retirees and life members to join in the Extension general session on **Public Engagement** with presentations by Bev Durgan, Dean and Director; C. Peter Magrath, former president of the University of Minnesota; and Robert Jones, Vice President and Executive Provost of the University.

Monday, October 8

10:30 a.m.	ESP Annual Meeting (members are invited to participate in the day's program) ESP silent auction will be set up and on display through the morning and afternoon until the banquet.	
11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Registration & Buffet Lunch		
1:00 p.m.	General Session Welcome	Diana Martenson , Conference Chair
1:10	Opening Remarks	Bev Durgan , Dean & Director
1:30	Key Elements to Successful Public Engagement	C. Peter Magrath , former president of the Nat'l Assoc of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and former president of the University of Minnesota
2:00	Public Engagement at the University of Minnesota	Robert J. Jones , Vice President & Executive Vice Provost
2:30	Break	
3:00	Dean's Panel Allen Levine—CFANS Thomas Fischer—College of Design Darlyne Bailey—College of Education & Human Development Mary Nichols—College of Continuing Education J. Brian Atwood—Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs	Jeanne Markell , Assoc. Director and Facilitator
	Question: How do you frame public engagement within your college and how does Extension fit into that framework?	
4:15	Response to discussion and invitation to poster session — Dean Durgan	
4:45	Poster Session with appetizers and refreshments	
6:30	MAEE/ESP Banquet Awards Banquet	

Registration steps:

MAEE and ESP members review the **MAEE/ESP schedule and workshop details sent from MAEE.**

ESP Retirees and ESP only members (non-MAEE members): send the conference registration form on next page to Tim Arlt, MAEE Treasurer, Albert Lea Regional Center, 2360 Crossroads Blvd, Albert Lea, MN 56007-4001. Registration is due by September 26th so we can get an accurate meal count.

All ESP members before Wednesday, September 26th, 2007, mail **Form III (or ESP Membership Renewal form) and check made payable to ESP** to: Kia Harries, Worthington Regional Center 1567 McMillan, Worthington MN 56187

We are excited about the opportunity for our professional associations to gather together for networking, planning, and learning. These are YOUR professional associations. If you have questions regarding the conference, please call Holli Arp at 507-372-3905.

ESP Conference Registration for Retirees and ESP only members
(If you are a member of MAEE please register through the MAEE registration materials.)
Due Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Pick ONE of the options below	Cost	Amount
ESP Retirees only —Lunch* -	\$20.00	\$ _____
ESP Retirees only —Lunch* & Awards Banquet	\$52.00	\$ _____
ESP Retirees and ESP only members —Awards Banquet only	\$32.00	\$ _____

* Current staff who are ESP only members (Not also MAEE)—lunch is included in your conference registration fee.

The appetizers and refreshments served during the poster session are provided compliments of Extension and Dean Durgan at no charge to our retirees.

Send form & check payable to MAEE by September 26 to:

Tim Arlt, MAEE Treasurer

U of MN Extension Regional Center, Albert Lea
 2360 Crossroads Blvd, Albert Lea, MN 56007-4001

For MAEE membership complete Form II—available from MAEE.



Epsilon Sigma Phi –Form III
National Honorary Extension Fraternity
Pi Chapter – University of Minnesota Extension Service
2007-08 Membership – Due September 26, 2007

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Office Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Office Phone#: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Dues & Contributions:	Cost	Amount
Association Membership (open to all county, regional, and state Extension program and administrative professionals who have served less than 3 years.)	\$ 30.00	_____
Yearly Membership	\$ 70.00	_____
Initiation Fee – New Member Only	\$ 7.00	_____
National Life Membership-Retirees only- one time payment	\$175.00	_____
Life Member Pi Chapter Annual Voluntary Contribution	\$250.00	_____
Donation to MN Extension Workers Scholarship (MEWS) Fund	\$	_____
	Total Due	\$_____

Send form & check payable to Epsilon Sigma Pi Chapter by September 20 to:

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Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt.

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Attention ESP Members:

Help save Epsilon Sigma Phi money! If you receive this newsletter via postal mail, but have an email account, please let us know! We can email you the newsletter and save printing and postage costs. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Send a message to Melissa Instenes—mminsten@umn.edu—with your email address. Also, if your address has changed or changes in the future please let us know. Thanks!

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