Hello ESP Members,

I am excited to serve as your new President in 2010/2011. Your board of directors have been working hard looking at strategies to grow the organization and increase participation on committees.

We welcome your support in this effort by encouraging you to join a committee and/or share your ideas with ESP board members in your office. If you are a retiree & are part of a group of retirees that get together you may wish to invite a board member to your future meeting to gain more perspective on what you want and need from ESP. We are in the midst of exploring alternatives and you will hear more this in the future.

Visit the ESP website for a list of officers and further details on the work of the board. [http://www.extension.umn.edu/esp](http://www.extension.umn.edu/esp)

All of us.........ESP current employees and life members are continually seeking ways to increase our knowledge. It is just part of who we are as Extension staff.

Consider applying for one of three scholarship opportunities that could help you as an ESP member with the cost of educational workshops. We highly encourage you to look at these websites for additional financial support.

1. **Are you considering a public policy course?**
   - Apply for the McKinney Scholarship (due February 1).
   - Information can be found at the chapter’s web site Scholarship page and scroll down to “National ESP.”

2. **Do you want to increase your staff development financial support?**
   - Apply for the Dick Angus scholarship (due March 1).
   - Information can be found at the chapter’s web site Scholarship page and scroll down to “National ESP.”

3. **Last but not least.........don't forget the Minnesota MEWS Scholarship**
   - You will find the application on the chapter’s web site Scholarship page [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/mnextweb/esp/scholarships.html](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/mnextweb/esp/scholarships.html)

Please call or e-mail me with your ideas and concerns about ESP. I would love to receive your input!

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