



## Chapter News, March 2018



### *President's Message*

As the president of our chapter, I have learned a lot about Epsilon Sigma Phi on both the national level and state levels. Being a good leader is learning about the organization, not just reciting a mission statement.

We have two new members and I would like to welcome them to this organization. They will be formally inducted on March 26.

Why did they join? I am sure the answers will vary. The bigger question is, why are not all Extension and Outreach professionals involved in ESP? Information is provided at new employee orientation and we have offered a free associate membership for new employees. Do we need to do a better job as members to invite all staff (county staff, field staff, campus staff, administration) to learn about this organization? Do we need an organizational guide, as recently suggested to me, to help people understand that it is not just another meeting? There are scholarship opportunities and professional development opportunities available to members and the chapter. Learning about those, hopefully, will help me to become a better leader for our chapter. Alpha Mu chapter has been a continuous chapter, while in some states around us ESP has disbanded.

We need to continue the proud Epsilon Sigma Phi tradition at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. I welcome any comments and suggestions; we need to grow our membership.

Sincerely,

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## Alpha Mu Chapter

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The  
Cooperative  
Extension  
System's  
Professional  
Organization

*You are invited!*

*Please join us to experience the value  
an ESP membership can bring you*



**Alpha Mu  
Chapter**

**Chapter Meeting**

**Monday, March 26  
4:45 to 5:30 PM**

Benton Auditorium,  
Scheman Building



### Member News

Welcome New Members! Alpha Mu Chapter will be initiating two new members on March 26: Malisa Rader and Jeff Jackson

Also welcome to our new Life Member: Mark Hanna

Remember to wear your ESP lapel pin at Annual Extension Conference and other professional meetings. Don't have a pin? We will provide free ESP gold stickers to wear on your lapel – just stop by the ESP display to get one. We also can set you up with a new pin for \$7. Order now by sending Andrea an email and we can handle payment and hand delivery of your pin at Annual Conference (payable to: ESP Alpha Mu Chapter).

Lapel pins not only show your membership, but also provide a great way to invite others to join ESP when your pin or sticker become a conversation starter!

*Submitted by Andrea Nelson, [nelsonar@iastate.edu](mailto:nelsonar@iastate.edu)  
Membership Committee Chair*

### Financial Update

As of 1/31/2018, our balances are:

Savings Account - \$3000.00

Checking Account - \$5171.30

Total Balance \$8171.30

The large increase in the checking account balance since the beginning of the fiscal year results from the one time distribution from ISUCEP, which closed their accounts in December.

We received \$4,347 in November and \$40.62 in January as part of the ISUCEP pro-rated distribution by the number of members in each association. Each member was pro-rated at \$69 and ESP had 63 members at the time of distribution.

Given the large amount in the checking I would probably entertain a motion to move a portion to the Savings account.

*Submitted by Mary Weinand, Treasurer  
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## ESP Awards to be Presented March 26th

Since 1928, the Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Mu Chapter has been an honor society representing Iowa State University Extension and Outreach professionals. One of the organization's goals is to encourage excellence through recognition of Extension professionals for their meritorious service.

Please join us at the Scheman Building in Ames on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 p.m. as we present ESP awards for excellence.

**Friends of Extension.** The following individuals and organizations will be honored as **Friends of Extension** for their outstanding support and personal involvement in Extension efforts:

- Farm Credit Services of America, Business/Organization
- April Hemmes, Extension Volunteer/Lay Leader
- Bill Northey, Elected Official

**Individual Awards.** The following ESP members will be recognized for their professional accomplishments:

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| • Early Career Service                      | Rachel Wall              |
| • Mid-Career Service                        | Barbara Fuller           |
| • Distinguished Service                     | Sandra McKinnon          |
| • Distinguished Service<br>Ruby Recognition | Dr. Wendy<br>Wintersteen |

Submitted by Jerry Chizek, Awards Chair, [jwchizek@iastate.edu](mailto:jwchizek@iastate.edu)



## Professional Development Opportunities

The mission of Epsilon Sigma Phi is to foster standards of excellence in the Extension System and to develop the Extension profession and professional. As members of the Professional Development Committee we seek ways to fulfill that mission. Meet our team:

- Kim Brantner is a Family Life Human Sciences Specialist for Region 17 and 18
- Alison Boelman is a Program Coordinator with Extension Professional Development on Campus
- Jeff Jackson is the Executive Director for Dallas County Extension and is serving as Chair.

The local chapter's ESP Professional Development Committee works to meet the professional development needs of its members. They are supported by the National Epsilon Sigma Phi organization. The Professional Development Committee has an abundance of resources as we work in concert with our local chapter, other chapters across this country and our national organization. We plan to partner with the statewide Professional Development Unit to avoid duplicating efforts and utilize resources efficiently.

As we seek ways to support the efforts and successes of the ISUEO Professional Development Unit, let us highlight upcoming Conferences that can be very helpful:

- The **2018 PILD Conference** is being held- April 8-11, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA. The title is "Cultivating a Climate of Civil Dialogue." An optional post-conference workshop called "Civil Dialogue in the Public Arena" is offered April 11-12.
- The Annual **ESP National Conference** will occur October 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Manhattan, KS.

Lastly we want to share that several ESP events have been promoted graciously by our own ISU Extension and Outreach Professional Development Unit on Campus and by the Interim VPEO. We thank them for helping us keep the mission. Stay tuned as we begin to partner and work to bring more opportunities forth. As always feel free to reach out to any of us on the Committee if there is a topic of development you would like us to pursue.

Submitted by the Professional Development Committee, Jeff Jackson, Chair, [jsjack@iastate.edu](mailto:jsjack@iastate.edu)