



Chapter News, September 2016



President's Message

ESP = Opportunity

We are members of an organization that recognizes excellence, provides professional development, and fosters productive relationships. I am honored to serve in a leadership position that gives me opportunities to:

- Grow as an individual and as a professional
- Honor ideas and hesitations
- Inspire leadership in others
- Form new friendships and value colleagues even more
- Give back
- Smooth out the bumps in the road
- Encourage active involvement
- Spur enthusiasm for the greater good
- Be responsible, and share the tasks
- Better the future

As a member, ask yourself what do you want our chapter to look like tomorrow? What opportunities will you participate in?

I look forward to speaking with you at the Oct. 4 Professional Development Day in Ames. Epsilon Sigma Phi is pleased to have been able to provide significant input, along with ISUCEP as a whole, to ISUEO's Professional Development Unit as they organized this event. Watch for details soon. The conference will be your opportunity to:

- Explore new leadership avenues
- Expand your knowledge
- Attend Alpha Mu's annual meeting
- Strengthen the chapter

**"What you do today can improve
all your tomorrows."**

- Ralph Marston, author of the Daily Motivator

Yours in education,

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2015-2016
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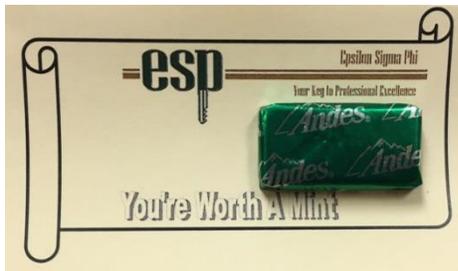
Web Links:

www.espnational.org

www.extension.iastate.edu/esp

Just A Quarter

Have you forgotten how much you are worth? WE have not! You're Worth A Mint! Every single member of our Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Mu chapter is a part of the larger body of knowledge that we leverage every single day as members of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.



Our strength as a chapter reflects the value we place on one another and our determination to hold one another accountable to high standards and excellence! Our professional development creed reminds us: We believe that Education is a lifelong process!

In order for us to continue to meet our obligation as outlined in the Extension Professional's Creed, we are asking you to join us as we increase financial investment in one another through our "Just A Quarter Campaign". As a result of your financial investment, you are creating scholarship opportunities for chapter members; you are creating professional development opportunities for our chapter; you are committing to increasing our presence as a pace-setting chapter nationally!

So how can you contribute? Instead of your Resource Development Committee holding an event or creating a fundraiser, we are simply asking each member for a donation back to Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Mu chapter, which could be used to support our on-going professional development. Would you consider an investment / donation of \$25; \$50 or \$100? We want to invest our energy and time in the work we do in Extension and Outreach, and limit the time spent on organizing a fundraiser, so please consider making a donation! We welcome your investment / donation on October 4 at our ESP meeting or checks may be made payable to ESP and mailed to our Treasurer, Craig Hertel, c/o Dallas County Extension. We will continue to have information available on October 4!

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Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Membership is Going Online!

National ESP has invested in a new, online membership database hosted by Wild Apricot. The system will allow members to create their own logins and pay memberships online via credit card.

Note: ESP renewal and dues will no

longer be handled through ISUCEP. Credit card payment is preferred, but payment by check made to "Epsilon Sigma Phi" will still be accepted.



Advantages include more member control over seeing their membership status and choice in payment options. Chapters will benefit from the ability to run membership reports.

As we transition over to the new system, we encourage members to still plan to pay for annual dues beginning at our October annual meeting. At the annual meeting we'll be able to provide you an introduction to logging into the new system. If you have a computer or tablet with you, we may find time during the day to assist you with the on-line process. Written instructions will also be provided via email.

We encourage all membership payments to be completed by December 31.

Submitted by Andrea Nelson, Membership Committee Chair, nelsonar@iastate.edu

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Awards Update

As the new program year begins, now is a perfect time to start planning awards nominations, which will be due by February 1. Perhaps there is an award that fits your work! In addition, consider the people you work with; it is often easier to identify someone *else* who deserves to be recognized. Your co-workers will be grateful to you for encouraging them - and even assisting them! - to apply for an award. To learn about available awards, select Member Benefits, *or* to get a head start on the awards nomination process, select Forms at <http://espnational.org/>

Submitted by Barb Fuller, Awards Committee Chair,
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International Outreach News

Kelvin Leibold, Farm Management Field Specialist travelled to China to work with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences to work on three different farming areas, namely, cost of production in cropping systems, Agricultural Mechanization, and land ownership. Kelvin worked with the academy and different farm focus groups on titles to property, corn & wheat cropping systems, and grain handling & holding including the Chinese grain holding infrastructure. Kelvin also travelled to Thailand to attend the Annual Conference on Cost of Production in 30 countries including Brazil, China, Russia. Different crops was discussed including Cassava and uses for cassava specifically it use as a source for Non-GMO starch. Conference included visits to a Cassava processing plant and a starch processing plant.

Submitted by Kapil Arora, Global Relations Committee Chair, pbtiger@iastate.edu

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Professional Development News

Kudos to David Brown, Sandra McKinnon, and Vera Stokes for taking advantage of a top-notch professional development opportunity by attending the **National ESP Conference** in Cape May, New Jersey in late October. If you would like to learn more, talk to one of these individuals or check out the conference at the National ESP website: <https://espnational.org/en/>. Registrations are accepted until September 24.

If you are planning to attend PILD, the national Public Issues Leadership Development conference sponsored each spring by the Joint Council of Extension Professionals, consider applying for a scholarship through Epsilon Sigma Phi. One \$600 scholarship is available per region to an ESP member attending the PILD Conference for the first time. The application deadline is December 1.

For information about other professional development scholarships available through ESP, go to the national website and select Membership Benefits; to apply select Forms.

Take control of your own development as a professional by planning your course. In addition to ESP and other outside organizations, be sure to stay in touch with internal opportunities at the ISU Extension and Outreach Professional Development Website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/professionaldevelopment/

Submitted by Rich Wrage, Professional Development Committee Chair, rwrage@iastate.edu

Webinar on International Programs

"Creating International Extension Programs," a collaborative effort of the ESP Global Relations Committee and the ESP Professional Development Committee is being presented on **Monday, September 19, 2016 at 12:30pm Eastern Time**.

Topics include funding, logistics and legal issues, cultural preparation, and much more. Full details are available at <https://learn.extension.org/events/>

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Mark your calendar!

Iowa Alpha Mu Chapter Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

ISU Memorial Union, Ames, IA

Welcome	Sandra McKinnon, Chapter President
Financial Business	
Report	Craig Hertel, Chapter Treasurer
Resource Development/Management	Terry Torneten, Committee Chair
Audit Report	
Approval of FY18 Budget	Craig Hertel
Fundraising Campaign	Terry Torneten
Committee Reports and Action	
Scholarships, Grants, & Recognition	Barbara Fuller, Chair
Public Issues	Alan Ladd, Chair
Global Relations	Kapil Arora, Chair
Professional Development	Rich Wrage, Chair
Membership Recruitment & Retention and Necrology	Andrea Nelson, Chair
Associate member welcome	
New Member Initiation	
Online membership system	
Nomination	Virgil Schmitt, Chair
Election of New Officers	
Chapter President Report	Sandra McKinnon
and handing over of the gavel	
2017 Chapter President Remarks	David Brown

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