



## Alpha Mu Chapter

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## Chapter News, December 2015



### President's Message

The fall Alpha Mu chapter meeting was held on November 19 in Ames after the ISUCEP professional development day. After attending our national conference, and as I was handed the gavel from Andrea Nelson, I knew what an honor it is to serve our chapter.

Together we will continue to revitalize interest in and value of our chapter. We are using the **Chapter of Merit** guidelines as a roadmap to a being recognized as a quality chapter. **What can you do?** For more information, visit the Epsilon Sigma Phi Handbook (pages 117-119), found at [http://espnational.org/files/Handbook/2015\\_Handbook.pdf](http://espnational.org/files/Handbook/2015_Handbook.pdf).

I know I can count on you to be an active member. We have slots open on committees, for example. Contact me to sign up today! Currently we are looking for members to serve on:

- public issues,
- global relations,
- nomination,
- membership, and
- scholarships, grants and recognition (AKA awards)

We will explore securing a \$1000 professional development grant from national. Let me know your ideas about an interdisciplinary effort you'd like to see happen for the betterment of all. Speaker? Webinar? Training? Perhaps we can share webinars within our ranks. Our members have lots to share, both within and outside of our subject matter specializations.

We will continue increasing awareness and visibility. Invite colleagues to join. Who do you know? Sometimes people just need to be invited. Andrea Nelson will work on the website; we will explore being part of new staff orientation; and we have a new table top vertical display for events. Our biggest challenge this year is to get the chapter back into the black. Our expenses are reasonable and few. Increasing membership and generating funds will be imperative. If you have ideas in these areas, please contact me.

Please HOLD March 8 (afternoon) for an ESP event. Specific details will be available soon!

*Yours in education,*

*Sandra McKinnon, M.S.,*

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## Professional Development Committee News

Promoting professional development is central to the mission of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Even if you were unable to attend the 2015 national conference, you can learn from the presentations given there!

Conference keynote presentations were recorded and can be viewed on YouTube; many other presenters have provided links to handouts or slides.

All are available

at [www.espnational.org/en/resources/conference-presentations](http://www.espnational.org/en/resources/conference-presentations)

Numerous upcoming conferences are also listed on the National ESP webpage [www.espnational.org/](http://www.espnational.org/), including the **2016 ESP National Conference** which will be held **October 23 -27, 2016** at Cape May, New Jersey.

And of course we urge you to regularly take advantage of local learning opportunities by checking the ISUEO Professional Development webpage regularly (*Note: this works better in Fire Fox*) -

[www.extension.iastate.edu/professionaldevelopment/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/professionaldevelopment/)

-Submitted by Rich Wrage, Chair, [rwrage@iastate.edu](mailto:rwrage@iastate.edu)



## Season's Greetings!

from the **Resource Development & Management Committee**

Our committee fulfills the following duties (from national handbook, p. 111-112):

- Develops budget, using past income and expenditures as a guide
- Confers with officers and committees who can identify sources of income and project probable expenses in the year ahead
- Presents budget recommendation to the board and chapter members
- Makes annual audit of previous year's financial records and attests to the accuracy and completeness of the treasurer's report at the end of the chapter's fiscal year (Sept. 30)
- Makes recommendations for changes in procedures for better efficiency and accountability in the future
- Develops methods to generate funds for special needs and projects
- Contributes to the chapter newsletter

Our Treasurer, Craig Hertel, will be of great help as we work on the above. We need others on the committee, and will welcome other interested members to our RDM committee anytime.

Raising cash and future cash for the chapter this year will be very important. We are working at a deficit and need to pull us back into the black. Extra funds would help us grow as a chapter and bring more value to the members. Your support of the RDM committee will be integral to our fiscal success. Stay tuned for future RDM updates!

-Submitted by Terry Torneten, Chair, [ttorn@iastate.edu](mailto:ttorn@iastate.edu)

## Epsilon Sigma Phi Awards

Now is the time to nominate your colleagues (or yourself) for ESP awards. The Awards Committee is here to help!

Applications are found online at [www.espnational.org/en/](http://www.espnational.org/en/) look for applications/reports across the top, then drop down to recognition/awards, and find the applicable application. At the end add my name and email as the recognition chapter contact. I will get a copy by email.

Applicants must be members of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Mu chapter. From the applications received we will choose a state winner in each category including Friends of Extension.

Our state winners need to be selected by March 1. State nominations are due by **February 1**. This will allow the committee to review and submit our state winner for Regional consideration.

Submitted by Barb Fuller, Chair [bfuller@iastate.edu](mailto:bfuller@iastate.edu)

### Who will you nominate for one of these awards?

- **Early Career Service Recognition** (10 yrs or less)
- **Mid Career Service Recognition** (10 to 20 years)
- **Distinguished Service Recognition** (20-plus years)
- **Continued Excellence Recognition** (after DSA)
- **International Service Recognition**
- **Administrative Leadership Recognition** (10+ yrs)
- **Visionary Leadership Recognition**
- **Diversity Multicultural Recognition – Individual**
- **Diversity Multicultural Recognition – Team**  
(at least 50% of team are ESP members)
- **Distinguished Team Recognition**
- **Friend of Extension Recognition**
- **Distinguished Service Ruby Recognition**