

# Epsilon Sigma Phi

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*Calendar of Events*

*2009 ESP National Conference  
 Fargo, ND  
 September 13-16*

*2009 K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference  
 Manhattan, KS  
 October 20-22*

*2010 ESP National Conference  
 Jackson Hole, WY  
 October 12-15*



## From the President, Margaret Phillips



Preparations for K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference in October are well on their way. There are several changes in the schedule, which also mean there are some new ways for doing ESP business.

When you register for annual conference notice:

- Retirees will be invited to attend the KSRE Awards Luncheon on Tuesday.
- Silent Auction - Tuesday during the reception
- Awards, tenure recognition and new member initiation - Tuesday evening
- Business meeting - Wednesday lunch

(including election and installation of officers)

- New Board meeting - Thursday breakfast

Committees are working to complete their tasks to wrap up the years work and look toward plans for the coming year. Thanks to the committee chairs for their dedication to the important work they and committee members have been doing this year.

Members, as this newsletter goes to print, it is my wish that each of you have nominated your colleagues to be recognized by ESP for their accomplishments as an extension professional. This is one of the valuable benefits of membership in a professional organization.

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## Annual Conference Changes for ESP Retirees

By Steve Fisher

At the 2008 Annual Conference Retiree lunch, a survey and discussion by those attending indicated that a better way to encourage more retirees to attend

would be to keep costs down and try to hold the lunch and Banquet on the same day. Thanks to Director Fred Cholick and the Conference planning committee, they were

able to do just that, even with Annual Conference one day shorter. Our sincere thanks go to them.

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*Congratulations to Denise Dias who received ESP financial support to participate in the second Kansas to Kenya program.*

## Global Relations

By Donna Martinson

Anyone who has even the most casual interest in global relations opportunities should check out the ESP Global Relations website at [www.espnational.org/GoGlobal/index.htm](http://www.espnational.org/GoGlobal/index.htm). The website lists extension resources and curriculums, international opportunities, international travel information, the National Diversity Center,

and the National initiative to internationalize extension.

You can find links to the I.F.Y.E. program, U.S AID, Land 'O Lakes International Development, Agricultural Communicators in Education Ukraine Partnership, Association of International Consultants, Winrock International, Association for

International Agricultural & Extension Education, Idealist, and more.

The ESP board supports members who want to participate in international opportunities. Travel-grants and other financial support have been provided to ESP members. Check application criteria and deadlines to apply.

## Annual Conference, cont.

How is this going to happen? Instead of having a separate Retiree lunch with an additional fee, we are now invited to the KSRE Awards Luncheon with all the rest of our Research and Extension colleagues and the Director graciously pays for our meal! It has been moved to the opening day, which will be Tuesday, October 20, in the Main Ball Room of the K-State Union, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Following the Award lunch, we will have a room reserved for retirees to re-connect and visit. (Check the Annual Conference program for room location.)

Beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the K-State Union, the Poster session, reception and hors d'oeuvres will be

offered, again courtesy of the Director at no cost to us, and this will give us a chance to touch base with current faculty and visit in a more informal atmosphere. The ESP Endowment silent auction will also be going on during this time. The poster session and reception ends at 6:30.

At 6:45, in the K & S rooms of the Union, we will then hold our annual Alpha Rho Chapter Recognition event. This will not be a formal banquet as it has in the past, but all the usual recognition will be included. Again the cost will be minimal compared to the past few years.

So, unless you want to attend the ESP business

meeting the following noon on Wednesday, you can come in on Tuesday, get to the Union by 11 a.m. to get registered, and never have to leave the building and have a great day and evening of connecting with our colleagues, retired and current, and do all this for just a few dollars!

I will be sending a letter to all of our life members, and we're investigating a way to inform other non-ESP members, to explain further details and encourage you all to come to Manhattan on October 20 for a great reunion with our Research and Extension family. If you have questions, contact me by email at [sfisher@ksu.edu](mailto:sfisher@ksu.edu).

*"Knowledge for Life"*

## 2009-2010 ESP Committee Appointments

By Laurie Chandler

It is time to update committee leadership and membership appointments. Committee chairs will rotate to serve as a committee member one more year. The Committee chair-elect will move into the chair role.

Associate and annual members as well as retirees are eligible for

participation on committees.

Committee appointments are expected to be completed by annual conference. Please inform Laurie Chandler, [Lchandle@ksu.edu](mailto:Lchandle@ksu.edu) on which committee you wish to serve. If you would be willing to serve as chair-elect or chair of a

committee please indicate that as well.

For a more detailed description of the duties for each committee, go to the ESP website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/myzhul>

### *2009-2010 Committees*

- Annual Banquet Awards*
- Budget and Audit*
- Constitution and Bylaws*
- Global Relations*
- Membership*
- Recruitment and Retention*
- Memorial*
- Nomination*
- Professionalism*
- Retiree*
- Tenure Recognition*

## Nominations for 2009-2010 Officers

By Eric Otte

The nominations committee is looking for candidates for positions on the Epsilon Sigma Phi Board and Endowment Board of Trustees. Please contact Eric Otte,

Chair of the nomination committee for the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Historian
- Northwest Director
- Southwest Director
- State Director
- Endowment Trustee retiree position.

Descriptions of officer positions are located on the ESP website:

<http://tinyurl.com/nham7u>

## Win a Free Membership!

By Stacey Warner

The name of one lucky ESP member will be drawn to receive a free year of ESP membership.

To be eligible, pay dues at (or before) the Alpha Rho Chapter business meeting on Wednesday, October

21 at 11:30 am. The location will be announced in the Annual Conference program.

Dues are \$60 for those employed for 5 or more years as of January 1, 2010 or \$20 for those

employed less than 5 years as of January 1, 2010. To pay dues before Annual Conference send a check made payable to Epsilon Sigma Phi to 121 Umberger Hall.



## Annual Members – July 2009

*Want to know what is going on nationally in Epsilon Sigma Phi?*

*Check out the August 2009 issue of ESP Connection newsletter at*

*<http://espnational.org>*

***Reminder to Incoming Committee Chairs***

*The Budget and Audit Committee would like incoming committee chairs to submit budget requests for next year's budget by August 31, 2009. Please send your requests via email to Diane Burnett, [dburnett@ksu.edu](mailto:dburnett@ksu.edu)*

**Northeast Area**

Gina Aurand\*\*  
Virginia Barnard\*\*  
Will Boyer  
Nozella Brown  
Laurie Chandler  
Michael Christian  
Valeria Edwards\*\*  
Dale Fjell  
Sharolyn Flaming-Jackson  
Carl Garten  
Rhonda Gordon\*\*  
Jamie Hancock\*\*  
Glenda Keller  
Ginger Kopfer  
Susan Latta  
Sarah Maass\*\*  
Diane Mack  
Bryan Manny  
Donna Martinson  
Jill Martinson\*\*  
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Michael Vogt  
Jennifer Wilson

**Northwest Area**

Libby Curry  
David Dunn  
Kathryn Lupfer-Nielsen  
Carla Morrical-Frederking  
Anna Muir  
Brian Olson  
Chris Onstad

Nadine Sigle  
Deanna Sweat  
Deryl Waldren  
Tranda Watts  
Sandra Wick  
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Diane Burnett  
Gary Cramer  
Denise Dias  
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Rodney Buchele  
Andrea Burns  
Robin Eubank  
Belinda Oldham  
Mark Ploger  
Ethel Schneweis  
Phil Sloderbeck  
Mary Sullivan  
Dean Whitehill

**State**

James Adams  
Carolyn Andres  
Fadi Aramouni  
Jana Beckman  
Karen Blakeslee  
Carol Blocksome  
Marie Blythe  
Daryl Buchholz  
Fred Cholick  
Raymond Cloyd  
L. Ann Domsch  
Carol Fink  
Gary Gerhard  
Joe Harner  
Kevin Herbel  
Mary Higgins  
Duane Hund  
Douglas Jardine  
Elaine Johannes  
Megan Kennelly\*\*  
Tandalayo Kidd\*\*  
Jack Lindquist  
Pat McNally  
Pat Murphy  
Evelyn Neier  
Emily Nolting  
Charlotte Shoup Olsen  
Paula Peters  
Nancy Peterson  
Margaret Phillips  
Trudy Rice  
Danny Rogers  
Debra Sellers\*\*  
Pam Van Horn  
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Robert Wilson

**KEY TO MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

\*\*Associate Members

Dues Summary:  
Annual Members - 97  
Assoc Members - 21

## Life Members – July 2009

Mariellen J Appleby	Lester E Griffith	David Schafer
E Kirk Baker	C T Hall	John R Schlender
Mary P (Clarke) Barkley	Freda Kayann Heinly	Robert W Schoeff
John H Barnes	Jon G Herod	Mary D Schroeder
Dennis D Bejot	R Jean Hodges	Ensley J Sisk
Flo Biehl	Arless E Honstead	Charles W Smith
William H Borst	Darrel Hosie	Jenell Smith
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Elsie P Branden	Richard L Jepsen	Fred D Sobering
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Glenn M Busset	Gary Kilgore	Catherine Thorsell
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Virgil P Carlson	Jim Lindquist	Doris K Walker
Linda Carr	Lindy Lindquist	Mildred L Walker
Jean Clarkson-Frisbie	Alvin E Maley	Eldon R Weaver
Crystal Coffman	Ray H Mann	Marsha Weaver
Bill D Collins	Emily Mark	Ruth I Wells
Larry R Corah	Marcia McFarland	Leo T Wendling
Jeanice A Cress	Kenneth L McReynolds	Steven A Westfahl
Donald D Dauber	Donald D McWilliams	Herman W Westmeyer
Robert Davis	Clifford L Meireis	Don K Wiles
Fred DeLano	Dixie I Molz	Carol H Young
William M Dickson	Marjory M Mortvedt	
John O Dunbar	W Gale Mullen	<b>National Only Life</b>
Naomi England	Mary Kay Munson	<b>Members</b>
Cecil L Eyestone	Ross M Nelson	D Leo Figurski
Philip B Finley	Dorothy H Neufeld	Mae K Weaver
Steve Fisher	Ocie A Neuschwander	
Eugene N Francis	Bob Newsome	<b>Kansas Only Life</b>
Leslie P Frazier	Sylvester Nyhart	<b>Members</b>
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Kenneth W Fromm	Juanita Johnson Payne	Dorothea Schroeder
Nancy Gafford	EJ Peterson	Zoe Slinkman
Ralph Germann	G. Morgan Powell	Francis M Wolfe
Mary Lou Gibbs	Warren L Prawl	
Evon Goettel	A Lois Redman	101 Life Members
Clarene Goodheart	Wilber E Ringler	2 Natl Only
A Harold Gottsch	Jean Rowland	4 KS Only
		Total 107

### *Mission Statement*

*Epsilon Sigma Phi is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional.*



## Alpha Rho Members on National Committees

By Margaret Phillips

Four Alpha Rho Chapter members will be serving in 2010 on national ESP Committees. Trudy Rice will serve on the Resource

Development and Management Committee, Marie Blythe will serve on the Professional Development Committee,

Doug Jardine will serve on the Member Services Committee and Jim Lindquist will serve on the Public Issues Committee.

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**2009**

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## Endowment Fund Scholarship Winners

By Eric Otte

Two new scholarships were made available for registration to ESP National Conference in September. Trudy Rice, Community Development Specialist is the recipient of the Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship. Nozella Brown, Wyandotte County Agent and Karen Blakeslee, Coordinator of the Rapid Response Center are recipients of the Connie Hoch Leadership Scholarship. This is the first time for both of these scholarships to be awarded.

Jim Lindquist has been an active member of Alpha Rho Chapter Epsilon Sigma Phi since 1979. His passion for professional development led him to endow this scholarship fund to encourage others to seek learning opportunities. This scholarship was established honoring his parents, Lawrence and Gladys, and wife Mary, who are deceased.

Connie Hoch considered the Epsilon Sigma Phi National Conference an outstanding opportunity for professional growth. In the spirit of her enthusiasm for ESP and leadership development, this scholarship was established in her memory in 2008. It is made possible as a result of the many friends, family and colleagues who wanted to honor Connie's passion and her professional career in K-State Research and Extension and commitment to leadership in Alpha Rho Chapter.

## From the President, cont.

ESP National Conference is in Fargo, North Dakota in September. Based on an unofficial estimate, Alpha Rho Chapter will be represented about 15 members and guests.

One of the highlights of the conference will be the Ruby Lecture given by Jim Lindquist who was nominated by our chapter awards committee. Congratulations Jim! In

addition, there will be a "New Agent Professional Development and Mentoring" session presented by Stacey Warner and me.

It's been a year full of learning opportunities as president of Alpha Rho Chapter. It has been my pleasure to serve this organization. I am also

looking forward to next year as past president and chair of the ESP Endowment Board. I would like to thank the officers, council members, committee chair and chair-elect for your dedication and support of ESP.

*Margaret Phillips*

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***"The Extension Professionals' Organization"***