Epsilon Sigma Phi
Alpha Eta Chapter
Ohio State University Extension

2006 Annual Report

The Cooperative Extension Professional’s Organization
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Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Eta Chapter
Annual Meeting Agenda
December 14, 2006

President, Glenn Welling, Presiding

Call to Order.................................................................Glenn Welling

Inspiration and Remembrances........................................Karen Bruns

2005 Annual Meeting Minutes.................................Eileene Welker

Initiation of New Members...........................................Karen Bruns

Treasurer’s Report.........................................................Greg Davis

Committee Reports:
  Global Relations......................................................Steve Baertsche
  Member Services.......................................................Jane Keyser
  Team Teaching Awards
  Tools for Teaching Awards

  Membership Recruitment and Retention......................David Marrison

  Professional Development........................................Greg Homan

  Public Issues...........................................................Jerry Mahan

  Resource Development and Management.....................Jeff McCutcheon

National Meeting Report...........................................Rose Fisher Merkowitz

New Business

Nominating Committee and Election Results...................Treva Williams

President’s Remarks.....................................................Glenn Welling

Installation of Officers and Board of Directors...............Treva Williams

Adjourn
2006 Epsilon Sigma Phi
Alpha Eta Chapter

Officers and Board of Directors

President
Glenn Welling

President-Elect
Rose Fisher Merkowitz

Secretary
Eileen Welker

Treasurer
Greg Davis

Annalist
Karen Bruns

Past President
Treva Williams

Directors:
David Marrison, North
David Crawford, North
Greg Homan, West
Kathy Booher, West
Jane Keyser, East
Bruce Zimmer, East
Jerry Mahan, South
Jeff Fisher, South
Steve Baertsche, State
Bill Grunkemeyer, State
Jeff McCutcheon, At-Large
Vicki Schwartz, At-Large
Rick Grove, Retiree
2006 Epsilon Sigma Phi Committees  
Alpha Eta Chapter

**Global Relations**  
Steve Baertsche, Chair  
??? –Chair-Elect  
Garee Earnest  
Julie Fox  
Chris Igodan  
Jerry Iles  
Sharon Mader

**Membership Recruitment & Retention**  
David Marrison, Chair  
Kathy Booher, Chair-Elect  
Lisa Barlage  
Nicola Eyre  
Nancy Hudson  
Bruce Zimmer

**Member Services**  
Jane Keyser, Chair  
Bruce Zimmer, Chair-Elect  
Deb Angell  
Joseph Campbell  
Nadine Fogt  
James Jordan  
Beverly Kelbaugh  
Sara Kleon  
Sheila Maggard  
Monadine Mattey  
Joy Sharp  
Katherine Shumaker

**Professional Development**  
Greg Homan, Chair  
Vicki Schwartz, Chair-Elect  
Julie Dalzell  
Nikki Nestor McNeely  
Nancy Reckor  
Bruce Zimmer

**Public Issues**  
Jerry Mahan, Chair  
David Crawfor, Chair-Elect  
Laura Jane Murphy  
Gwen Wolford

**Resource Development**  
Jeff McCutcheon, Chair  
Lois Clark
In Memoriam

Each year the Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi Takes time to remember those who have diligently served the Extension program in Ohio and have passed on from this earth. Those we shall remember from the past year include:

Roy Titkemeyer, former, 4-H and ANR Educator, Butler County
Jean Liggett, former, 4-H Program Assistant, Clinton County
Woody Hamilton, Emeritus, ANR Educator, Clermont County
Karl Clemons, Emeritus, Farm Management Specialist, Northwest Ohio
Eliz Brown, Emeritus, FCS Educator, Knox County
Mary Wilson, former 4-H Educator
Berman Ross, Emeritus, ANR Educator, Warren County
Dolores Mellott, FCS Educator, Williams County

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bruns, Annalist
President Treva Williams opened the Epsilon Sigma Phi-Alpha Eta Chapter Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Worthington at 11:05 am.

Treva requested that members read the secretary's report for the 2004 Annual meeting that was in the Annual Report. Chris Olinsky moved to accept the minutes as presented and Glenn Welling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Annalist Karen Bruns read an honorarium in celebration of the lives all those ESP members who passed away in 2005: Charles Maxwell “Max” Perry, John Wells, Delma McCourt, Don Davis, Anita Pulay.

As Annalist, Karen Bruns inducted the new members:
David Apsley, David Civittolo, Susan Colbert, Wayne Dellinger, Morgan Domokos, Cheryl Farley, Theresa Ferrari, Timothy Fine, Julie Fox, Robert Furbee-transfer, Robin Green, Julia Herron, Chris Igodan, Jerry Iles, Cindy Long, Sheila Maggard, Timothy Malinich, Ken Martin-transfer, Pamela Montgomery, Dana Oleskiewicz, Susan Russell, Katherine Shumaker, Minnie Taylor
She also inducted Life Member, David Miller.

Greg Davis presented the treasurer’s report and highlighted key information of interest to the membership. He noted that the large increase in membership put income well over the budgeted amount. Motion made by Glen Welling to accept the treasurer’s report for audit. Seconded by Jeff McCutcheon. Motion passed.

Greg Davis also presented the 2006 proposed budget. Jerry Mahan moved to accept the proposed budget. Seconded by Rose Merkowitz. Motion passed.

Kathy Cox presented the audit report. She stated that the books were in good order and the treasurer did a fine job.

Committee Reports: (All full Committee reports are included in the Annual Report posted on the website.)

The Global Relations report was given by Beth Gaydos, Chair. She pointed out that this was the first year for the committee at our state level. The committee discussed potential direction for this committee.

Member Services: Ann Fremion announced that the complete report for the Member Services Committee would be on the Ohio ESP website. She also reported that the committee is working on National Awards. She led the committee in honoring and distributing the Team Teaching Awards and the Tools for Teaching Awards.
Membership Recruitment and Retention: Susan Crusey, Chair, thanked David Morrison for being the ESP Newsletter Editor and posting it to the web. The committee revised the membership form to elicit information for the database. The committee also revised the Constitution and Bylaws primarily to update terminology and establish dates for organizational business.

Professional Development: Report is in the Annual Report.

Public Issues: Chris Olinsky, Chair reported that a survey of County Directors was conducted to gather information about the effectiveness of the local legislative visit and/or legislative luncheon. Details were shared with Keith Smith. Additional information about the survey results will be shared at the 2006 County Director in-service.

Resource Development and Management: Jeff McCutcheon reported that $572 was raised to increase the principal in the ESP Leadership Fund Endowment.

The National Meeting report was presented by Glenn Welling. He stated that 5 of 18 Concurrent Sessions were from Ohio and we had 5 award winners at the National ESP meeting.

Nominating Committee and Election Results: Garee Earnest reported that the Constitution and Bylaws changes passed and announced the new officers for 2006.

Treva Williams, president, expressed her appreciation for support through changes this past year. She also encourages the membership to sign up for Committees for 2006 and thanked those who served in 2005.

Garee Earnest installed the officers and board of directors for 2006:
   President: Glenn Welling
   President-Elect: Rose Fisher Merkowitiz
   Past President: Treva Williams
   Secretary: Eileen Welker
   Treasurer: Greg Davis
   Annalast: Karen Bruns
   Past President: Treva Williams
   North Rep: David Marrison
   North Rep: David Crawford
   South Rep: Jerry Mahan
   South Rep: Jeff Fisher
   East Rep: Jane Keyser
   East Rep: Bruce Zimmer
   West Rep: Greg Homan
   West Rep: Kathy Booher
   State: Steve Baertsche
   State: Bill Grunkemeyer
At-Large: Jeff McCutcheon  
At-Large: Vicki Schwartz  
Retiree: Rick Grove

Treva Williams, Past President, passed the gavel to new President, Glenn Welling. Glenn commended the 24% increase in membership and expressed appreciation for Treva’s leadership through change.

Meeting Adjourned

Eileene Welker  
Secretary

Date of Approval
New Members Inducted in 2006

**Annual Members**
Marybeth Albright  
Nate Arnett  
Ted Berry  
Alice Black  
Kirk Bloir  
Steve Brady  
Don Breece  
Pat Brinkman  
Troy Cooper  
Jennifer Even  
Connie Goble  
Barbara Hennard  
Stephanie Hines  
Nancy Kukay  
Ruth Anne Musgrave  
Kelly O’Bryant  
Jessica Rockey  
Elizabeth Smith  
Amy Stone  
Carol Trice  
Travis West  
Jo Williams  
Ted Wiseman  
Steve Wu

**Life Member**
Nikki Conklin  
Cheryl Syracuse  
Deanna Tribe  
Dennis Weilnau
## Treasurer’s Report

### ESP FINANCIAL REPORT

**ESP FISCAL YEAR:** OCT 1 - SEPT 30

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## Excellence in Extension

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**Net Gain/(Loss)**

|                                | 1,350 | (2,386) | 310 |

### ESP Checking Account Balance

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### Leadership Fund Endowment Principal

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### Leadership Fund Income & Expenses

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Global Relations ESP Committee

Committee Members:
Steve Baertsche, Chair
Garee Earnest
Julie Fox
Chris Igodan
Jerry Iles
Sharon Mader

OSU Extension Bridges the Gap Between U.S and Mexico--Growing Ohio’s Green Industry and Agriculture through International Collaboration

With Migrant agricultural labor continuing to increase in Ohio and throughout the U.S. especially within the nursery/landscape and food animal industries, the greatest challenge for growers/farm and nursery managers is how to effectively communicate and relate with their new international employees. To better access Extension’s educational opportunities in this newly identified area, eight OSU Extension professionals participated in a 10 day study tour (May,2006) to Central Mexico to experience Mexican agriculture and communities first hand and better understand the issues facing Mexican migration to the United States.

The trip took participants to such central Mexican locations as Mexico City, Texcoco, Tlaxcala, Cholula and other agriculturally based communities. David Hansen, Director of the OSU/CFAES Office of International Programs helped to coordinate the tour with Mexican host Fernando Manzo-Ramos, Extension and Adult Education Specialist Colegio de Postgraduaos. The Coegio is Mexico’s premiere agricultural institution with a main campus just outside Mexico City and five Regional campuses throughout Mexico.

All OSU Extension Tour participants have begun to integrate new ideas and program opportunities into their 2006-07 plans. From translation of pesticide application fact sheets into Spanish and developing programs for Ohio’s Greenhouse and Nursery growers on improved migrant labor orientation and technical training, OSU Extension professionals are thinking more “globally” about our next generation of program opportunities.

Submitted by Steve Baertsche
Member Services Committee

Jane Keyser, Chair
Bruce Zimmer, Chair-Elect
Tools for Teaching, Julie Robinson
Team Teaching, Steve Boyles and Nancy Snook
Special Chapter Awards, Sara Kleon.
Joe Campbell, Diane Johnson, Jeff King, Cindy Oliveri, Marilyn Rabe, Betty Wingerter, Deb Angell, Nadine Fogt, Jim Jordan, Katherine Shumaker, Sharon Strouse, Joy Sharp, and Bev Kelbaugh

In 2006, award applicants had to have membership dues paid by the membership deadline in order that winning applications could be forwarded on to regional and national competitions. Applications were available on the ESP website, and participation in the competitions was promoted by committee members.

The committee spent time this year in reorganizing. A recommendation to the board included moving the Team Teaching and Tools for Teaching contests to the Professional Development Committee. Member Services Committee would then focus on awards that can be forwarded for regional and national recognition or the Special Chapter Awards.

As a result of not recognizing the 2005/2006 Special Chapter Award winners at last year’s recognition banquet, those awards will be presented this year along with the 2006/2007 award winners.

ESP 2006 Regional and National Award Winners
National Friend of Extension Award - Shirley Bowser
National Diversity Team Award - Graham Cochran, Nate Arnett, Connie Gobel, Nikki Eyre

2006 ESP Team Teaching Award Winners

Multi-disciplinary 2-4 team members - 1st Place:
Family Fun Night Out
Nicola S. Eyre
Rose Fisher Merkowitz

Multi-disciplinary 5 or more team members - 1st Place:
Elected and Appointed Officials Institute 2005 and 2006
John Conglose
Cindy Torppa
Steve Ruhl
Luann Freppon-Duncan
Maurus Brown

Multi-disciplinary 5 or more team members - 2nd Place:
Ag Reality
Rebecca Jane Cropper
Nicola Eyre
John Grimes
David Dugan
Brian DeAtley
Luke Rhonemus
Judy Howard
Raylina Lillich
Rick Barricklow
Wilfred Ellis
Kathy Conaway
Wendy Osborne
Arnie Williams
Greg Kinder
Kathy Jelley
Rhonda Fannin
Beverley Holsted
Rebekah Drury
Sherrill Cropper
Frankie Scott
Jeff Havenor
Logan Edenfield
Fred Scott
Danille Thompson
Barb Graves
Doug Green
Gary Carrington

**Multi-disciplinary 5 or more team members - 3rd Place:**
Small Farm Center at Farm Science Review:
Mike Hogan
Tony Nye
Robert Little
Laura Tiu
Randy James
Matt Kleinhenz
Alan Sundermeier
Brad Bergefurd
Jim Hoorman

**One Program Area 2-4 team members - 1st Place:**
Food Safety Education as a Risk Management Strategy
Deborah L. Angell
Katharine Shumaker

**One Program Area 2-4 team members - 2nd Place:**
Cover Crop Workshop
Alan Sundermeier
Jim Hoorman
Robert Mullen
Mark Sulc

**One Program Area 2-4 team members – 3rd Place:**
Youth Perception of the Ohio 4-H Program, Listening to Meet the Needs of Youth
Greg Homan
Jason Hedrick
Jeff Dick

**One Program Area 5 or more team members – 1st Place**
Military Kids Camp at Kelley’s Island
Teresa Ferrari
Dona Leonhard
Larry Hall
Sue Ann Carroll
Major Anthony Lam
Lisa Orndorf
John Yarman
Cindy Caron
Amy Robinson

**One Program Area 5 or more team members – 2nd Place**
Conservation Tillage & Technology Conference
Gary Wilson
James J. Hoorman
Randall Reeder
John Smith
Gene McCluer
Allan Sundermeier
Curtis Young
Chris Bruynis
Steve Prochaska
Ed Lentz
Andy Kleinschmidt

**NRCS**
Albert Sunniga

**Julie McKee**
Steve Davis
Dennis Bassett
Bob Ziegler
Steve Ritter
One Program Area 5 or more team members – 3rd Place
Southern Ohio New and Small Farm College
David Apsley
Steve Bartels
David Dugan
Mike Estadt
Jeff Fisher
John Grimes
Gerald Mahan
David Mangione
Greg Meyers
Bonnie Norris
Tony Nye
Chris Penrose
David Samples
Stephanie Hines
Eric Barrett
Rory Lewandowski
Hal Kneen

2006 Tools for Teaching Award Winners

Printed Mass Media
Photo Feature
1st Place – David Marrison

Personal Column
1st Place – David Marrison
2nd Place – Jerry mahan
3rd Place – Jean Clemens

Periodical Publication
1st Place – Graham Cochran, Nate Arnett
2nd Place – Mary Beth Albright
3rd Place – John Grimes

Slide Set, Transparencies or Computer Generated Presentations
Computer Generated Presentation
1st Place – Stephanie Hines
2nd Place – Regina Kuhn
3rd Place – Teresa Stone

Exhibits
Educational Exhibit – Internally Produced
1st Place – Mike Estadt, Marjorie Wolford

Educational Exhibit – Professionally Assisted
1st Place – Greg Homan, Jason Hedrick, Jeff Dick
2nd Place – Lisa Bradley
Newsletters
Team Internally Produced
1st Place - David Marrison, Chris Burynis, Don Breece, Barry Ward, Dianne Shoemaker, Andy Kleinschmidt, Chris Zoller, Gary Wilson, Glen Arnold, Brian Roe, Matthew Roberts, Stan Ernst, Jim Skeeles, Mike Gastier, Howard Siegrist

County Staff - Internally Produced
1st Place - David Marrison
2nd Place - Deborah L. Angell, Kathy Phillips, Amy Palm
3rd Place - Jean Clemmens, Brenda Sandman-Stover, Pam Hamer
3rd Place - Jerry Mahan, entire office staff

Popular Reports
Special Topic or Team Popular Report Internally Produced
1st Place - Graham Cochran, Nate Arnett, Carol Smathers, Theresa Ferrari

Promotional Flyers
Promotional Flyer - Internally Produced
1st Place - Joe Lucente, Jill Jentes-Banicki

Promotional Flyer - Professionally Assisted
Honorable Mention - Joe Lucente, Gail Ritzler

Fact Sheets
Fact Sheets
1st Place - Alan Sundermeir, Margaret Huelsman, Deb Stinner
2nd Place - Jeff Fisher, Dave Mangione
3rd Place - Pat Brickman, Cheryl Jones-Syracuse

Publications
Publications
1st Place - Edwin Lentz, David Barder, Jim Beuerlein, Anne Dorrance, Don Eckert, Bruce Eisley, Ron Hammond, Patrick Lipps, Mark Loux, Robert Mullen, Mark Sulc, Peter Thomison, Maurice Watson
2nd Place - Mary Longo, Cheryl Barber Spires, Anita Pulay, Kirk Bloir, Kathy Reschke
3rd Place - Julie Robinson, Heather Keller

Educational Package
Educational Package - Team
1st Place - Tom Archer, Karen Bruns, Cathy Heaney, Matt Bain
2nd Place Brenda Young, Jackie Kreiger Fink, Carolyn Wilson, Nikki Eyer, Sara Kleon, Vicki Swartz, Theresa Stone, Minnie Taylor
The Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee had a busy year helping to recruit and retain members in our organization. At the 2005 annual meeting, the state’s membership approved the by-law changes developed by the committee. The major changes included the establishment of a dues deadline of October 15 (to be eligible to apply for awards where a membership qualification exists) and provided consistent terminology contained in the Constitution and By-Laws and other support materials.

The committee also worked with the ESP Board to review the dues charged to members. The board voted to raise the ESP dues beginning in 2007 to compensate for the national dues increase. The new dues are: Continuing Member ($80), Reinstated Member ($85), New Initiate ($75), and Life Member ($195).

The committee, with board approval, also changed the method of soliciting membership renewal. In previous years, a direct mail invitation was sent to all eligible Extension professionals in early September. The mailing included the brochure and a membership form to return with membership dues. The board approved a change to distribute all membership materials electronically to our members. This information was also posted to the website.

The committee was pleased that the dues increases and the electronic renewal did not adversely affect membership renewal. There were 190 active members in 2006 and 193 have renewed to date for 2007. An additional 142 life memberships are listed in both 2006 and 2007.

The committee also published a spring and fall edition of the Alpa Eta Chapter newsletter. These newsletters were posted on the web site and a direct link was emailed to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,
David Marrison, Chair
Kathy Booher, Chair-elect
Professional Development Committee

Committee Members:  Marge Wolford, Nancy Recker, Nikki Nestor-McNeely, Vicki Schwartz (Co-Chair), Greg Homan (Chair)

• Committee promoted both spring and fall scholarship applications, reviewed applicants, and selected winners for these professional development awards.

• Spring ESP Scholarship Winner:  Susan Shockey

• Fall ESP Scholarship Winner:  TBA (currently being reviewed)

• Committee prepared and promoted the annual Excellence in Extension Award. The review committee is currently reviewing applicants.

• Professional Development Committee voted to recommend that 2007 ESP scholarships be increased from 2 awards at $250 to 2 awards at $400 each. This recommendation is pending with the Resource Development Committee of ESP.

Submitted by Greg Homan, ESP Professional Development Committee Chair
Public Issues Committee

Committee Members: Dave Crawford  
Jerry Mahan  
Laura Jane Murphy  
Ed Werner  
Gwen Wolford

The ESP Public Issues Committee met by conference call on possible issues to suggest for consideration at 2006 Extension Annual Conference. These ideas included:

- Avian Flu
- Animal Identification
- Biosecurity Issues
- Smart Growth
- Disaster Preparedness
- eXtension
- Food Diversity
- Farmland Preservation
- Urban Rural Conference problems.

Committee chair for 2007 will be David Crawford.

Jerry Mahan
Resource Development and Management
Nominating Committee Report and Election Results

The following members have agreed to have their names placed on the ballot for the ESP Board of Directors and their terms to begin in 2006. A big thank you to all who agreed to assume these leadership positions.

Ohio ESP Alpha Eta Chapter
2005 Ballot

President-Elect:
Karen Bruns **
Jane Keyser

Secretary: (vote for one)
Doris Herringshaw**
Kirk Bloir

Annalist: (vote for one)
Garee Earnest**

East District: (vote for one)
Jeff McCutcheon
Lisa McCutcheon**
Susan Shockey
Katherine Shumaker
Ted Wiseman

West District: (vote for one)
Marcia Jess**
Curtis Young
Susan Zies

North District: (vote for one)
John Barker
Chris Bruynis
David Civitillo**
Jack Kerrigan
Marisa Warrix

State: (vote for one)
Kathy Cox
Donna Brown**
Jerry Iles
Myra Moss
Gwen Wolford

South District: (vote for one)
Regina Kuhn**
Mary Roenker

At-Large: (vote for one)
Alice Black
John Conglose
Jerry Thomas**

Retire: (vote for one)
Deanna Tribe**

Respectfully submitted,
Garee W. Earnest
Nominating Committee Chair
National Meeting Report

The national Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Meeting took place in Annapolis, Maryland November 14 -18, 2006. The conference was held at the Loew’s Annapolis Hotel with the theme “ESP – On the Waterfront of Professional Excellence.” The Alpha Eta chapter was once again well represented with a total of seven members in attendance. Glenn Welling, Rose Fisher Merkowitz and Gwen Wolford served as voting delegates.

There were a total of 25 concurrent sessions, three of which were presented by Alpha Eta members as follows:

- Jerold Thomas, Using Technology to Improve Communications and Develop Collaborative Teams in Geographically Distributed Extension Work Systems.
- Gwen Wolford, Keep the Money Coming: Delivering Extension’s Message to Elected Officials.
- Jacqueline LaMuth, The Non-Formal Manager in Extension Work.

One other Alpha Eta members presented a poster sessions as follows:

- Rose Fisher Merkowitz, Japan: The Land of the Rising Sun, A Culture Full of Traditions.

The 2006 ESP National and Regional Recognition award recipients from Ohio and Alpha Eta Chapter are as follows:

- Shirley Dunlap Bowser - National Friend of Extension
- Nikki Eyre and Connie Goble - Regional Diversity Team Award

National Officers:

Gwen Wolford was installed as the North Central Regional Vice President for ESP. Congratulations Gwen!

The 2007 Epsilon Sigma Phi National Conference will be held September 8 - 14, in Charleston, SC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Fisher Merkowitz
President - Elect
President’s Report

Serving as President of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi for the past year has been an honor and privilege, and I would like to thank all of the members for their support. I also want to say thank you again to all of the board and committee members for a wonderful year.

This year began with the opportunity to attend the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Leadership Training held in Saint Louis, Missouri. The focus of this year’s training was strengthening the leadership capacities, not only within ESP, but throughout Extension.

On the state level, we instituted a new leadership initiative that will culminate next year in a Leadership Conference that will be jointly sponsored by ESP, The Gist Leadership Chair, and others.

The Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi was once again well represented at the National ESP meeting, held this year at Annapolis, Maryland. Our chapter members were actively involved in presenting concurrent and poster sessions, serving as voting delegates, and serving on national committees. Regional and national award recipients from Ohio were also recognized.

I would encourage each of you to become actively involved in the Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. There are many opportunities for leadership development, professional development, and recognition available through our organization. As you read through this year’s annual report, you will find that your board and committee members have worked hard to continue to make the Alpha Eta chapter one of the top Epsilon Sigma Phi chapters in the nation. Keep up the great work!!

Glenn Welling
Alpha Eta Chapter President
Epsilon Sigma Phi
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Service and input to committees is the most productive way to enhance the professional development of this organization and its members. Please indicate your willingness to serve Ohio’s Alpha Eta Chapter by checking the committee(s) in which you would be willing to serve. Note: If you check more than one committee, please rank your first, second, third, etc. choice.

_____ Resource Development & Management (To generate new ideas for resource development and management for professional development activities; increase funding for professional development opportunities; and review and monitor ESP’s financial management plan.)

_____ Membership Recruitment & Retention (To recruit, retain, and involve all eligible Ohio Extension personnel; and promote an effective working relationship and spirit of fraternal fellowship among Epsilon Sigma Phi members through member education.)

_____ Professional Development (To promote professional excellence among Extension personnel including scholarships and Excellence in Extension Award.)

_____ Member Services (To administer and provide leadership to the state, regional and national awards programs [i.e., team teaching, tools for teaching, etc.]. Solicit and make selections from nominations received from membership. Prepare applications for national and regional award consideration.)

_____ Public Issues (To build and strengthen political and public support for Extension through consistent and targeted communication with local, state and federal decision makers and agencies and to educate and inform ESP members about public issues and legislative matters affecting Extension programs and staff.)

_____ Global Relations (To promote the Extension profession and professionalism worldwide.)

_____ National ESP Standing Committees (Regional representative for 2007):

_____ Global Relations  _____ Membership Recruitment & Retention
_____ Member Services  _____ Professional Development
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