Epsilon Sigma Phi

Alpha Eta Chapter
Ohio State University Extension

2007 Annual Report

The Cooperative Extension Professional’s Organization
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Adjourn
2007 Epsilon Sigma Phi
Alpha Eta Chapter

Officers and Board of Directors

President
Rose Fisher Merkowitz

President-Elect
Karen Bruns

Secretary
Doris Herringshaw

Treasurer
Greg Davis

Annalist
Garee Earnest

Past President
Glenn Welling

Directors:
David Crawford, North
David Civittolo, North
Kathy Booher, West
Marcia Jess, West
Bruce Zimmer, East
Lisa McCutcheon, East
Jeff Fisher, South
Regina Kuhn, South
Bill Grunkemeyer, State
Donna Brown, State
Vicki Schwartz, At-Large
Jerry Thomas, At-Large
Deanna Tribe, Retiree
## 2007 Epsilon Sigma Phi Committees
### Alpha Eta Chapter

### Membership Recruitment & Retention
Chair: Kathy Booher  
Chair-elect: Donna Brown  
Mary Beth Albright  
Stephen Boyles  
Karen Bruns  
Nikki Eyre  
Nadine Fogt  
Larry Hall  
Jack Kerrigan  
David Marrison  
Joy Sharp  
Katharine Shumaker  
Judy Villard  
Curtis Young

### Public Issues
Chair: David Crawford  
Chair-elect: David Civittolo  
David Apsley  
Lisa Barlage  
Maurus Brown  
Chris Bruynis  
Pat Holmes  
Nancy Hudson  
Andy Kleinschmidt  
Cliff Little  
Robert McCall  
Heather Neikirk  
Rich Sherman  
Ed Werner  
Carolyn Wilson  
Gwen Wolford

### Professional Development
Chair: Vicki Schwartz  
Chair-elect: Marcia Jess  
Alice Black  
Pat Brinkman  
Graham Cochran  
Julie Dalzell  
LuAnn Duncan  
Theresa Ferrari  
Connie Goble  
Jason Hedrick  
Michael Hogan  
Pam Montgomery  
Nikki Nestor-McNeely  
Punam Ohri-Vachaspati  
Nancy Recker  
Joyce Shriner  
Cindy Shuster  
Judy Villard  
Jo Williams  
Marge Wolford  
Demetria Woods  
Brenda Young

### Member Services
Chair: Bruce Zimmer  
Chair-elect: Lisa McCutcheon  
Deb Angell  
David Civittolo  
Susan Colbert  
Kara Colvin  
Janice Gordon  
Jim Jordan  
Jack Kerrigan  
Jane Keyser  
Sara Kleon  
Mary Longo  
Marilyn Rabe  
Julie Banbury Robinson  
Jessica Rockey  
Ryan Schmiesing  
Joy Sharp  
Nancy Snook  
Cheryl Barber Spires  
Travis West  
Carolyn Wilson  
Elizabeth Smith  
Cynthia Toler  
Ted Wiseman  
Chris Zoller

### Global Relations
Chair: Bill Grunkemeyer  
Chair-elect: Jerry Thomas  
Ted Berry  
Steve Brady  
Don Breece  
Julie Fox  
John Hixson  
Sharon Mader  
Myra Moss  
Jill Nolan  
Marilyn Sachs  
Alan Sunderlander

### Resource Development
Chair: Jeff Fisher  
Chair-elect: Regina Kuhn  
Lois Clark  
Jennifer Even  
David Goerig  
John Grimes  
Nancy Kukay
In Memoriam

Each year the Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi takes time to remember those who have diligently served the Extension profession in Ohio and have passed on from this earth. Those we shall remember from the year 2007 include:

- Floyd Henderson, former Agriculture Agent, Noble County
- Beulah Hill, former Home Economics Agent, Highland County
- Dan McGrew, former State Dairy Specialist, Columbus
- Paul Gipp, former Agriculture Agent, Columbiana County
- Gerald Stanley, former Agriculture Agent, Williams County
- Austin Ezzell, Assistant Director, Ag Industry, Columbus
- Rodney Marhoeover, former Agriculture Agent, Jackson County
- Howard Phillips, former Extension Rural Sociologist, Columbus
- Helen Schneider, former Home Economics Agent, Madison County
- Steve Ruhl, Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, Morrow County

Respectfully submitted,
Garee W. Earnest, Annalist
President Glenn Welling opened the Epsilon Sigma Phi-Alpha Eta Chapter Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Worthington at 8:05 am.

**Inspiration and Remembrances**- Karen Bruns led the inspiration and remembrance of members who passed away in 2006. Those members are listed in the 2006 Annual Report.

**2005 Annual Meeting Minutes**- Eileene Welker, Secretary, highlighted the minutes from the 2005 Annual meeting. Nikki Eyre moved to accept the minutes as presented in the Annual Report. Jim Jordan seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**Initiation of New Members**- as Annalist, Karen Bruns inducted New Members and Life Members. (List in Annual Report) Glenn Welling, Greg Davis, Rose Fisher Merkowitz, and Treva Williams welcomed the new members.

**Treasurer’s Report**- Greg Davis presented the report. He noted that the 2006 overage was due to a one time donation to National ESP and for extra travel for a third voting delegate to the ESP National Meeting. The 2007 budget includes more income and more expenses for the third voting delegate. An increase in professional improvement scholarships was requested by the professional development committee: from two $250 scholarships to two $400 scholarships. Motion to file treasurer’s report for audit was made by Nikki Nester-McNeely, seconded by Gary Wilson. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports**
- **Global Relations** - see report in program
- **Member Services** - Jane Keyser referred to page 14 in the Annual Report. The committee presented a slide program to recognize members for years of service. ESP Team Teaching Awards were read by Nancy Snook and Tools for Teaching Awards were announced by Julie Robinson. Glenn Welling and Rose Fisher Merkowitz distributed the awards with the assistance of Jane Keyser and Bruce Zimmer.
- **Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee**- David Marrison referred members to page 19 in the Annual Report. He highlighted the change to October 15 as the Ohio deadline for dues to be paid to be eligible for awards. He noted that the membership dues increase was made due to increase in national ESP dues and having a third voting delegate expenses. He announced Kathy Booher will be Chair in 2007.
- **Professional Development**- Greg Homan referred members to page 20 in the report. He stated their two major projects are scholarships and Excellence in Extension Award.
- **Public Issues**- Jeff Mahan referred members to issues listed in report on page 21.
- **Resource Development**- Jeff McCutcheon reported that this committee is responsible for: management of organizational resources along with Treasurer, Greg Davis, establishing budget, Leadership Fund and how to use it for professional development. Jeff Fisher will be the next chair.

**National Meeting Report**- Rose Fisher Merkowitz referred members to page 24 in the annual report. She said the highlights of the meeting were the presenters and awards. She encouraged all members to attend next year. She stated that Ohio had 12% of concurrent sessions. She also reported that Gwen Wolford is ESP Regional Vice-President.

Glenn Welling encouraged members to fill-out and return the members’ opportunities list.
New Business

Nominating Committee and Election Results: Treva Williams read the results of the elections held through the internet. They are:
- President-Elect - Karen Bruns
- Secretary - Doris Herringshaw
- Annalist - Garee Earnest
- North Representative - David Civittolo
- West Representative - Marcia Jess
- East Representative - Lisa McCutcheon
- South Representative - Regina Kuhn
- State Representative - Donna Brown
- At-Large Representative - Jerry Thomas
- Retiree Representative - Deanna Tribe

President’s Remarks: Glenn Welling stated that it was an honor and privilege to represent members of Ohio ESP. He also stated he was proud of all the presentations made and awards earned by members. An accomplishment is to co-sponsor a leadership conference in 2007 in conjunction with Gist Chair, Keith Smith and others. This was a charge from a Regional ESP Conference. He also thanked the committees and officers.

Installation of New Officers and Board of Directors: Treva Williams installed the Officers and Board of Directors:
- President - Rose Fisher Merkowitz
- President-Elect - Karen Bruns
- Secretary - Doris Herringshaw
- Treasurer - Greg Davis
- Annalist - Garee Earnest
- Past President - Glenn Welling
- North Representatives - David Civittolo
- West Representatives - Marcia Jess
- East Representatives - Bruce Zimmer
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Glenn Welling, president, turned the gavel over to new President, Rose Fisher Merkowitz stating she is an excellent leader.

Rose Fisher Merkowitz presented Glenn with a gift of appreciation and thanks for a wonderful job.

Comments by New President - Rose said she is looking for lots of involvement from members and committees getting even more active. She is looking forward to the leadership conference on ethics.
and values. She likes open communication and hearing both the good and bad. She asked members to encourage office members to join ESP. She gave a list of board meeting dates. She stated she is looking forward to having fun as president of ESP in 2007.

Tom Archer made the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jerry Mahan. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

Eileene Welker
Secretary
New Members Inducted in 2007

**Annual Members**
Dan Remley
Marie D. Economos

**Life Members**
Jean Clements
## Treasurer’s Report

### ESP FINANCIAL REPORT - FY 2007

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

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| **EXPENSES**         |               |             |               |
| **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES** |   |             |               |
| New Initiates @ $35  | 20 700        | 735         | 700           |
| Annual Members @ $40 | 180 5,400     | 5,370       | 7,200         |
| Lifetime Members @ $200 | 3 450       | 450         | 600           |
| **TOTAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES** | 6,550       | 6,555       | 8,500         |
| **ANNUAL MEETING**   | 100           | 97          | 100           |
| **BANK CHARGES**     | 80            | 31          | 50            |
| **BOARD EXPENSES**   | 100           | 97          | 100           |
| **EMERITI**          | 50            | -           | 50            |
| **GLOBAL RELATIONS** | 50            | -           | 50            |
| **MEMBER SERVICES**  | 400           | 138         | 400           |
## Membership Recruitment & Retention

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<td>2,631</td>
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<td>1,317</td>
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<td>Excellence in Extension</td>
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<td><strong>250</strong></td>
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## Resource Development & Management

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## Total Expenses

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<td><strong>12,240</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net Gain/(Loss)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>5,940</strong></td>
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### ESP Checking Account Balance

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### Leadership Fund Endowment Principal

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### Leadership Fund Income & Expenses

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Committee Reports:

Global Relations ESP Committee

Committee Members: Bill Grunkemeyer (Chair), Jerry Thomas, (Vice-Chair), Ted Berry, Stephen Brady, Don Breece, Julie Fox, Jerry Iles, Sharon Mader, Myra Moss, Jill Nolan, Marilyn Sachs, Alan Sundermeier

Two International Experiences for Extension Professionals have emerged in 2006.

The first is a second year activity entitled OSU Extension Ohio Latino Work Force. Through collaboration with the Colegio de Postgraduados in Mexico City, Mexico OSU Extension’s Ohio Latino Workforce is working to broaden the understanding of migration to those touched by migrant labor. A seven day trip organized between the Colegio and Ohio State’ Office of International Programs in Agriculture provide participants an increased understanding of Mexico’s rural areas and communities that experience migration. Fernando Manzo-Ramos, Extension at the Colegio indicated the goal was to raise awareness regarding reasons people migrate and assist in developing programs to serve clientele. Extension participants on the 2006 trip include Eric Imerman, Madison County; Randy James, Geauga County; Francisco Espinoza, Agricultural Business Enhancement Center; Melaine Miller, an OSU post-graduate in rural sociology; and Maruesela Anders, Section of Communications & Technology. (Source: Press release by Candace Pollock, Communications and Technology)

The second is an emerging opportunity through the Negev Foundation entitled the Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative. Objectives of the initiative include:

a. introducing advanced Israeli agricultural technologies to Ohio extension personnel by sending Ohio extension people to Israel

b. conducting workshops, seminars, meetings and technical exchange throughout Ohio by Israeli extension field officers and academics.

In March 2008 a team of Extension Professionals will travel to Israel to study features of Greenhouse and Plasticulture in the Negev desert. The project also looks at dairy cattle and aquaculture. In 2007 a number of presentations at OSU by Israeli scientists, starting with some dairy and water management lectures are taking place. Dianne Shoemaker and Jim Chatfield providing leadership for these Extension study tours.

In 2008 the ESP Global Relations committee plans to work closely with Ohio State’ Office of International Programs in Agriculture top provide expanded study tours, applied research projects and program development.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Grunkemeyer

Member Services Committee

Bruce Zimmer, Chair
Lisa McCutcheon, Chair-Elect
- Regional & National Awards/Special Chapter Awards: Sara Kleon (chair), Ryan Schmiesing (chair elect), Lisa McCutcheon, Joy Sharp, Kara Colvin, Deb Angell, Jack Kerrigan
During 2007, the Member Services Committee held one face to face meeting and three conference calls. Here are a few highlights from the year:

- To help transfer leader and responsibility from one year to the next, chair elect positions were setup with all subcommittees.
- One uniform deadline of October 1st was set for all Member Services Awards.
- To align with the National ESP awards program, in 2007 Ohio will start recognizing ESP members with 25 years of service to the Extension system during 1982.
- All ESP award applications and nomination forms were updated and posted on the Ohio ESP website and promoted via email announcements.
- Linda Kutilek was selected as a North Central Region award winner in the Administrative Leadership Category.

2007 ESP 25 Year Recognition
Karen Bruns       Christy Leeds
Garee Earnest     Susan Shockey
Nancy Hudson      Marisa Warrix
Jim Jordan

2007 ESP Team Teaching Award Winners
Multi-disciplinary 2-4 members
1st Place College Success Series
Team Members: Nancy Recker, FCS Educator & Co. Director, Allen Co.
Mark Light, 4-H Youth Dev. Educator, Allen Co.
2nd Place NEAFCS Living Well Marketing Campaign
Team Members: Cynthia Shuster, FCS Educator, Perry Co.
Joyce Shriner, FCS Educator, Hocking Co.
Dr. Gwen Wolford, Director, Government Relations

Multi-disciplinary, 5 or more members
1st Place Tie Blended E-Learning for the Knowledge Economy
Team Members: Tom Archer, Leader-Program Development and Evaluation
David Boulay, Management Specialist, South Centers
Greg Davis, Co-Interim Director, Community Dev. & Specialist,
Community Econ. & Business, AED Economics
Rich Emnett, Systems Manager, South East Regional Office
Bill Grunkemeyer, Director, Extension Center at Wooster & Specialist,
Community Development
Steve Lichtensteiger, Systems Manager, West Regional Office
Rick McCann, Coordinator, Knowledge Economy Initiative
Myra Moss, Specialist, Community Development, Extension Center at Lima
Jerry Thomas, Director, Extension Center at Lima

1st Place Tie Tri-State Diversity Conference
Team Members: Rosie Allen, Extension Educator, FCS
Ken Andries, Extension Specialist, AGNR
Harold Benson, Extension Director, KSU
Barbara Bowman, Extension Educator, FCS & 4-H
Steve Brady, Extension Educator, 4-H
Gae Broadwater, Extension Specialist, CD
Kathy Byrnes, Extension Educator FCS
Nancy Calix, Extension Specialist, CD
Peg Ehlers, Extension Educator, FCS
Jenny Even, Extension Educator, FCS
Nicholas Held, Extension Educator, AGNR
Pat Holmes, Extension Educator, FCS
Charlene Jacobs, Extension Regional Director
Cathy Jenkins, Extension Educator, 4-H
Margaret Jenkins, Extension Educator, FCS
Tomika Johnson, USDA
James Jordan, Extension Educator, 4-H
Dotty Keeton, Extension Educator, FCS & 4-H
Kathy Lechman, Extension Specialist, Diversity
Diane Mason, Extension Educator, FCS
Rosie Norris, Extension Educator, 4-H
David Petritz, Extension Director, Purdue
Dan Remley, Extension Educator, FCS & CD
Mary Alice Sharp, Extension Educator, FCS
Keith Smith, Extension Director, OSU
Linda Souchon, Extension Educator, FCS
Larry Turner, Extension Director, UK
Quentin Tyler, Extension Specialist, Diversity
Larry Whitaker, USDA
John Williams, USDA

2nd Place Ohio Watershed Leaders Program
Team Members: Anne Baird, Extension Educator
Joe Bonnell, Program Director
Jerry Iles, Extension Educator
JP Lieser, Extension Educator
Dana Oleskiewicz, Extension Educator
Robert McCall, Extension Educator

3rd Place Annie's Project
Team Members: Doris Herringshaw, Extension Educator, Wood Co.
Alan Sunderlander, Extension Educator, Wood Co.
Julia Woodruff, Extension Educator, Ashland Co.
Don Breece, Farm Management Specialist
Rob Leeds, Extension Educator, Delaware Co.
Joyce Fittro, Extension Educator, Delaware Co.

One Program Area, 2-4 members
1st Place Soil Quality Workshop
Team Members: Alan Sunderlander, Extension Educator, Wood Co.
Bruce Clevenger, Extension Educator, Defiance Co.
Rafiq Islam, Extension Specialist, South Centers
One Program Area, 5 or more members

1st Place  Building for the Successful Transition of Your Agricultural Business
Team Members:  David Marrison, Ext. Educator, Ashtabula Co.
Don Breece, Extension Specialist, Farm Mgt.
Chris Zoller, Ext. Educator, Tuscarawas Co.
Chris Bruynis, Ext. Educator, Wyandot Co.
Jeff McCutcheon, Ext. Educator, Knox Co.
Julia Woodruff, Ext. Educator, Ashland Co.
Mike Gastier, Ext. Educator, Huron Co.
Barry Ward, Program Leader, Production Ag. Economics

2nd Place  Conservation Tillage & Technology Conference
Team Members:  Randall Reeder, Extension Specialist
Gary Wilson, Extension Educator, Hancock Co.
James Hoorman, Ext. Educator, Water Quality
John Smith, Extension Educator, Auglaize Co.
Gene McCluer, Extension Educator, Hardin Co.
Alan Sundermeier, Ext. Educator, Wood Co.
Curtis Young, Extension Educator, Allen Co.
Chris Bruynis, Ext. Educator, Wyandot Co.
Steve Prochaska, Ext. Educator, Crawford Co.
Ed Lentz, Extension Educator, Seneca Co.
Andy Kleinschmidt, Ext. Educator, Van Wert Co.
Harold Watters, Ext. Educator, Champaign Co.

3rd Place  Small Farm Center at Farm Science Review
Team Members:  Alan Sundermeier, Ext. Educator, Wood Co.
Mike Hogan, Ext. Educator, Carroll Co.
Maurus Brown, OSU South Centers
Mark Mechling, Ext. Educator, Muskingum Co.
Julie Fox, Ext. Specialist, South Centers
Jim Skeeles, Ext. Educator, Hocking Co.
Steve Prochaska, Ext. Educator, Crawford Co.
Laura Tiu, Ext. Specialist, South Centers
Tony Nye, Ext. Educator, Clinton Co.
David Marrison, Ext. Educator, Ashtabula Co.

2007 ESP Tools for Teaching Award Winners

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2007 ESP Special Chapter Award Winners

Distinguished Service Award
Marge Wolford, Pickaway County

Friend of Extension Award
James F. Patterson, Chesterland, OH

Administrative Leadership Recognition
Barbara G. Ludwig, Associate Dean Education and Human Ecology

Visionary Leadership Recognition
Ryan Schmiesing, State 4-H Youth Development

Meritorious Support Service Recognition (for support staff)
Vicki Myers, North Central Region
Julie Strawser, OSU South Centers

Mid Career Service Award
Mary Longo, Marion County

Early Career Award
David Civittolo, Medina County

Retiree Service Recognition
Ella Mae Bard, retired Knox County

Team Recognition
"Building for the Successful Transition of Your Agricultural Business"
Team members: David Marrison, Ext. Educator, Ashtabula Co.
Don Breeze, Extension Specialist, Farm Mgt.
Chris Zollars, Ext. Educator, Tuscarawas Co.
Chris Bruynis, Ext. Educator, Wyandot Co.
Jeff McCutcheon, Ext. Educator, Knox Co.
Julia Woodruff, Ext. Educator, Ashland Co.
Mike Gastier, Ext. Educator, Huron Co.
Barry Ward, Program Leader, Production Ag. Economics

Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (Team)
“Amish Outreach Programs”
Team members: Mark Landefeld, Monroe County
Steve Schumacher, Belmont County

National Ruby DSA
No Nominees Received

Continued Excellence Recognition
No Nominees Received

Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (Individual)
No Nominees Received
The Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee had a busy year helping to recruit and retain members in our organization. A new ESP Brochure has been developed under the leadership of Jack Kerrigan with the assistance of Cheryl Fischnich. Hopefully, with a new look the brochure will be a beneficial tool in the recruitment of new members.

In 2006, a change was made in 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 continued with this method of membership renewal and it continues to be an effective means for the membership drive. For new membership, an invitation was sent to potential new members encouraging membership. There were 200 active members in 2007 and 170 members have renewed to date for 2008. An additional 140 life memberships are listed in both 2007 and 2008. Personal contacts are being made to members who have yet to renew and well as potential new members.

The committee will publish a fall edition of the Alpa Eta Chapter newsletter. This newsletter will be posted on the web site and a direct link will be emailed to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Booher, Chair
Donna Brown, Chair-elect

The Professional Development Committee had one face to face meeting, and numerous conference calls in 2007. The total committee divided into three subcommittees.

- Scholarships: Pat Brinkman, chair
  - Provided leadership to the promotion and presentation of the Spring and Fall scholarships. Spring scholarship recipient was Doris Herringshaw and Fall recipient was Jennifer Even.

- Annual Conference: Marcia Jess, chair
  - Represented ESP on the planning committee of Extension Annual Conference, now planned by OAEP & ESP. In 2007, OAEP was the lead organization, but ESP will be lead organization in 2008. ESP provided leadership for recruiting the educational posters exhibited for the conference.

- Excellence in Extension: Vicki Schwartz, chair
  - Provided leadership for recruiting nominees and selecting the Excellence in Extension Award, an award co-sponsored by Extension Administration and ESP. The 2007 honoree was announced at the 2007 Extension Annual Conference.

Committee members included: Alice Black, Patricia Brinkman, Karen Bruns, Graham Cochran, Julie Dalzell, LuAnn Duncan, Theresa Ferrari, Connie Goble, Jason Hedrick, Mike Hogan, Marcia Jess (Chair-Elect), Niki Nestor McNeely, Pam Montgomery, Punam Ohri-Vachaspati, Nancy Recker, Vicki
Schwartz (Chair), Joyce Shriner, Cindy Shuster, Judy Villard, Jo Williams, Marge Wolford, Demetria Woods, and Brenda Young.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Schwartz

Public Issues Committee

Committee membership: David Apsley, Lisa Barlage, Maurus Brown, Chris Bruynis, David Civittolo (Chair Elect), David Crawford (Chair), Pat Holmes, Nancy Hudson, Andrew Kleinschmidt, Cliff Little, Robert McCall, Heather Neikirk, Richard Sherman, Ed Werner, Carolyn Wilson, Gwen Wolford.

Purpose: 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 Epsilon Sigma Phi members about public issues and legislative matters affecting Extension programs and staff.

Committee Suggestions:
Develop a working relationship with Gov. Strickland's new administrative team.
Work with legislative assistants to share Extension programs and impacts.
Invite a fresh dynamic speaker to come to ESP meetings (Annual Conference).
Focus on cutting edge public issues that impact Ohio and US citizens.
Push for new web technology for all OSU Extension offices (link for teaching classes - credit and non-credit).
Improving phone conferences to best fit Extension professionals' busy careers.
Push for additional Federal and State dollars to fund Extension.
What are the benefits of ESP and other Association memberships to individual Extension staff?
How does/can ESP apply to the Extension program efforts and work with legislators and county commissioners?

Need to Develop Technology Day: Provide leadership to designing a Technology Day to be held at Centers on different days. Open to county/regional staff- focus on what technology is available for our OSUE staff use in the county and “how” to use it. Technologies such as: Meet Me-Free Conference Calls; Web X; Streaming; Pod cast; and many others. Work with Comm/Tech to put on “hands-on” workshops, 3-4 concurrent sessions & repeat choices to be made available.

Need to Develop Public Issues/ESP Workshop: work with government affairs office to have Public Issues information, poster displays and also “experience” what is available for county staff to utilize with elected officials at a large university event/venue, i.e., basketball or football game.

ESP Public Issues Committee Shared Weekly Updates:
Timely weekly updates have been shared with ESP Membership as an “added benefit” to membership. Thanks to Steven R. Wermuth, Partner, Strategic Health Care for providing this timely and important information. Key information & topics which are covered weekly have been, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AUDITOR OF STATE, COMMUNICATIONS, DEATH PENALTY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, ELECTIONS, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, FEDERAL, GAMING, GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE, GOVERNOR, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, HIGHER EDUCATION, HOUSING, JUDICIAL, PAYDAY LENDING, PENSION FUNDS, PEOPLE, STATE GOVERNMENT, TAXATION, TRANSPORTATION, VETERANS.

Respectfully submitted, David Crawford, ESP/Public Issues Committee, Chair
Resource Development and Management Committee

Chair: Jeff Fisher  Vice Chair: Regina Kuhn
Members: Lois Clark  Jennifer Even  David Goerig  Nancy Kukay  Elizabeth Smith
          John Grimes  David Goerig  Cynthia Toller  Ted Wiseman

Activities:
1.) Updated committee responsibilities for by-laws.

2.) Listed the ESP Leadership endowment on the Campus Campaign. Refer to the link at http://ohioesp.osu.edu for the revised donor brochure.

3.) Assisted the ESP Treasurer with annual ESP Budget.

   Secured budget requests from ESP committees.

   Made recommendations for use of interest income from the Leadership endowment to fund specific activities that will consequently help balance the annual operating budget and subsequently avoid a dues increase.

4.) Re-implemented the silent auction fundraiser to be held at annual conference. Proceeds from one item will be utilized to support the National ESP Endowment.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Fisher

Retiree Report

I have participated in most ESP Board meetings and conference calls this year to be an active participant as the Retiree ESP Board Member. Having been an active member of Alpha Eta Chapter and now a relatively-recent OSU Extension retiree, I appreciate the designation of a retiree position on the ESP Board. However, the role and expectations for this position are not yet clear to me—from the perspectives of wanting to make a contribution to the ESP Board and to the Retiree (Lifetime) members of ESP; in other words, to be useful.

During the second year of the term, I would like to also suggest/undertake:

- Compiling meeting materials and retiree membership list into a notebook or file to pass on to the next Retiree ESP Board Member

- Surveying (via small sample of convenience) a broad representation of retirees (mainly Lifetime ESP members and also some who are not Lifetime members) to: (1) ascertain why or why not they are Lifetime Members; (2) learn any expectations from ESP as a Lifetime Member; (3) acquire any suggestions for the Retiree ESP Board Member and (4) solicit suggestions and ideas for how some retirees might like to contribute to ESP—financially and perhaps otherwise

- Developing a brochure designed for ESP members at retirement to consider Life Membership in ESP. This could be accompanied by a letter of invitation from the Retiree ESP Board Member to
consider ESP Life Membership. ESP Life Membership would be a thoughtful gift honoring one’s Extension career and retirement.

- Continuing to promote the ESP Endowment, Leadership Fund, etc. as opportunities for financial contributions by retirees

- Attending the Extension Retirees Picnic in September and taking advantage of any opportunity to solicit input and suggestions for the Retiree ESP Board Member and Alpha Eta Chapter

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna L. Tribe
Emeritus Assoc. Prof. and Extension Community Development Specialist, OSU Extension

**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 2008. A big thank you to all who agreed to assume these leadership positions.

**Ohio ESP Alpha Eta Chapter - 2007 Ballot**

Chair Elect
- Jerry Thomas
- Gwen Wolford

Treasurer-Elect
- Tom Archer
- Chris Penrose

Annalist
- Bruce Zimmer

South
- Nikki Eyre
- Treva Williams

East
- Mike Hogan
- Mike Lloyd

West
- Andy Kleinschmidt
- Chris Olinsky

North
- John Conglose
- Jack Kerrigan

State
- Kirk Bloir
- Beth Flynn

At-Large
- Bev Kelbaugh

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Welling, Nominating Committee Chair

**National Meeting Report**

Below is a listing of how your Ohio colleagues were involved in the 2007 ESP annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina. In addition to an opportunity to learn from and connect with colleagues across the country, and from all program areas of Extension, if you are accepted to present at ESP, you receive financial support from the national office. With a 38% acceptance rate, we should be
very proud of our Ohio colleagues who had presentations accepted, and who were recognized at the conference.

2007 ESP national conference **Attendees:**
Karen Bruns, Linda Kutilek (and husband Dave Pyle), Rose Fisher Merkowitz, Jerry Thomas, Betty Wingerter, and Gwen Wolford

**Awards:**
- Administrative Leadership – Linda Kutilek
- Chapter of Merit Recognition – Platinum Level – Alpha Eta Chapter (Ohio)
- Retention of Chapter Membership Recognition 2007 Membership Year – Alpha Eta Chapter (Ohio)

**National Board Member:**
- Regional Vice President – North Central Region – Gwen Wolford

**Presentation during General Session:**
- NAE4-HA National President Elect – Betty Wingerter

**National Committee Members:**
- National Public Issue Chair – Gwen Wolford
- Professional Development – Jill Nolan
- Global Relations – Rose Fisher Merkowitz

**Concurrent Session Presenters:**
- Extension 2.0? The impact of Web 2.0, Enterprise 2.0 and other forces in creating new organizational work structures in Cooperative Extension – Jerry Thomas
- Best Practices for Dealing with Controversial Public Issues – Gwen Wolford
- Efficacy of Virtual Offices in an Extension System – Jerry Thomas
- SAMMIE – Successful Methods and Measurement in Evaluation – Karen Bruns
- Empowering Extension Professionals’ Research & Program Evaluation Skills – Jerry Thomas

**Poster Session Presenter:**
Leveraging Resources and Creating Interstate Partnerships: The Ohio-Pennsylvania-West Virginia Study Tour – Jerry Thomas

**Facilitator for Sessions:**
- Karen Bruns
- Rose Fisher Merkowitz
- Gwen Wolford

**Voting Delegates for the National Council Annual Meeting:**
- Karen Bruns
- Rose Fisher Merkowitz
- Jerry Thomas

Many educational and leadership sessions were attended by all the Ohio participants. Great ideas were gathered to assist with the strengthening of the Ohio ESP Chapter.
Mark your calendar for the national ESP meeting in 2008 which will be a part of the Galaxy conference. Galaxy will be held the week of September 15, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen Bruns
President-Elect

President’s Report

It has been a pleasure serving as the President of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi for the past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to provide leadership for an outstanding organization. The support I received from the Board, committees, and membership has been outstanding. The committees have worked so hard and like I always say: “The committees are the heart of this organization!”

There were many educational opportunities this year for Board members and membership. The Joint Council of Extension Professionals Leadership training was held in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme this year was internationalism. This theme was carried out to the National meeting, which was held in Charleston, South Carolina. Our chapter was very active at the National meeting with having a Regional Vice President – Gwen Wolford, concurrent and poster session presenters, voting delegates, session facilitators, and members serving on national committees. Linda Kutilek received the National Administrator’s Award. Our Chapter also received two awards for membership and merit.

On the state level, an Excellence in Ethics conference was held November 28 and 29, 2007. This conference had nationally known speakers to address the ethics issues we are facing today. This ethics conference is jointly sponsored by ESP, The Gist Leadership Chair, OSU Leadership Center and other organizations. The Alpha Eta membership received a fifty dollar discount on the two day registration. Also, the Alpha Eta Chair donated $3,000 from the Leadership fund to assist with the funding of this major program.

The best part of ESP Alpha Eta Chapter is the membership and its dedication to the organization. I encourage everyone to stay involved to get the most out of 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.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. It truly has been an honor to serve you!

Rose Fisher Merkowitz
Alpha Eta Chapter President
Epsilon Sigma Phi
ESP Alpha Eta Chapter Past Officers

1929 Chief  G.C. Musgrove*  
Sec/Treas  Minnie Price  
Annalist  O.C. Croy*  

1930 Chief  O.C. Croy  
Sec/Treas  Minnie Price*  
Annalist  H.S. Lewis (resigned 1947 in 1932)  

1931 Chief  R.W. Munger  
Sec/Treas  Alma Garvin*  
Annalist  George B. Crane*  

1932 Officers of 1931 Continued  

1933 Officers of 1931 Continued  

1934 Officers of 1931 Continued  

1939 Chief  C.W. Hammans*  
Sec/Treas  George Crane*  
Annalist  Ethel M. Cadley*  

1940 Chief  Guy Dowdy*  
Sec/Treas  George Crane*  
Annalist  Ethel M. Cadley*  

1941 Chief  J.A. Slipher*  
Sec/Treas  W.H. Ford*  
Annalist  J.E. McClintock*  

1942 Chief  Frank Beach*  
Sec/Treas  O.C. Croy*  
Annalist  J.E. McClintock*  

1943 No annual meeting in 1942  
Officers of 1942 continued  

1944 Chief  H.C. Ramsower*  
Sec/Treas  W.W. Montgomery*  
Annalist  E.P. Reed*  

1945 Chief  W.W. Montgomery*  
Sec/Treas  E.P. Reed*  
Annalist  Addis Martholmeh*  

1946 Chief  Francis Taylor*  
Sec/Treas  C.W. Hammans*  
Annalist  Grace S. Wagner*  

1947 Chief  Grace S. Wagner*  
Sec/Treas  J.P. Schmidt*  
Annalist  B.B. Spohn*  

1948 Chief  R.M. Thomas*  
Sec/Treas  Guy Dowdy*  
Annalist  Helen Brown*  

1949 Chief  R.M. Thomas  
Sec/Treas  Guy Dowdy*  
Annalist  E.O. Williams*  

1950 Chief  R.M. Thomas*  
Sec/Treas  Guy Dowdy*  
Annalist  E.O. Williams  

1951 Chief  Paul M. Cunningham*  
Sec/Treas  Jess Amsbaugh*  
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1952 Officers of 1951 continued  

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