President’s Message
Change for Growth

We’ve all heard the buzz words of “perpetual white water,” “constant change,” “state of flux.” We’ve certainly experienced ongoing change in our personal and professional lives; and likely feel the rate of change has accelerated and pushed us out of our comfort level at work over the past few years. Until now the changes that have taken place in our professional associations have been small, perhaps not even noticeable. With the support of ESP and OAEP members, the proposal to create an Ohio JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) passed in August and the status quo has been altered.

Voluntary change is usually more challenging than that which is forced upon us by circumstance. I know that each member of your ESP Board thoughtfully considered the options before us prior to taking this proposal forward for a membership vote. As ESP members, you agreed to voluntarily change. I think that illustrates your professionalism, foresight, and willingness not to settle for doing things the way we’ve always done, when the conditions around us are no longer the same.

In the coming months there will be many details to work through. If you are asked to help, please do so. If you have ideas, please share them. There will be moments when identifying the best way to work under our new model will be challenging. But in the end I’m confident that we will be structured to better serve our members and succeed at addressing challenges the future will bring.

ESP remains committed to professional development of our members and promotion of the Extension Profession. Next year’s board will consider how to best deliver benefits to our members moving forward. We also remain committed to supporting national ESP through our committee work, involvement and service; and are confident that we will remain one of the nation’s strongest chapters.

Through these changes we can all choose to grow as professionals, preparing us to meet the needs of our profession and our customers in the future. Thank you for your commitment to ESP, commitment to Extension, and willingness to embrace a new way of doing things.

Gwen Wolford
President, Alpha Eta Chapter
I am a member of the Educational Programs Committee for Galaxy IV. We recently had first committee meeting with Andy Londo. There will be 150 Educational concurrent session slots to include Research and Evaluation Reports which will be grouped 3 to a session. Giving each presenter 15 minutes and some time for Q&A at the end; and Competency Building Program Development Reports which will be given in 25 minutes or two to a session. There are 15 rooms with 10 slots in the program agenda for concurrent sessions.

Each person will only be allowed to be the lead presenter on one concurrent session. If you submit more than one and multiple sessions are selected the educator will be asked to pick which one they want to present.

The call for proposals is expected to be released in October. We hope to review the site on our next conference call which is Oct 15, before it goes live. Proposals will be due January 10, 2013 by 12:00 midnight EST.

Each of the 6 participating JCEP organizations will have 5 blocks or time slots which their organization will determine how to fill. The other 120 sessions will be determined based somewhat on the ratio of submissions by each organization to time slots available (i.e. If 4-H submits 700 abstracts and NACAA 400 and NACDEP 60. The number will be proportionate to the number of submissions) The call for proposals will have a place where the professional will select primary association. (It will be further explored if we can identify what audiences the proposal would appeal to. It might include 4-H and ANR for instance but the Educator is only a member of NACAA)

We agreed that it was important that all associations have a minimum of one session offered at each of the 10 time slots, so at least 5 of the remaining time slots in the 120 will be allotted to concurrent sessions for each of the associations. This is hard to explain, but the committee will work it out.

Andy is hoping to use each organizations selection process to review the submissions for that association with ESP offering to review all those that would cover the 12 topics that cut across all program areas. They would rank order the sessions and we would work to put them into the combined sessions so that if there are some on the same topic they would be in the same session.

We did not discuss poster sessions at length. For Galaxy III all were accepted, that is Andy’s plan for Galaxy IV. I guess there was some discussion with NACAA about their judging process so I will be contacting Jeff McCutcheon to better understand the needs.

Seems like this is going to be a great committee to work with. If you have questions or input let me know. Keith has asked that I be at the next Assn. presidents’ meeting that he generally attends so if you need me to explain this face to face I can do that.

It is not 100% clear to me at this point who I represent on the committee NAE4-HA or ESP. If I am a national rep on this committee I may need to communicate this back to the association president. Most likely, the Association Presidents will get the information through the JCEP Board. Andy did not have a complete listing of members of the committee to share with us and said it had been removed from the Galaxy IV website. I hope to learn this information soon.

Seems like the bottom line for association members is to submit their abstract.

Submitted by: Beverly M. Kelbaugh, Ph.D.
Resource Development and Management Committee

As part of ESP’s commitment to supporting both our National and Ohio ESP endowments, we encourage all our members to make a financial commitment to the ESP Leadership Fund (Fund Number 602003).

ESP scholarships, awards (e.g. ESP Team Teaching, Creative Works and Special Chapter Awards), and other professional development opportunities (like the Leadership for Tomorrow and North Central Leadership Conferences for all Extension personnel) are supported by the ESP Leadership Fund. Many of you have benefitted from the ESP Leadership Fund and you truly know what a difference they can make.

The ESP Resource Development and Management Committee and the ESP Board are both nearing their goal of 50% participation and we hope you will consider contributing like we have to the ESP Leadership Fund. A goal of $1,000 contributed by ESP membership for 2012 has been set and we are getting very near that mark, won't you join us? Act now!

Wondering how you can give??? Simply go to the link provided below and click on the "Give Now" tab in the upper right corner. Make sure to direct your gift to fund number 602003! http://www.giveto.osu.edu/areastosupport/philanthropyprograms/campuscampaign/cc.html

Any contribution you wish to make is very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support of this valuable professional development fund.

Submitted by: Nate Arnett
Embracing the Past. Building the Future.
Extension Annual Conference
December 5, 2012

Annual Conference Objectives

... Engage in dialogue related to administrative issues.
... Participate in professional development opportunities.
... Recognize contributions to their profession.
... Practice shared leadership through their involvement with professional organizations and committees.

Extension Annual Conference Attendance

ALL Extension professionals are encouraged to attend this year’s Annual Conference. As we did in 2011, Extension Administrative Cabinet has agreed that county offices may choose how to handle their office hours during that day. Options include: Closing the office for the day with a sign indicating that everyone is participating in the annual conference and recognition event, and that the office will reopen on December 6 (remember to change your voice mail or answering machine message also); Utilizing volunteers to keep the office open; Using students who are home from college to keep the office open; Using a temp agency or temporary employee to assist during this one-day event.

In these times of change throughout our organization, we all benefit from attending the conference and comparing notes with our peers - and this is designed to be an all-inclusive meeting. Every Extension employee is important to this organization, and I believe it is valuable to have all of us learning together when possible. We are all working together for the good of the entire organization. I look forward to seeing all Extension professionals at this year’s conference! - Dr. Keith Smith, Director, OSU Extension

Important Dates/Payment Details - details coming soon

... October 22 - Registration Opens
... November 9 - Early Bird Registration Due
... November 21 - Regular Registration Due
... December 4 - CD meeting 10 am; 1 pm ESP & OAE Awards Luncheon; JCEP 2:45 pm; Sectional Meetings 4:00 pm; CES Prof. Development 5 pm; CES Dinner, Meeting, Recognition 6 pm
... December 5 - Extension Annual Conference: Ohio Union - 8 am to 5:15 pm

Payment Notes:
Any cancellations will incur a Cancellation Fee. Payment by OSU chartfield (no OSP funds, please)

Venue
The Ohio Union (Directions) - General Sessions in the Archie M. Griffin Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Biometric Health Screenings

Please schedule at: to be announced

Flu shots will be available from 7:40 am - Noon in the Suzanne M. Scharer Room. Sign up and fill out “Flu Shot Consent Form” at https://hr.osu.edu/osuhealthplan/flu/.

Service Project
CES will be sponsoring a Food Drive for Mid-Ohio Food Bank and Lion’s Club glasses donation. Please bring any non-perishable food items or used glasses you wish to donate to the registration desk area. For more details, click here

Silent Auctions
CES will be holding a silent auction in the West Ballroom from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. Please be sure to stop by and bid on items to help with your last-minute holiday shopping and raise funds for this organization.

Other Items

... Dress is business casual
... Menu to be announced
... Please bring your OSU Extension name tag if you have one
... BuckID Office conveniently located in the Union will be open 8-5 (3rd floor by Digital Lab)
... The Union is a wireless hotspot throughout - feel free to bring your laptop or tablet.
... Please stop by Bonnie’s Buckeyes: Bonnie Scranton will have a table with handmade OSU Buckeye jewelry and accessories. Partial proceeds to benefit CES.
... Hand tie-dyed buckeye nut t-shirts will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to rebuilding the OARDC Secrest Arbor etum that was damaged by the tornado last year.

Contact info: Amanda Forquer or Amy Fovargue
Dr. Jo Jones

On behalf of ESP, our hearts go out to all of Jo Jones family and friends. Former ESP member, Nikki Conklin, said this about Jo. "She touched the lives and hearts of many people. I could not ask for a better friend and colleague. Working side by side with her so many years, she made me a more creative person. She gave so much of herself to everyone. As a master teacher who spread her joy of teaching to others, she will live on for generations."

Dr. Jo M. Jones, 62 of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Columbus, died on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 4:52 A.M. at Lima Memorial Health System in Lima, Ohio.

Born February 3, 1950 in Lima, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Ralph D. Jones and Maxene (Winegardner) Jones.

Jo retired from The Ohio State University after many years of service to Ohio State's Extension Program. Throughout her career she held several positions within Extension including County Home Economics Agent in Union County, Area Home Ec. Agent in Preble County, South West District Home Economics Specialist, State Leader Home Economics, and then completing her career as Associate Director of Extension for Ohio. She also played an instrumental role in the N.E.L.D. (National Extension Leadership Program) in Ohio and worked with other states throughout the U.S.A. helping to develop and strengthen their leadership programs. Jo's first job was teaching Home Economics in the Spencerville School System which attributed to her love for education and working with people. She never met a stranger and her home was always open to students working on undergraduate and/or graduate studies. She graduated from Allen East High School in 1968 and earned both her Bachelor and Master's degrees from The Ohio State University. She then went on to obtain her Doctorate of Education degree from North Carolina State University.

Through her job with OSU Extension, Jo was provided with the opportunity to travel abroad and make lifelong friends from all over the world. She had visited Brazil, China, Egypt, Finland, Greece, Norway, Russia and Sweden. Jo had a heart of gold and believed that everyone should give more than they ever expected to receive. She loved volunteering at Coventry Ministries in Lima and working with Dr. Tom Holmes and the other staff members. She also enjoyed reading, spending winters in Florida with her dear friends and doing crossword puzzles and word jumbles. She was a wonderful sister, loving aunt and great-aunt!

Survivors include: a sister, Jackie (Gary) Austin, a brother Randy (Dana) Jones, 5 nephews and a niece Greg Austin, Jeff (Kristi) Austin, Kelli (Todd) Cosart, Trevor (Keri) Jones, Troy (Sara) Jones and Travis (Leslie) Jones, and 17 great nephews and nieces, Aleksandr Austin, Jackson Austin, Caleb Austin, Mallory Austin, Cole Austin, Marah Austin, Michaela Cosart, Camden Cosart, Caden Jones, Addison Jones, Deacon Jones, Delaney Jones, Olivia Jones, Bryson Jones, Rilynn Jones, Keagan Jones and Declan Jones.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard D. Jones, a nephew Todd Jones and a great nephew Zane Cosart.
Garee Earnest Receives National ESP Award

Kudos to Dr. Garee Earnest, for being awarded the 2012 ESP Continued Excellence award for the North Central Region. He was awarded this recognition at the National ESP meeting on October 9th in Mobile Alabama. Garee is described as "a conscientious professional." "Garee’s outstanding Extension teaching, research, and service exemplifies his commitments to Extension’s mission and to helping others succeed."