Happy New Year Chapter Leadership! I hope that each of you had a great holiday season and you are ready for the challenges that face us in this new year. The following will serve as a reminder of some upcoming events. Thanks for all your service to ESP.

2009 JCEP Regional Leadership Workshops Early Bird Deadline is January 9! Information is posted on the JCEP website regarding the 2009 JCEP Regional Leadership Workshops. The link is: http://jcep.org/workshops.htm. Reduced registration is available until January 9, 2009. Sandy Corridon, National President-Elect, and the Regional VPs have planned an informative ESP session for you during the meetings. Also, check the hotel cut-off dates to be sure you get the conference rate.

2009 ESP Dues are Now Payable: The dues are: $40 renewal, $45 new member, and $200 life member. Dues must be post marked to the National ESP office by February 1 to be a national committee member and/or to be considered for national recognition and scholarships/grants. The policy says dues must be postmarked to the National Office by February 1. A submission to the chapter treasurer by February 1 does not meet the guideline. The total number of annual and life members on February 1 determines the number of voting delegates to be seated for your chapter at the National ESP Council meeting. Additional dues can be accepted after February 1 but they are not considered for national recognition, scholarships or determination of the number of voting delegates. If you are a new treasurer and need help, do not hesitate to contact me at espoffice@espnational.org.

National Office Needs Information on Changes in Chapter Leadership:
Please submit information on new chapter leadership to the National ESP Office in a timely manner. I can not be of support and service to you the chapter leadership and the membership, if I am not in communication with the right people. I am attaching the current chapter leadership database so you can check your listing.

Action Deadlines:

• January 9: Post mark for early bird JCEP Regional Meeting Registration.

• February 1, Postmark Deadline for electronic submission of PILD Scholarships and McKinney Public Issues Scholarship Applications to Mary Ellen Blackburn, Scholarship, Grants and Recognition Chair, & National ESP Office
• February 1, Deadline for electronic submission of Mini-Grant Applications to National ESP Office

• February 1, Postmark Deadline for Payment of ESP dues to determine voting delegates at National Council Meeting and eligibility for Recognition Programs and Scholarships

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