



## ESP Communiqué February 2009

Good Morning, Chapter Leadership

We had a great ESP meeting during the JCEP Regional Meeting in Orlando last week. I appreciated the opportunity to see many of you and share the happenings of ESP. There were many “aha” moments as people discovered resources and opportunities that were new to them. I know that the results will be the same with this week’s meeting in San Diego.

Thank you for submitting your 2009 dues payments in a timely fashion. With reductions in Extension positions, we are pleased that twelve chapters have maintained their membership or increased membership in 2009. Additionally, we have experienced a 12 percent increase in new members. Even though the number of voting delegates and eligibility for national recognition has been established, continue to send in renewals. Every member is important.

Please share these important reminders with your chapter committees and members.

- **RFPs for Workshops and Poster Session for the 2009 ESP Conference** are due electronically by February 27<sup>th</sup> to Sandy Corridon, President-Elect. We know that travel money is tight and this is one way to receive some financial assistance for attending the national conference and add to your professional resume at the same time. Here is the link:  
<http://www.espnational.org/2009NationalMeeting/index.htm>.
- **Recognition Submissions** are due by March 2, 2009 (This is a for 09 only since the first is on a Sunday). Every chapter has outstanding individuals and teams who need to be recognized for their accomplishments. The attached General Information on Recognition outlines the various categories. You are asked to complete the Transmittal Form which is attached to this e-mail and send your nominations on CD to the National ESP Office. **They must be postmarked by Monday, March 2, 2009.** We do not want to miss anyone or get someone in the wrong category. The Transmittal Form is very important so that no one gets missed. We have had years when someone got lost in cyberspace. With the accompanying transmittal we are able to catch missing pieces. Individuals being considered **must** have their dues in the national office. So **PLEASE** send the transmittal form electronically and with the CD.
- **National ESP Committee Nominations** are due by April 1, to Deborah Thomason, Second Vice President, [dthmsn@clermson.edu](mailto:dthmsn@clermson.edu). The forms are available under the Forms button on the ESP website. All committee members **must** re-apply to remain on a committee and all committees

need new members this year. Our goal continues to be representation from all regions and life member involvement on all committees.

- **March 2, Deadline for Scholarship applications and Friends of Extension nominations.** Nominations are submitted electronically to National ESP Office ([espoffice@espnational.org](mailto:espoffice@espnational.org)) and Mary Ellen Blackburn, ([meblack@uga.edu](mailto:meblack@uga.edu)) Chair of Scholarships, Grants and Recognition.

### Important Changes:

The following are some changes which have been implemented by the National ESP Board and the National ESP Office. They were shared at the JCEP Regional Workshop but we wanted to be sure everyone was informed.

1. **Reimbursement** for National Council Voting Delegates and National Committee members is now based on any expense. It is no longer limited to travel.
2. **Chapter Recognition Certificate** has been posted on the ESP website and chapters will print their own certificates for chapter recognition programs. Embossed seals can be ordered from the national office at a cost of \$.50 each.
3. The national office will continue to provide **new member and life member certificates** with the national president's signature and embossed seal.
4. Chapters are encouraged to use the new ESP brand and the style sheets for designing local publications.
5. The **membership, recognition and endowment brochures** are posted on the ESP website and can be reproduced by the chapters at any time. The National Office will no longer provide quantities of these publications.
6. The submission deadline for **Chapter DSA Recognition** has been moved to March 1 with other recognition submissions. These individuals will be recognized at the recognition event at the national conference.
7. Chapter submissions for the **National Recognition Program** must be postmarked by March 2 (this year only because of the first being on a Sunday).
8. **National Friend of Extension** submissions are also postmarked by March 2. They are sent to the Mary Ellen Blackburn, Chair of Scholarships, Grants and Recognition at [meblack@uga.edu](mailto:meblack@uga.edu) and to the National ESP Office at [espoffice@espnational.org](mailto:espoffice@espnational.org). There is a cover sheet that should accompany the nomination. A letter of support from the Extension Director is **required**. The coversheet is posted on the ESP website under the Forms button.

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