



May 2009

Hello Chapter Leadership,

Hope you are having a good May. Here are some reminders for you and your membership.

- **Recognition Ballots** must be postmarked by May 15th to be counted. Please take the time to review the outstanding work of your colleagues and send your rankings.
- **Registration for the 2009 National ESP Conference** is now available on line at: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ESP2009/>. We know that budgets are tight but we feel the ESP Conference is a real value financially and professionally. Be sure to check the posted schedule because it is a little different. We listened to you and are trying to make the maximum use of your time away from the office. **EARLY BIRD** deadline is July 10!
- **2009 Dues Payments should be submitted to national now.** Please do not sit on 09 dues payments. The Regional VPs are in the process of making contacts with non-renewed members and you want to be sure they have all been submitted.
- **New ESP Executive Director Announced.** Everyone should have received notification that Robert (Bob) Ohlensehlen, Past National ESP President from Idaho, has been named the new National ESP Executive Director effective in September. Bob and I will be meeting next week in Jackson Hole to start the orientation and transition process. It has been a great nine years for me and I leave knowing that you are in good hands. We are working to make this a seamless transition.
- **National Office Closed for 2010 Conference Site Visit, May 11 – 15th.** Sandy Corridon, Deborah Thomason and I will be traveling to Jackson Hole, WY, next week to meet with the local arrangements committee for the 2010 National ESP Conference. We will let you know more details upon my return.