

ESP Leadership Communiqué

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Hello Chapter Leadership,

Hope all is well with each of you and you are making plans for some summer R & R with your family and/or friends. Remember, this communication is sent only to chapter leadership. If you feel that your membership or committee chairs need this information, you will need to forward it to them. Thanks for all you do for ESP. See you in Fargo!

Linda Cook, National Executive Director

Urgent Need! National ESP Committee Members needed for the following committees: Public Issues - 1, Global Relations - 3, and Resource Development and Management - 5. National Committee service is important to the strength of the organization. The ESP national committees meet during the National Conference each year. The remainder of the work is done via conference call. Attendance at the national conference is not required but you do receive a \$200 stipend for attending and participating. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in one of these areas, please contact Deborah Thomason at dthmsn@clemsn.edu or Linda Cook at the National ESP Office at espoffice@espnational.org. The nomination form can be found at : <http://www.espnational.org/Forms/index.htm>.

Honoring Duane Johnson's Contribution to ESP!

The 2009 National ESP Conference in Fargo will be the final national ESP function for Duane Johnson. Duane has provided outstanding leadership to ESP on the chapter, regional and national level for many years. To honor and recognize his accomplishments, a book of remembrances is being prepared. Please send your letters, cards and photos to the National ESP Office, PO Box 357340, Gainesville, FL 32635-7340 by **September 1st**. The finished book will be presented to Duane during the National ESP Recognition Brunch on September 16th.. Please send letters flat and identify the people in any pictures submitted. Electronic submissions can be sent to espoffice@espnational.org.

We want Duane to know our gratitude and sense the significance of his contributions to the ESP organization. Please feel free to share this with anyone who you think might be interested in contributing.

2009 National Conference Reminders:

- **Recognition Recipients** will be recognized during the Recognition Brunch on Wednesday, September 16th, during the National Conference in Fargo. We ask that you encourage your recipients to attend.

- **2008 Concurrent Session** Presentations are now posted on the National Conference website at: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ESP2009/consessions.htm>. Poster presentations should be posted soon.
- **Scholarship Auction** Items are Needed! The proceeds from the scholarship auction during the National ESP Conference are used to fund ESP scholarships and mini-grants. Each chapter (including those who are not present) is asked to provide one or two quality items for the auction. Check out the auction brochure on the conference website at: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ESP2009/auction.html>.

Weathering Economics Challenges Emerging Leadership Webinar had 75 participants on June 15, 2009. Twenty percent of the participants were non-ESP members. In case you were not able to participate, here is the link for viewing the program: <https://breeze.psu.edu/p89871034/>.

Important Dates Ahead:

- **July 10th** is **Early Bird Registration** deadline for the 2009 National ESP Conference in Fargo, North Dakota. Go to the ESP website for registration information at: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ESP2009/registration.htm>. Registration increases \$80 after the 15th.
- **July 1st** is **deadline for nominations for Second Vice-President**. Candidate must be from the West.
- **August 1st** is the deadline to notify the National ESP Office of **Voting Delegates** to the 2009 National Council Meeting.
- **September 1st** is the deadline for **2009 National Dues**. Dues payments after this date will be considered 2010 payments.

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