



August 2009

Good Morning Chapter Leadership,

As we are racing through August and preparing for the beginning of the school year, I hope you have had a good summer. Here are some reminders for you.

ESP Conference Items:

- **Still Need to Register for the 2009 Conference:** Go to the ESP website for registration information at: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ESP2009/registration.htm>.
- **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>.
- **Letters for Duane Johnson's Book are still being accepted!** Please send flat to the National ESP Office at PO Box 357340, Gainesville, FL 32605.
- **Chapter President's Breakfast, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 7:15 am.** One person from each chapter is invited to attend this special breakfast for chapter presidents/leadership. Chapter recognitions will be given during this event. Please be sure that someone is designated to attend and represent your chapter.
- **Leadership Training Session, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Every chapter is encouraged to have a representative in this session. It will help current or aspiring chapter leadership learn about the operations of a local chapter and the national organization.
- **2009 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.
- **Recognition Dessert, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 8:30 – 10:00 pm.** This is a new event for the ESP Conference. It will be a time to recognize three very important people: **Ellen Burton**, 2009 National President, **Sandy Corridon**, 2010 National President and **Jim Lindquist**, 2009 Distinguished Ruby Recipient. We are encouraging everyone to stop in for dessert following "**States Night Out**".
- **States Night Out** is planned for Tuesday evening of the National Conference. The ND Planning Committee is putting together a list of restaurants and will also be organizing groups for individuals who are their only state representative. There will be information at registration about places to go and how to connect with other chapters for a group dining experience.

Other Items:

- **September 1st is the deadline for 2009 National Dues.** Dues payments after this date will be considered 2010 payments.
- **National Office Change of Address:** Beginning September 8, 2009, all ESP mail should be directed to the new National ESP Office. Watch for an announcement of the address and other contact information around September 1.
- **ESP National Office Closed.** The National ESP Office will be closed from August 20 – 26th. If you anticipate needs during this time, please let me know **NOW**.

Closing Thoughts

I realize that this will be my last *ESP Communiqué* to write. It is a bitter sweet time for me. The past nine years have been an incredible journey. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many outstanding ESP professionals. It has been a real privilege for me. At the same time, I am looking forward to re-claiming my house and doing some different things in my “spare” time. You will always be special people to me and I hope our paths will cross again. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do. I hope to see many of you in person in Fargo to say these words to you but in case I don't please know they are sent with great fondness and respect for you and the leadership that you provide to ESP. ESP has a bright future ahead with Bob Ohlensehlen. Linda

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