A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ESP PRESIDENT SANDY CORRIDON

Following are some National ESP issues to keep in mind at the close of 2009:

Deadline for Regional Vice President Applications Extended to January 15th!
In last month's Communiqué, Bob put out the call for applications for Regional Vice Presidents. Because of the holiday crunch, the Board has extended that deadline to January 15th. Think of ESP members in your area who would be an asset to the ESP National Board. Encourage them to go to the ESP website under the Forms tab to apply. The election will be held at the JCEP Leadership Workshop in Nashville, February 2-4, 2010. Call me if you need any encouragement. It will be the most positive decision you have made – professionally and personally!!!!

JCEP Leadership Workshop
Registration is open on the website for the JCEP Leadership Workshop, a national leadership networking opportunity. Remember, each chapter is authorized a $300 stipend to assist in funding the attendance of chapter delegates to the workshop. Please have your chapter utilize the ESP $300 per chapter stipend so that we will have a good representation at the meeting. Register today!

ESP 2011-2015 Strategic Plan
It is time to update our strategic plan, and we certainly want your input! We currently have 4 strategic goals and we'll be working on the plan during one of our opportunities to meet at the JCEP Leadership Workshop – again drawing on membership input. The Board will then complete the planning process during the Mid-Year Board Meeting.

This certainly is my FAVORITE time of the year. I cherish my time with family and friends and during this season know that you are in my heart. I’m thankful to work with you for our ESP association and I count you as friends. THANK YOU, Happy Holidays!

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOB OHLENSEHLEN

I hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday Season. I am sure everyone is in a hurry to finish up last minute programs and meetings before the Holidays arrive. Jeana and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous, happy and safe Holiday Season.

Just a few reminders before the rest of the year slips away from us:

With the change of deadline moved to January 15th please take advantage of this extra time to apply for a regional vice president position! We elect regional vice presidents to serve two-year terms on the National ESP Board and to serve as committee chairs. The Northeast Region VP will also serve as the chair of the Resource Development and Management Committee, the Southern Region VP will also serve as the Chair of the Public Issues Committee, the North Central Region VP will also serve as the Chair of Global Relations and the Western Region VP will serve as the Chair of the Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Committee. Keep in mind that eligibility for applying for a regional vice president position includes having paid this year’s (2010) and the past year’s (2009) dues by the February 1 deadline. Remember that a completed application also includes any statements of support that are required (see details on the application Forms-Leadership tab).
Annual Chapter Reports for JCEP Leadership Workshop will be due on January 30, 2010. Last year the website was used to display the chapter reports. This year we will continue that practice. Each chapter is expected to submit a report that will be shared with others at the JCEP Leadership Workshop in Nashville. Even if there will be no one attending from your chapter, we would encourage each chapter to submit a report. The reports are to be submitted on line by going to Forms tab and then to the Chapter Reports tab.

Chapter Officer Updates—Thanks to all of the chapters who have submitted an update of their chapter officers. For those who have not submitted a chapter officer update, please remember to do so as soon as you change officers. This is important so that we may continue to communicate with your chapter leadership to provide them the needed information so they may be able to serve you as members. This update is to be submitted online by going to Forms-Chapter Reports tab and choosing Chapter Officer Update.

Membership—A strong chapter is one where everyone helps to identify good candidates to become a part of the organization and where all members work together to retain the existing members. We are nearing the deadline for the submission of membership dues. Help your Membership Chair by submitting your dues and by encouraging your fellow members to do the same. The deadline for dues submission to be counted towards National Council delegates and for eligibility for recognition and scholarships is February 1. We will continue to collect dues for 2010 up until September 1.

PILD Scholarship, McKinney Scholarship and Professional Development Mini-Grant applications are due February 1. Keep in mind that eligibility for the scholarships includes having paid this year’s (2010) and the past year’s (2009) dues by the February 1 deadline. Forms can be submitted online by going to the Forms tab on the website and choosing the appropriate scholarship/mini-grant application. Remember that a completed application also includes any statements of support that are required (see details on each application).

Upcoming Deadlines—
February 15  JCEP PILD RFP (Access PILD RFP Instructions)
February 26  2010 National Conference Concurrent Session RFPs (Forms-RFP)
March 1  Richard R. Angus Professional Development Scholarship Application (Forms-Scholarships)
March 1  All applications for recognition at the National and Regional level (Forms-National Recognition)

Happy Holidays!