



Epsilon Sigma Phi- Alpha Sigma Wisconsin Chapter 2010-2011 Member Services Committee Report

Respectfully Submitted by Edie Felts-Podoll, Chair

Committee Members: Randy Knapp, Ellen Andrews, Gary Korb, John deMontmollin, Jessie Potterton, Ken Schroeder, Faye Malek and Steve Kinzel

All Cooperative Extension employees were invited to join ESP or to renew their membership by a combination of e-mails, newsletter articles, personal calls, and/or personal letters.

Chapter Membership Summary:

2010	2011	Membership Category
13	14	New Members
113	138	Employed Annual Members
3	4	Annual Retired Members
161	158	Life Members
291	300	Total Membership

New Members Initiated During Annual Meeting, if Present:

- Jackie Caratini, FL, Marathon County
- Sherry Daniels, FL, Portage County
- Aimee Dunn, 4-HYDP, Dunn County
- Nav Ghimire, AG, Green lake County
- Diana Hammer-Tscheschlok, CRD, Fond du Lac County
- Todd Johnson, CRD, Grant County
- Gary Kirking, CRD, Juneau County
- Doug Liphart, 4-HYDP, Ashland County
- Monica Lobenstein, 4-HYDP, Jackson County
- Mary Ann Olson, FL, Adams County
- Gail Roberts, 4-HYDP, Jefferson County
- Katie Sternweis, AG, Dunn County
- Cathy Techtmann, Great Lakes Visitor Center
- Tom Wojciechowski, CRD, Ashland County

New Life Members recognized

- Edie Felts-Podoll - Joined Extension 1977, FL
- Donna Menart - Joined Extension 1974, 4-HYDP

Are you an ESP Member planning to retire in 2011? If so, you can become a life member, this year, by paying an additional \$135.00 to cover the cost of the 1st payment of a life membership. The second payment of \$200.00 will be due in 2012.

Committee members made contacts by district, department and sphere of influence. One to one contacts are one of the best methods to encourage new and continuing members.

Membership is everybody's business. Special recruitments methods for 2011 included:

- Direct calls to members who had not renewed for the new year
- Letters or phone calls to individuals who had retired in 2009, 2010 and 2011 outlining benefits of lifetime membership with ESP.

Membership dues continue to come in through April, even though our membership numbers at the National level are recorded annually on February 1st, for comparison purposes.

New this year, membership lists for all three membership categories can be found on the ESP website. This helps to confirm that membership dues are current and the lists are useful for ESP committees who select award and grant recipients.

The Membership Committee will be involved with strategic planning, action plans for 2011 - 2012. There has been National and local research to determine why some Extension staff join ESP and then let their membership lapse. Those of you who support ESP with annual membership provide our best publicity. We are all grateful to our annual retirees and life members who continue to bring talents to leadership roles and activities.

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