



Epsilon Sigma Phi- Alpha Sigma Wisconsin Chapter 2010-2011 Resource Development Committee Report

Respectfully Submitted by Peg Reedy, Chair

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Currently our investments are at the UW Foundation. As of December, 2010 the market value of the two funds that make up this portfolio exceeded \$407,000. The Henry L. Ahlgren Award was established by a grant from David Ahlgren to “enable one or more Cooperative Extension educators to improve their ability to work in modernizing family farms, developing creative means to support and maintain family farms, and to develop and implement niche farming in Wisconsin.” Since 1982 contributions to the fund have totaled nearly \$48,000. The ESP fund was established by Epsilon Sigma Phi (Alpha Sigma Chapter) with a gift of \$45,900.73 from David L. Ahlgren. The purpose is to provide support for University of Wisconsin Extension - Cooperative Extension program. Since 1982 nearly \$300,000 has been contributed to this fund. This past year the Endowment provided over \$20,000 in Professional Development Grants to Extension Professionals. Since 2002, grants have gone to over 175 individuals and 2 teams of Extension professionals.



The amount of funding for the 2011 grants was as follows:
ESP fund: \$16,619.69 Ahlgren fund: \$4070.42

This reflects earnings from our investments for the last quarter of 2009 and the first three quarters of 2010. Since we don't know the amount from the fourth quarter of 2010 until after granting begins, we always use the last quarter of the previous year to determine the amount available for the awards.

The annual letter to donors was sent out in February. It reminded donors of the different ways of giving to the ESP professional development funds including credit cards, payroll deductions or through a donation to the silent auction at the JCEP conference April 5-7 in Stevens Point. An email was sent to all ESP members to ask for donations for the silent auction with the reminder that auction baskets will be competing for “best of show” honors.

There will be several committee members whose terms are expiring. If you would like to be a part of the resource development committee, please contact Peg Reedy.