

**Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Psi Chapter**  
**October 25, 2016 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Kellogg Center at Michigan State University**

Call to order – 7:00 a.m. by President Elect Jeannie Nichols

**President’s Report** – Submitted by **Bethany Prykucki**, presented by **Jeannie Nichols**

ESP (Michigan Alpha Psi) chapter highlights

- In 2016, we had 59 active members and 101 life members.
- ESP chapter officers held six meetings to conduct official business and 3 of those were in-person meetings. This year we concentrated on updating memberships of life members and ensuring the current accuracy including contact information for those members. Find our ESP member list on web at [esp.msue.msu.edu](http://esp.msue.msu.edu).
- We sent out more regular communications via email and surveyed members to learn more about member needs.
- ESP enthusiastically supports the viability of the Extension system as it faces the future. One way we support leadership development to achieve that goal is to send representation to key conferences. In 2015, Deanna East represented our chapter at J-CEP (the Joint Council of Extension Professionals)
- In April, ESP was part of the MSU Extension Retiree Luncheon event. Bethany Prykucki led the program and several other ESP members interacted with retirees.
- In May 2016, ESP members Dr. Larry Olsen, Marie Ruemenapp, Ann Chastain, Barb Duvall, Diane Brown-Rytlewski, Kathy and Mark Foerster, and Brian Hughes, Ph.D. (Dow Chemical Co.), attended an outstanding international study trip with historic sightseeing, socio-political and cultural exposure, dialogue on social change and community development with volunteers, schools and farms, plus exposure to ancient cultures and ruins. This tour was led by Dr. Olson
- The global relationship committee has been busy this year working to enhance future international study trips by sending out their own survey to gauge interest from ESP membership.
- ESP establishes opportunities to support professionalism in Extension. This year, the ESP chapter provided a pre-Fall Extension conference workshop with Dr. Brent Scott, at the MSU credit union. We had 53 attendees. A special thank you to Jeannie for pursuing this professional development event and for organizing it. It was a great success.

- This year the Awards committee was chaired by President Elect Jeannie Nichols, and included two ESP members Suzanne Pish and Teresa Clark-Jones and Bethany Pryucki. In 2016, we had 24 nominees receive awards. In addition to receiving the chapter award, Julie Chapin received the ESP National award for Continued Excellence and Emily Proctor won the ESP National Diversity/MultiCultural Award.

**Treasurer’s Report – Deanna East**

The main activity performed as Treasurer was monthly management of the checking, savings and money market account(s), managing dues paid through renewals and new memberships, and maintaining membership lists.

**2015/16 Membership:** 10 new members and 49 renewing members. Total member 59 members and 1 additional life member.

**In FY 15/16, expenses totaled \$3,715.45 and income totaled \$5,199.26**

**Income:**

Dues	\$3,955.00
Professional Development	740.00
JCEP from National	500.00
Money Market Dividend	4.26
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,199.26</b>

**Expenses:**

National Dues	\$ 2610.00
MCEA Dues	51.00
JCEP	500.00
Awards & Scholarships	458.88
Meeting and Supplies	118.57
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3715.45</b>

**Operating Balance** \$ 1,483.81

Thank you to our 2016 volunteer auditor: Joe Bixler

**Historian Report (In Memoriam) – Emily Proctor**

Sympathy cards were sent by ESP Historian Emily Proctor to the families of lifetime members who passed away during 2016. They were remembered during this portion of the annual meeting.

- **Anita Dean**, passed away February 8, 2016 at age 96  
Received Bachelor’s and Master’s degree from MSU

Served as Home Economics agent in Branch County where she started their Foster Grandparent program

Published a well-known home economics newspaper column that helped generations of family better manager their households

- **Irene S. Hathaway**, passed away December 3, 2015 at age 79  
Received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from msu  
Retired from MSU Extension after 22 years of service  
Her many achievements include two John Hannah Awards for the development of the 1977 Dollar Watch Computer Program and the 1992 Michigan Initiative
- **James Leonard Myers**, pawed away August 7, 2016 at age 93  
Received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from MSU  
Served as a 4-H Agent, Extension Director and Farm Management Agent in northern Michigan for 30 years.  
Served as a FHA Farm Recovery Agent and Assisted Agribusiness with taxes and estate planning.
- **Gordon Guyer**, passed away on March 30, 2016 at age 89  
Guyer who was president of MSU from 1992-93, was a Spartan for life  
Received his Bachelor's Master's and Doctorate degrees from MSU  
He was a professor and chairperson for the entomology department and director of the MSU's Pesticide Research Center.  
Director of Extension from 1973-1985

#### **Recognition of Life Members – Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia**

Appreciation of expressed to the ESP life members who took the time to attend the Annual Meeting.  
Jan Seitz and Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.

#### **New Member Induction Ceremony – Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia & Cheryl Eschbach**

The following new Michigan ESP members were inducted:

Sarah Johnson  
Wayne Beyea  
Michael Krauch  
Insa Raymond  
Micah Loucks  
Ron Bates  
Garrett Ziegler  
Terry McLean  
Melissa Elischer  
Julie Thelen  
James Dedecker  
Andy Northrop  
Becky Henne

Moses Cantru (not present, will be inducted during next year's induction)

### **Election of New Officers – Cheryl Eschbach, Past President**

Elections were held and these nominated members were elected:

**President** – Jeannie Nichols

**President Elect** – Shari Spoelman

**Secretary** – Beth Waitrovich

**Treasurer** – Steve Lovejoy

### **ESP Awards Presentation – Jeannie Nichols, Suzanne Pish & Teresa Clark-Jones**

The 2016 ESP award winners are as follows:

- Meritorious Program Support Award - Jennifer Labun

This state award is designed to pay tribute to the many staff members in our system who, over time, have shown support for the mission, program and professional staff of MSU Extension

- Retiree Service Award – Jan Hartough This state award is designed to pay tribute to a retired Extension professional who has consistently exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in Extension program planning, delivery, and evaluation since their retirement.

- Diversity/MultiCultural – Individual - Emily Proctor is also a North Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> place winner!

This award is designed to recognize an Extension professional whose significant accomplishments have resulted in innovative programming that reinforces the organization's commitment to reaching diverse audiences.

- Continued Excellence Recognition– Julie Chapin is also a North Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> place winner!

This award is designed to recognize an Extension professional whose significant accomplishments have shown continued leadership initiative and excellence in program or administration on state / regional / national level. Member is eligible for nomination 5 years after receiving chapter DSA.

- Visionary Leadership Award– Cheryl Eschbach

This award is designed to recognize an Extension professional whose significant accomplishments have resulted in leading Extension forward in new directions. This person's visionary leadership enables Extension to anticipate a significant new opportunity and develops support to implement program organizational changes necessary to success.

- Early Career Service Award - Carey Northrop & Julia Darnton

This state award is designed to recognize the achievements of rising young professionals who have shown noteworthy enthusiasm, performance and accomplishment during their early Extension careers (less than 10 years) in program design and delivery.

- Mid-Career Service Award - Bindu Bhakta, Joyce McGarry & Suzanne Pish

This award is designed to recognize experienced Extension professionals (with 10-20 years of service) that have exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in State Extension program planning, delivery, and evaluation in program and/or administration.

- Administrative Leadership Recognition– Brenda Reau

This award is designed to recognize an Extension professional whose significant accomplishments have resulted in noteworthy administrative performance during 10 or more years of county, regional, state, program, department or national leadership.

- Distinguished Service Award - Terry Clark Jones & Terry Gibb

This state award is designed to pay the highest chapter tribute to experienced Extension professionals who have consistently exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in Extension program planning, delivery, evaluation, in program and/or administration over a career of 20 or more years.

- International Service Award – Rob Serrine

This award is designed to pay tribute to an Extension professional who has contributed to Extension in other countries through state and/or overseas work.

- Distinguished Team Award - 1) Terry Gibb, 2) Bindu Bhakta 3) Beth Clawson 4) Paige Filice: MSU Course Administrator 5) Dr. Jo Latimore: MSU Specialist 6) Dr. Lois Wolfson, MSU Senior Specialist 7) Gwyn Shelle

This award is designed to recognize outstanding efforts on the part of a team of Extension staff members in responding to and incorporating into a specific educational program one or more of the National Initiatives identified by the Cooperative Extension System.

- Diversity/MultiCultural - Team – Food Safety Team 1) Jeannie Nichols 2) Jane Hart 3) Eileen Haraminac 4) Gwyn Shelle

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### **Recognition of Outgoing Officers: Jeannie Nichols**

Many thanks to the outgoing ESP Officers:

Past President – Cheryl Eschbach

President – Bethany Prykucki

Secretary – Ann Chastain

Treasurer - Deanna East

### **Installation of New Officers – Cheryl Eschbach**

President – Jeannie Nichols

Past President – Bethany Prykucki

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Historian – Emily Proctor

### **Global Relations – Barb Duvall**

- 1) In late September, a link to an online survey was emailed to all current members and those life members who have provided an email address. 42 individuals responded. Andy Northrop shared a summary of the results:
  
- 2) Marie Ruemenapp shared slides of the professional development study tour to Peru in May 2016 with Dr. Larry Olsen. ESP members participating in the 2016 and the 2015 tours included Ann Chastain, Barbara Duvall, Cheryl Eschbach, Kathy Foerster, Emily Proctor, Larry Olsen, Marie Ruemenapp and Bonnie Zoia.
  
- 3) Andy shared the potential future professional development study tours: Haiti – November 2017  
Thailand – spring 2018  
Peru – April 2019  
Italy – May 2018

### **Extension Creed – Ann Chastain**

#### **Adjourn**

The 2016 annual meeting was adjourned at 7:30 a.m.