

## **2010 ESP Chapter Report**

**State / Chapter:** Colorado / Zeta

**Submission Date:** 02/11/2010

**Annual Members:** 76

**Life Members:** 45

### **Membership Requirements:**

50% Extension appointment, any funding source

**Annual Dues above National Dues:** 35

**Life Member Dues above National Life Member Dues:** 0

**Chapter Initiation Fee above the \$5 National Fee:** 0

### **Chapter Activities:**

Annual meeting conducted during Extension Forum, and awards presented during ceremony preceding annual banquet.

### **Life Member Activities:**

In June, Life Members and other retirees gathered in Windsor for an outdoor BBQ and update meeting

### **Chapter Financial Resources:**

Funds are generated via a silent auction during the annual business meeting. We have an established interest account for funds donated to the chapter for professional development scholarships.

### **Chapter Committee Activities:**

- 1) Professional Development - promoting webinar
- 2) Scholarships, Grants and Recognition - All recognition and scholarship applications are reviewed by the Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Committee. Professional development awards are distributed throughout the year. Recognition awards are distributed at our Annual Extension Conference.
- 3) Global Relations - no activities to report
- 4) Member Recruitment/Retention - The Membership Committee worked with the Executive Committee to personally phone all members who had not renewed their membership this year.
- 5) Resource Development & Management - Funds are generated via a silent auction during the annual business meeting. We have an established interest account for funds donated to the chapter for professional development scholarships. An audit is conducted previous to the annual meeting.
- 6) Public Issues - No members were able to attend PILD in 2009.

7) Other - n/a

**Member Recruiting Activities:**

The Membership Committee worked with the Executive Committee to personally phone all members who had not renewed their membership this year.

**How does ESP Serve Chapter Members:**

By sharing communication from ESP, including updates, website, and other emails to support chapter membership and leadership.

**How Could ESP Better Serve Chapter Members:**

By providing more information directly to the individual membership about specific opportunities - especially the professional development opportunities. We appreciate the efforts now underway. We promoted participation in the ESP Emerging Leadership Workshop -- Weathering Economic Challenges on Monday, June 15, 2009 and archived.

**How does your Chapter Provide Professional Service to Members:**

- 1) Our primary focus has been on providing professional development scholarships.
- 2) Each year the President Elect of the Zeta Chapter serves as a member of the Annual Extension Forum Planning Committee.
- 3) The President, President Elect and Past President serve on a Joint Board, representative of all the Extension Professional Associations. Each year these representatives come together to present current issues to the Director of Extension.

**How could your Chapter Provide Better Professional Support:**

We will continue to be engaged in all of the actions previously mentioned. A primary focus will be on providing scholarships to support professional development requests. With budget reductions, this will be a significant way we can support new and existing members.

**How can the National Board Provide Better Support to your Chapter**

- 1) More on how we can utilize technology to connect and network and provide professional development opportunities for our leadership and membership.
- 2) More regarding having a strong voice in current economic and political climate - Example: Colorado currently has two large counties withdrawing or threatening to withdraw funding for Extension programs.