



# Zeta Chapter News Notes

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## 2019 ESP Zeta Chapter Board

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## President's Message

It's been a busy summer with planning for the 2019 ESP National Conference in full swing. More than 20 Zeta Chapter members have stepped up to provide leadership for the Conference. Thanks to all of you who are actively participating on a committee for the Conference. If you haven't yet gotten involved, it's not too late! Just let Mark Platten Conference Chair, know of your interest ([Mark.Platten@co.teller.co.us](mailto:Mark.Platten@co.teller.co.us)).

Because we will be up to our eyeballs with the National Conference the week before Forum, our Annual Meeting will have an abbreviated agenda. We will NOT be having a fundraiser silent auction. Instead, plan on donating any silent auction item you have to the online ESP National Conference silent auction. Detailed instructions for uploading your items will be sent between now and mid-September. We also will NOT be doing a community service project this year....consider the 2019 ESP National Conference our community service for the year!

Again—thanks to all who are working hard to be sure the 2019 National Conference is memorable for all who attend.

Watch for one more newsletter between now and Forum to bring you final details on both the 2019 National Conference and the 2019 Zeta Chapter Annual Meeting at Forum.

Judy Barth, *President*

## ESP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

*The Antlers, Colorado Springs: October 14-17, 2019*

If you have never attended an ESP National Conference, put October 14-17 on your calendar and plan to be in Colorado Springs as the CSU Zeta Chapter hosts the conference in 2019. It's been 15 years since Colorado has hosted, so this is a great opportunity to attend while it's in our "own backyard."

The Conference Schedule and more information is available now on the ESP website (<https://espnational.org>), so even if you can't attend the full conference, pick one or two days and join us for a great time!

*Luann Boyer, Executive Secretary*

## ZETA CHAPTER AWARDS NEWS: The Award Process

*Susan Carter & Deryn Davidson, Co-Chairs,  
Scholarships, Grants & Recognition Committee*

Once a year we get a chance to nominate a coworker, a team, or yourself for recognition for the great work that has been done. We have many ESP local Zeta chapter categories, many of which are also recognized at the national level. The general guidelines are located on our state website:

<http://esp.colostate.edu/awards.shtml>

Since Forum has been moved to October, the Award Co-Chairs will send out an email calling for nominees in early August. The nomination will be emailed but is located on the link above. Once someone or a team is nominated, they will be contacted by an Award Co-Chair to fill out the paperwork online. It is crucial that you fill out all the information that is asked for in the form. Saying that you have attachments or “see resume” will automatically drop down your score. Once everyone in a category has their applications in, members of the Scholarships, Grants, and Recognition Committee will score the applications. A completed form is one item that is scored.

Here is how the scores are weighted:

### Judging Criteria

- Followed Guidelines in Preparation - 10 points
- Professional Accomplishments - 40 points
- Program Accomplishments - 40 points
- Support Statements - 10 points

The top score will receive the CSU Extension Zeta Chapter category award. If there is a tie, one of the Co-Chairs will rank the top two for a tie breaker. The award winners will be recognized at the awards event at Extension Forum and at the ESP Zeta Chapter Annual Meeting also at Forum. Only the Friend of Extension award winner and a guest will receive a free lunch at the Extension Forum awards event.

Following Forum, award winners in ESP National award categories will be submitted to the National ESP organization.

<https://espnational.org/Recognition>

Depending on the application, the co-chair may enter your information or you may be asked to fill out the National form. We had (2) 2018 winner categories to go on to the National level and win!

## LIFE MEMBER SECTION

### *Luann Boyer, Executive Secretary*

The 2019 Extension Retiree Social on June 14 was enjoyed by 45 retirees with most giving a “thumbs up” to having this event as a luncheon again next year. Attendees had a great time before lunch catching up on everyone’s activities. Following the buffet lunch, drawings were held for a variety of gifts and then a tour of Pelican Lakes Golf Course was enjoyed by some of the retirees before departing. June 12, 2020 is the tentative date for next year’s event. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

National ESP Conference will be hosted by Zeta Chapter in Colorado Springs October 14-17, 2019. All members - including Life Members who have provided an email - should have received an email from ESP about conference including registration. Early Bird Registration closes August 31. Life Members who attend the entire conference are eligible for a \$200 stipend which is paid after conference. The Life Member Tour arranged by Laurel Kubin and Luann Boyer includes a visit to the Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum and a presentation on Fannie Mae Duncan, a Colorado Springs “trailblazer” who made her mark on the cultural history of the area.

Even if you can’t attend National Conference, you can participate in the annual Endowment Auction which this year will feature a live auction, but also a silent auction which will be conducted online. Information on how to submit items for the auction will be coming later this summer along with how you can participate in the bidding process from anywhere.

Finally, ESP Life Members are invited to the Zeta Chapter Luncheon and annual business meeting held during Extension Forum the week of October 21 at Colorado State University. All retirees receive registration information from Extension Administration about Forum. The ESP Luncheon has usually been held on Wednesday (October 23) and is free for ESP Life Members. Watch your emails for specific details on day, time and place.

## GLOBAL RELATIONS: CONNECTING EXTENSION TO THE WORLD

**Spring 2019**

***Abiya (Abi) Saeed & Christy Fitzpatrick,  
Co-chairs, Global Relations Committee***

In case you missed the webinar on International Extension Work and still want to check it out, it is posted on the ESP National Website at:  
<https://espnational.org/Webinars>

Also, we would like to make you aware of an upcoming opportunity. The national Global Relations committee is working on plans for a study trip to the University of the Philippines in March of 2020. Stay tuned for more details!



### 2019 NATIONAL ESP CONFERENCE

***October 14-17, 2019***

***The Antlers, Colorado Springs, CO***

- GREAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT!
- GREAT SPEAKERS!
- GREAT TOURS!
- GREAT LOCATION!
- GREAT NETWORKING!

**Greet old friends and make new ones!**

**Early Bird Registration closes August 31, 2019.  
Go to <https://www.espnational.org> for all the details!**

## **ON-LINE AUCTION AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE: We're the Pros!**

***Christy Fitzpatrick, Auction Committee***

As Zeta Chapter hosts the National ESP Conference this October, we are introducing something brand new to the national meeting, an online auction just like the one we had for our chapter at Forum last year. With a successful auction under our belts, we hope that our Zeta members will lead the way and post items for the auction as soon as the site opens (tentatively September 4). The more things we have posted, the more we will encourage members in other states to follow our lead!

We will let you know when the site is open for items to be posted and will of course remind you about all the details in case you have forgotten how to do this. (It's really easy!) For right now be thinking about what you would like to contribute and maybe work on some enticing photos to advertise your item. The money raised at the national silent (online) and live auctions help to support scholarships for first time attendees to the conference and many other national ESP grants and scholarships so we will benefit along with our colleagues around the country. And you may be glad to hear that since we are pulling out all the stops for the national conference auction, we will

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

***Christy Fitzpatrick, Chair***

Yes, it's only mid-way through summer, and you will be hearing much more about this in the fall, but the Zeta Chapter Nominating Committee is already starting to think about a slate of officers for the next year. We will need to elect a new Secretary and President-Elect. In order to keep our chapter strong and moving forward, we need engaged members who are willing to take on leadership roles.

At Forum, Dennis Kaan will be stepping into the President role and Judy Barth will move to Past President, so our new President-Elect will have a great support team. Please take some time this summer to think about whether the time is right for you to step into one of these roles, and if you think you might be interested, please contact Christy Fitzpatrick or Judy Barth.