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Zeta Chapter News Notes

President's Message

I can't believe how fast the year has gone (perhaps due to the intense effort on the 2019 ESP National Conference!). The opportunity to serve as your President allowed me to interact with colleagues all over the country and increased my respect for all Extension employees who work tirelessly for their clientele. But the work is not quite done. While we will elect new officers at our Annual Meeting at Forum, we still have the 2019 National Conference to complete. The good news is that we have over 230 registrants (more than we ever anticipated) and we've blown through 2 additional blocks of rooms at the Antlers! It should be a really special conference, kicking off at the Olympic Training Center with a ceremonial lighting of the Olympic Flame in honor of the Conference! A special shout out to each one of you who volunteered to help with the National Conference—more than 25 of you!

I want to thank all the committee chairs from this year who have worked diligently on your behalf. We have had a significant increase in the number of award nominations (way to go Susan and Deryn and all who contributed nominations!), and we're anticipating an exciting change to our Bylaws (be sure to review the email you received before the annual meeting thanks to Jacki Paone and Carla Farrand).

The Board this year has been outstanding in their support and effort. I wish Dennis Kaan well as he assumes the Chair responsibilities. Gus Westerman successfully shifted our finances to a new location and Alison O'Connor has been diligent in recording all our actions. Christy Fitzpatrick has gone over and above to fill all the responsibilities of the Past President for the second year in a row! Luann Boyer has kept our membership roles in order, both at Zeta Chapter and with the National ESP Office. Thanks so much to all of you for all your hard work, I couldn't ask for a better Board! It's been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as President of Zeta Chapter this past year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so! I hope to see all of you at our Annual Meeting on October 23. Judy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

OCTOBER23rd, NOON to 2PM

Longs Peak Room, Lory Student Center

Sign up to attend through the Google Form available with your Forum Registration!

<https://extension.colostate.edu/forum/association-dues-luncheons-banquets/>

ZETA CHAPTER NEWS

Renew your ESP Membership! Invite a friend or new colleague to join!! (New Instructions for Joining—See last page)

As a member, you will continue to find helpful resources from the ESP national web site (<http://espnational.org>) where you can apply for scholarships, learn about webinars, sign up for national conferences and join the work of national committees. ESP also offers: *Scholarships for individual professional development opportunities (national & state scholarships are available) *Chapter and national recognition programs for member individuals and teams *A National Conference with an opportunity to give peer reviewed scholarly presentations *Involvement in public issues and activities *Professional development opportunities *Chapter and national leadership opportunities *A network of Extension professionals united across disciplines and program areas *Mentoring opportunities *Involvement in Global and International opportunities

Make a Difference—Speak Up, Join a Committee!!

The ESP Zeta Executive Committee is open to your ideas and suggestions at any time; just contact one of the members listed on this newsletter. Consider joining one of the EXP Zeta committees to be even more involved. The Executive Committee has made an effort to involve committees to a greater extent – your input is important! You will have an opportunity to sign up at the Annual Meeting Luncheon during Forum or e-mail one of the officers.

A ESP Zeta Chapter Benefit— Professional Development Dollars!

In addition to the multiple stipends available through National ESP, there is money budgeted annually for ESP Zeta members who need financial support for upcoming professional development opportunities. These funds don't necessarily have to be used for conferences, but can be used for textbooks, curriculum, etc. for helping you on your professional development path. Awards of up to \$200 are available through a simple one-page application process located on the ESP Zeta web site: <http://esp.colostate.edu/docs/scholarship-esp.pdf> in the left column under State: Scholarship Application. After completion, e-mail to the Chair of the Professional Development Committee.

Life Member Section

Extension Forum ESP Activities

by Luann Boyer, Zeta Chapter
Executive Secretary

ESP Life Members are invited to participate in the annual CSU Extension Forum which is October 21-23 in Fort Collins with most events will be in the Lory Student Center. Retirees receive information about Forum activities with registration and payment required for most meal events.

But, Life Members get a real deal when they attend the ESP Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting because Life Members actually get a **“free lunch”**. Yes, that’s a thank you for your continued support of ESP as a Life Member. The ESP Luncheon is Wednesday, October 23 from 12 noon to 2 pm in the Longs Peak Ballroom (new location from previous years). While Life Members get a free lunch, you must contact President-Elect Dennis Kaan by **October 15** (dennis.kaan@colostate.edu) so he’ll have you in the meal count.

If you are not able to attend the ESP National Conference hosted by Colorado Zeta Chapter in Colorado Springs the week before, you’ll get report of the event during the luncheon as well as have an opportunity to catch up with current and retired Extension staff. There will not be a Silent Auction at the ESP Luncheon this year, but you can still support ESP by participating in the National ESP Conference Online Silent Auction. Go to the Conference website to learn how: <https://www.espnational.org>

Mark Your Calendars 2020

Extension Retiree Social

It’s not too early to get the date for the 2020 Extension Retiree Social on your calendar. Plan on being at Pelican Lakes in Windsor on Friday, June 12. The mid-day format held this year was a good change and the plan is to continue it in 2020. Watch for registration details in April 2020.



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!

Go to <https://www.espnational.org> for all the details!

How to Join ESP 2020

Beginning this year, CSU will no longer collect dues for our associations so we have a new procedure for joining or renewing memberships. (See Page 2 for a list of all the great reasons to join ESP Zeta Chapter!)

We don't want to lose any members because you couldn't figure out how to join so here is what to do....

Note: There has been a dues increase at the national level so 2020 dues are as follows:

Returning Members	\$95.00
New Members	\$85.00
Life Members	\$225.00 (onetime fee, for retirees only)

*First, to let us know that you wish to renew your membership, fill out the ESP section of the form on the Forum website indicating that you plan to pay dues.

You can find the form here: <https://forms.gle/ufKg3udtCn7PVX5f7>

This is also where you will let us know that you plan to attend the Annual Meeting luncheon. Don't forget to note any special dietary needs. If you do plan to attend the luncheon, please submit this form by October 11 so we can get numbers to catering.

Annual Meeting Luncheon cost is \$28.00.

If you are coming to Forum, you can bring your check made out to ESP Zeta Chapter and give it to Gus Westerman at the lunch or whenever you see him.

If you are not attending Forum, please mail your check to:

Dolores County Extension

Attn: Gus Westerman

P.O. Box 527

Dove Creek, CO 81324

If your county needs an Invoice or a W-9, contact Christy Fitzpatrick and I will email one to you. Other questions or problems? Email Christy.fitzpatrick@colostate.edu and I will be glad to help you out.

We look forward to having you continue as a member of our vibrant and valuable Extension-wide ESP Zeta Chapter!