



Epsilon Sigma Phi
State Chapter Report
2005 JCEP Southern Region Leadership Workshop

Name and State of Chapter: Alpha Zeta Chapter -- Texas

Chapter reports will be presented by a chapter representative at the opening ESP session. Please bring 20 copies for distribution. Additionally, **send report in electronic format to the ESP National Office at espoffice@espnational.org.**

Your Chapter in Review:

1. Membership: Annual: 229 Life: 195
2. Membership Requirement(s): consists of professional and administrative faculty and staff who hold or have held full or part-time Extension appointments. Membership is open to qualifying individuals regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.
3. Dues Structure: (indicate amount collected **above** \$30 national dues)
 - a. Annual: \$15
 - b. Life: \$75
 - c. Initiation: _____
4. Chapter Activities:
 - Hosting National ESP Board Meeting in Galveston, April 5-8, 2005.
 - In process of seeking out national award applications from state winners
 - Forming statewide task force to develop a Statewide Conference similar to Galaxy to be held in 2007; the steering committee will have representatives from each of the professional organization.
5. Life Member Activities or Involvement:

District 10 life members meet together each fall to work a food booth at a large county fair. Scholarships are funded from the money raised.

District 7 life members meet together each December and invite current Extension employees to attend. It is to maintain a bridge between the new and retired Extension workers.

6. Chapter Financial Resources to support awards, professional development and scholarships. (How were funds generated and utilized?)

Most of the funds come from dues and occasionally from donors.

7. Brief report on Committee Activity:

Professional Development:

Several years ago, funds were set aside for publishing a history of Texas Extension and Epsilon Sigma Phi. The project was never initiated, and at present time, those funds are used for 4 graduate study scholarships per year (\$1000), annual state awards (\$500), and professional development. Professional development is primary: each district/campus may apply for funds annually to conduct a professional development activity; ESP members receive support when attending PILD and national ESP-sponsored educational activities. Members are invited and do contribute to professional development in addition to their annual dues. Texas Alpha Zeta has also made substantial contributions to the "75th" Development fund for ESP.

Member Services:

Global Relations:

Member Recruitment/Retention:

Each district and campus unit in Alpha Zeta conducts recruitment & renewals in appropriate ways, with district/campus directors primarily responsible.

Resource Development:

Public Issues

Other:

8. Describe membership efforts to recruit new members; keep members; and develop life members.

An ESP representative meets with new faculty twice a year at the Extension Orientation conferences. New retirees are contacted by the Vice-President/Membership about continuing as life members or, if preferred, as annual members.