



Texas ESP Connection 2011

Quarterly Newsletter

January - March
July - September

April - June
October - December

ESP Texas Connection Is Now
Online <http://esp-nat.tamu.edu/>

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

District:

District 2011 Meritorious
Services Award Nominations

State:

Deadline July 15th
Scholarship & Grants

Application Process Open

Sept 1 - Oct 15
Deadline Oct 15th
Award Applications

National:

Mini Grant and Richard Angus
Professional Development

Scholarship Deadline - August 1st
2011 ESP National Conference

Greetings from Midland County, new State President. For those who didn't know, Jennifer McAlister resigned as our State ESP President upon leaving Extension in May. We will miss her greatly for all that she has done for ESP and Extension. As President Elect, I have stepped in about 6 months early to assist in this change. I wanted you to be aware of what's going on in Texas ESP. Below is a listing of our State ESP Board, District Representatives and State Committees along with upcoming deadlines. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your corresponding ESP Representative. We appreciate your leadership in Extension over the years and want to continue with Excellence in ESP. We look forward to more exciting years to come.

At our Spring Board meeting, we agreed that we were in need of an ESP Newsletter. This is our flagship attempt. Hopefully this will assist you as members to upcoming events, deadlines, projects, trainings and recognition through ESP.

*Lindy Tefteller
ESP State Alpha Zeta Chapter President
Midland County*

2011 National Conference - Syracuse New York

The Conference will be held from October 10 - 13 in Syracuse, New York. It should be a great conference and an excellent time to be in the beautiful northeast to enjoy the splendor and color of fall.



Registration for the 2011 ESP National Conference is now open. To learn more about the conference, speakers, concurrent sessions, poster sessions, tours and the conference schedule follow the link to the [2011 Conference Schedule](#).

Registration fees are based on when you register. Full registration, for members before July 15th is \$400.00, between July 16th and August 31st \$475.00, between September 1st and October 1st \$550.00. Part time and guest registrations are also options and are also date specific, see the options in the drop down list. This year conference guests need to fill out individual registration forms.

Consider attending national. I know budgets are tight, but if possible let's all show our support to Dr. Ed Smith and the other 6 Texas Award Recognition Recipients at this year's National ESP Conference.

ESP District Representatives

Prairie View Campus - Jacquelyn White

College Station Campus - Dean McCorkle

District 1 - Megan Becking

District 2 - Mary Collier

District 3 - vacant (contact Marilyn Simmons)

District 4 - Dotty Woodson

District 5 - vacant (contact Marilyn Simmons)

District 6 - Lindy Tefeller & Karan Hefflefinger

District 7 - Wade Hibler & Marilyn Hale

District 8 - Shane McLellan & Cheryl Walker

District 9 - Brandon Gregson & Starla Garlick

District 10 - Daphne Richards & Nelda Speller

District 11 - Stephen Biles

District 12 - Barbara Storz

Standing ESP Committees

Member Recruitment and Retention - Marilyn Simmons

Awards Recognition - Barbara Storz

Professional Development (Scholarships & Grants) - Lindy Tefteller

Nomination - Sandra Duke

Marketing - All Board Members

Resource Development & Management (audit) - Jay Yates & Stan Bevers

Global Relations - Marilyn Simmons

Public Issues - All Board Members

Life Members & Retirees - Billy Warrick

Website Management - Billy Warrick

District Meritorious Awards

Every District has an opportunity to select a recipient for **District Meritorious Award** from among its members. Some districts have their own award celebration and others announce their recipients at their Fall District Planning Conference, either way you need to be recognized for your Outstanding Work. For District Directors that do not have anything in place, we have example letters and nomination forms online under [Resources](#) · [Awards](#) to help you. Our budget includes a small stipend for each district to go toward the purchase of a recognition product. [Contact Tonya Poncik](#), ESP State Treasurer before purchase.



Texas Epsilon Sigma Phi will provide up to two grants (\$250.00 each) for District & Headquarter, to stimulate the professional development of Extension faculty in district and campus chapters. **Deadline July 15th for State.** Since National has extended their deadline; **ESP Scholarships and Grants** can go on to National 2011. Entry forms are attached and submit to Lindy Tefteller by email:

Mini Grant \$250.00

Graduate School Stipend \$500.00

*****With Cost Recovery, applying for Mini-Grants and Scholarships could help you with programming efforts and continuing education classes.*****



ESP State Awards

Deadline Oct 15th for our State ESP Awards that could be represented at National 2012: Entry Forms are online under [Resources](#) · [Awards](#) · [Award Requirements / Form](#) and Submit to Barbara Stortz by email:

*Friend of Extension Recognition
Meritorious Support Service Recognition
Team Recognition
Diversity/Multicultural Team Recognition
Early Career Recognition
Mid-Career Recognition
Distinguished Service Recognition
Administrative Leadership Recognition
International Service Recognition
Continued Excellence Recognition
Retiree Service Recognition
Tenure 25 Year Recognition
Visionary Leadership Recognition*

****I know we all get busy, but please apply for these awards. You are well deserving and should be recognized for your work. We won't know if you don't tell us!****

Billy Warrick - Retired - Life Member Committee

A big thank you goes out to Billy for all his hard work he has done on cleaning up our membership from current, lapsed, retired to our Life Members in ESP for the past two years. He spent countless hours getting our information current and getting our website up to date. We couldn't do it without you Billy!!!



Look to the Future

The ESP State Board is currently working with the State Office to help put together and facilitate Professional Development Opportunities for its members to provide in their own Districts. More information will be provided in the future editions.