



Epsilon Sigma Phi
State Chapter Report
2008 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 ESP session. Additionally, **send report in electronic format to the ESP National Office at espoffice@espnational.org.**

Your Chapter in Review:

1. Membership Numbers: Annual: 152 Life: 189
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** \$40 national dues)
 - a. Annual: \$15
 - b. Life: \$75
 - c. Initiation: _____
4. Chapter Activities:
 - In process of seeking out regional award applications from state winners
 - Had 11 members attend the National meeting at Charleston, SC
 - Four regional award winners in 2007
 - Awarded two \$500 Scholarships in 2007
 - Chapter president attended PILD meeting
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. How does the Extension organization in your State define an Extension Professional?

Professional and administrative faculty and staff who hold or have held full or part-time Extension appointments.

8. Brief report on Committee Activity:

Professional Development:

Announce scholarship and grants program. Send applications out to members. Compile applications and determine who will receive them. At this time we have two graduate study scholarships per year (\$1000) and five mini-grants, and two National meeting scholarships. 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 national endowment fund for ESP.

Member Services:

District and campus representatives are involved in getting members to apply for awards, grants and scholarships.

Global Relations:

Main activity in 2007 is developing guidelines for international and interstate training opportunities.

Member Recruitment/Retention:

Membership committee chair works with each district and campus unit in Alpha Zeta to conduct recruitment & renewals in appropriate ways.

Resource Development:

Headed up by Audit Committee to make sure we use our funds in a responsible and professional manner.

Public Issues:

No committee as such. Every member is expected to keep good working relations with public officials.

Other:

9. Describe programming efforts in the area of Global Relations. Bring samples to share as appropriate.

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10. What marketing efforts does your Chapter conduct to recruit new members and promote the benefits of ESP to all Extension professionals within your state? Please list.

- 1) An ESP representative meets with new faculty twice a year at the Extension Orientation conferences.
- 2) New retirees are contacted by the Vice-President/Membership about continuing as life members or as annual members.
- 3) Newsletters are sent members to keep them updated on chapter activities.
- 4) E-mails are sent to members to remind them of activities and deadlines.

Note: When submitting electronic copy to the National ESP Office, please attach a copy of the New Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs forms to the submission. The forms can be found at: <http://espnational.org/Forms/index.htm>