Stillwell inducted as ESP National President

Mark Stillwell, interim director, Cooperative Media Group, was sworn in as Epsilon Sigma Phi’s 2013 National President at the 2012 annual conference held October 6-10, 2012 in Mobile Alabama. Stillwell has been active in Missouri’s Alpha Tau chapter and completed a two-year term as the North Central Region vice president prior to his election. Also in attendance to see Mark sworn in were Dr. Michael Ouart and Missouri Alpha Tau Chapter officers Karma Metzgar, President and Dr. Julie Middleton, President-Elect.

From our president

Dear Members of Epsilon Sigma Phi,

Happy New Year!! As we move into 2013 I wish you peace, happiness, good health and professional fulfillment. I want you to know that your officers are working hard to represent and serve you. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for contributing to the auction at the Fall Conference on behalf of ESP. Those funds will go a long way toward purchasing the National President’s Key in 2013, as it is the tradition for this key to be purchased by the state of the National President.

I would also like to thank Meridith Berry who received a grant to bring the speaker, Anne Adrian to our Fall Conference. She was an excellent speaker and the session was very well attended.

Please join me in thanking Mark Stewart for arranging for Buck’s Ice Cream that was enjoyed by all. Also thanks to Mary Leuci and the Global Relations Committee who hosted the ESP exhibit. Finally, thanks to the Awards committee for their work in identifying outstanding awardees. It is clear that the many contributions of ESP and its members helped to make that conference a successful one. Finally, let’s all thank Karma Metzgar who was an outstanding president for the past year. We are truly grateful for her leadership.

As we enter the new year, I hope that you will all make plans to attend the Galaxy IV Conference that will be held in September. It is exciting that our own Kathy Dothage is the conference co-chair. I hope that we can all support her and Missouri by attending and presenting the excellent work that is going on in our state. This would also be a great way to support the National President of ESP, Mark Stillwell. I want you to know that our President Elect, Mark Stewart will attend the JCEP meeting this year and I will attend the PILD meeting to represent you.
Please visit the chapter’s website often for updates and information. The treasurer’s report, executive board, and annual meeting minutes are there for your review. Also visit the national website from time to time, as it provides a wealth of information at http://espnational.org. Please consider asking one colleague to join ESP by February 15th. To join, they should contact Vivian Mason at masonv@missouri.edu or Joe Koenen at Koenenj@missouri.edu. I look forward to hearing any suggestions that you have to continue to strengthen ESP. I am especially interested in any ideas that you have for fund raising.

Let’s make it a Great Year!

**Galaxy IV Conference Notes**

- September 16-20, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA
- RFP deadline approaching – January 10, 2013
- Registration opens May 1, 2013
- Galaxy conference co-chair, Kathy Dothag (Missouri Alpha Tau Chapter member) had these comments for us.
  - Registration fees for Galaxy IV will be $450 through July 15, $525 July 16-August 31, with on-site registration set at $575. Hotel reservations will be made through conference registration. If a participant chooses to stay outside the hotel block an additional fee of $500 will be added to the registration fee.
  - Hotels designated for each association are:
    - NACAA— Marriot City Center, NACDEP— Wyndham Grand, NAE4-HA - Omni William Penn, NEAFCS— Renaissance (overflow to the Doubletree Suites), ANREP— Doubletree Suites, ESP— Wyndham Grand
    - Associations will be headquartered in their hotel and some board meetings, pre-conferences and other events will take place in the association hotel. Please encourage members to register early to assure being housed in their association hotel.

**Global Relations Committee Report**

Mary Leuci, Global Relations Committee Chair

We are delighted that Michael Ouart was a panelist on international programs at the National ESP meeting in October. Recently we learned that the Galaxy will also include a panel of Extension leaders talking about the value of international and global program engagement. Our chapter’s global relations committee will be finishing the analysis of the survey last year and determining our goals for the new year.

The committee is excited that MU Extension and the University of Western Cape in S. Africa co-sponsored another successful webinar in October that involved 4-H Youth Development, Community Development and Labor Education as well as a professor from MU’s Sport Development Program. We will be jointly sponsoring another webinar in March around community and volunteerism with more details to come. These are open to all extension faculty to participate as they are offered by Adobe Connect.

Finally if you have ideas to share with the committee please send them to me! Your input makes our committee work stronger.


Extension Fellowships: Get ‘em while they’re hot!

Beverly Maltsberger, Loan and Fellowship Committee Chair

Purpose
Extension Fellowships assist individual university faculty and professional staff members from the University of Missouri campuses and Lincoln University in continuing their professional development in support of the university outreach mission.

Eligibility
Individual applicants must be:

1. Currently employed as a university faculty or professional staff member. (Members of the Extension Vice Provost's immediate administrative staff, regional directors, campus extension administrators, and Fellowship and Awards Committee members are not eligible.)
2. Have two years of consecutive employment with the University of Missouri or Lincoln University.

Criteria
Proposals should be complete and clear, and must exhibit:

1. benefit to the individual, organization and clientele
2. individual initiative and creativity
3. relationship to the applicant’s professional development.

Priority will be given to first-time applicants. Applications must be submitted prior to the professional development experience.

Amount
Up to $1,000 per award will be granted. The total amount individuals may receive during their tenure with the University is $1,500. Funds should offset expenses not covered through other sources. Applicants must submit a budget identifying anticipated expenditures and other sources of financial support, including personal contributions. Awards will not exceed actual expenses. The number of awards granted will depend on the availability of funds in the Extension Loan and Fellowship Fund.

Application and selection process
Only e-mail applications will be accepted. After completing the application, individuals must send it to their supervisor, who will forward it to the committee. Supervisors: Send applications via e-mail to Lisa Wallace.

Applications are reviewed monthly. To be considered in a given month, applications must be received by the first. Nominations will be reviewed by the Fellowship and Awards Committee appointed by the Extension Vice Provost. The committee — comprised of representatives of UMEA, Epsilon Sigma Phi, the UM campuses, Lincoln University and the executive vice president's Office — will make recommendations to the Extension Vice Provost, who will make the final selection. Individuals selected to receive fellowships will be notified within 45 days.

Reporting outcomes
Within one month of completing the activity, individuals must send a letter to the executive vice president summarizing the experience and its benefits. A copy also should be sent to the Fellowship and Awards Committee.
“Springtime in South Africa” Study Tour

Michigan Alpha Psi Chapter is hosting a study tour of South Africa March 3 – 15, 2013. The extraordinary diversity of South Africa will be highlighted during this international travel opportunity. Participants will increase their cultural and global awareness, providing impact on local programs.

If interested, contact Pat Dignum.  dignum@anr.msu.edu

Upcoming deadlines from National

- PILD and McKinney Scholarship applications are due February 1, 2013
- Angus Scholarship applications are due March 1, 2013
  - URL for both: http://scholarship.espnational.org/
- Mini-grant applications for associations to plan and conduct a professional development activity are due February 1, 2013. http://scholarship.espnational.org/mini-grant/mini-grant-instructions

Missouri Alpha Tau Officers for 2013

President       Julie Middleton
President-Elect  Mark Stewart
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Annalist        Tim Baker     Past President Karma Metzger

Complete contact information for your officers can be found at the URL below.

http://extension.missouri.edu/esp/stateofficers.html

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