

**This is your chance to participate! None of that non-involvement associated with minutes “accepted as read.” Can you fill in any of the blanks in the minutes so that our members honored last year get their deserved recognition? Judy lost the program on which she had written the names, so there are several holes. Thanks for your help. jh**

*Epsilon Sigma Phi*  
**Iota Chapter Meeting**  
16 March 2000

The Iota Chapter meeting was held the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2000, following lunch in the Walnut Room in the Taggart Center on Utah State University campus. The meeting was conducted by President Marlene Berger.

No emeriti members were present to be introduced to the group.

Marlene Berger thanked Jean Alder for her years of service as historian and announced that Kay Evans had accepted the new role of historian for the chapter.

Don Huber, immediate past president of the chapter, reported on the emeriti retreat held in June at a central location of the state—Spanish Fork in the Oak Crest Inn. Sixty-two attended. After the luncheon four individuals shared Extension memories. ESP is one of few organizations to continue membership after retirement and involve emeriti.

Debbie Amundsen, president-elect, read the names of four retirees who died since our last meeting: Joel Barlow, Freda Davis, Blaine Jones, Helen Walmsley, and Gwen Biddell. *jh*

The minutes and financial report were presented by secretary-treasurer Judy Harris. Adrian Hinton moved that they be accepted. Motion seconded by Dennis Warwood. Voting was in the affirmative.

The purpose and value of ESP as an umbrella organization for our Extension professionals was emphasized:

- \* It offers opportunities to serve on national and even global offices, which would enhance promotion and tenure documentation.
- \* Scholarships are available to members. This year Marlene Berger received two scholarships.
- \* Opportunity to work with top notch people.

Steve Jackson, who is working as site coordinator for the national meeting to be held in Salt Lake City November 30-December 2, reported on the preparations. He went to Indianapolis to participate in the national conference there and to meet with the national board. Their top priority activity/tour was to visit the Olympic venues (Utah hosts the Winter Olympics in 2002). Other places of interest were the genealogy center, temple square, and hearing the Tabernacle Choir. The conference theme will be “Anticipate Excellence: Pathway to Success.” The meetings will be in the Wyndham Hotel in Salt Lake City. About 250 participants are anticipated. Those planning the conference are receiving much help from Conferencing. The conference will include a satellite broadcast from USU campus of clips from campuses across the country; Roger McEvoy is involved in this project.

Members can help with this national conference. In a few days there will be a teleconference to present suggestions for the conference. The immediate help of members is needed with ideas for keynote speakers and for workshops (possibly by some of our retirees). Members can also help by bidding on the items at the silent auction, which is being overseen by Scott McKendrick. The proceeds of the auction will be used to help pay conference registration fees for our members. Members can also help before and during the national conference by helping with pre-conference tours, registration, shuttles, providing audio-video equipment for concurrent sessions, working with youth groups, and generally helping as needed. (There will be reduced registration rate for Utah members attending this national meeting.)

President Marlene Berger pointed out two new things she wanted to accomplish for the chapter this year. One has already been completed: the revision of the bylaw and their adoption by vote of the members. This eliminated the five-year waiting period to be eligible for ESP membership. The second goal was to enlist help from our retirees.

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The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Chuck Gay, Extension Specialist and College Extension Administrator in Natural Resources, by Robert Gilliland.

Kevin Kesler announced the \_\_\_\_\_ awards. The award for Meritorious Service went to Lorrie Reed who was not present. The \_\_\_\_\_ Award went to Vince Lafferty, who was ill and not present. The Early Career Award went to Cynthia Zollinger for her success in expanding service in Tooele County

The Mid-career Award was received by Diane Reese. The citation was read by Ann Parkinson.

The Team Award was presented by Jean Kobayashi to Kay Evans, JoAnn Mathis Ross, and Paula Scott for the development of a home management curriculum for limited resource consumers. The curriculum is being printed for national distribution.

The Friend of Extension award will be presented to Representative Loraine T. Pace at the awards banquet tonight.

Marlene recognized Weldon Sleight and Verl Bagley for \_\_\_\_\_

Members who retired this year were Norman Davis, Brent Gledhill, Lou Griffin, Tony Hatch, Don Huber, Becky Mitchell, Jack Soper, and Clyde Hurst.

New members were: Heidi LeBlanc, Eric Hawley, Kevin Heaton, Margaret Hopkin, Ellen Serfustini, Richard Beard, Paula Scott, and Lee Roderick.

Special thanks to Dennis <sup>Wood</sup> Warnick for donating a piglet for the silent auction fundraiser.

President Marlene Berger adjourned the meeting.

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Judy Harris, Secretary