

## EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS' CREED

I **believe** in people and their hopes, their aspirations, and their faith; in their right to make their own plans and arrive at their own decisions; in their ability and power to enlarge their lives and plan for the happiness of those they love.

I **believe** that education, of which Extension is an essential part, is basic in stimulating individual initiative, self-determination, and leadership; that these are the keys to democracy and that people when given facts they understand, will act not only in their self-interest, but also in the interest of society.

I **believe** that education is a lifelong process and the greatest university is the home; that my success as a teacher is proportional to those qualities of mind and spirit that give me welcome entrance to the homes of the families I serve.

I **believe** in intellectual freedom to search for and present the truth without bias and with courteous tolerance toward the views of others.

I **believe** that Extension is a link between the people and the ever-changing discoveries in the laboratories.

I **believe** in the public institutions of which I am a part.

I **believe** in my own work and in the opportunity I have to make my life useful to humanity.

Because I believe these things, I am an Extension professional.



Epsilon Sigma Phi

Your Key to Professional Excellence

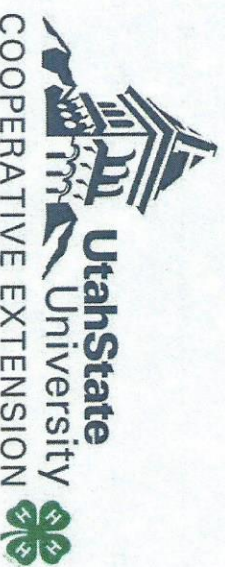
## IOTA CHAPTER

### Business Meeting & Breakfast

March 2, 2016

Eccles Conference Center, Room 201/203  
Logan, UT

Utah State University





**EPSILON SIGMA PHI  
IOTA CHAPTER**

Welcome & Introduction ..... Jody A. Gale  
 Pledge of Allegiance ..... By Invitation *Mark Nelson*

Memorial for Deceased Members..... Kevin Kesler  
*Ben Lindsay, Barbara Webb Rowley, Myrna Copley, Ruth Coates*  
 Minutes 2015/Financial Report ..... Debbie Proctor  
*Kevin Kesler, Top Cooper*

Introduction of New Members/Swearing In ..... Debbie Proctor  
*Ken White, Brian Hagginbocker, Elizabeth Davis, Scott Williams*  
 Extension Creed ..... Shawn Olsen  
*Dallen Graham + Denise Stewardson*

Presentation of Awards ..... Jody A. Gale  
 Elections ..... Shawn Olsen  
*Kevin Kesler, Non-Voters, Mary Zina Chad*  
 2016 ESP National Conference—Cape May, NJ  
 October 23-27, 2016 ..... Jody A. Gale

2015 ESP National Conference—Coeur d'Alene, ID  
 Meeting Report ..... Jody A. Gale

Election Results ..... Shawn Olsen  
 Installation of Officers ..... Jody A. Gale

Adjourn ..... *Shawn Olsen*  
*Adjourned*

**2015-2016 IOTA CHAPTER OFFICERS**

President ..... Jody A. Gale  
*Wanda Braten*

President Elect ..... Shawn Olsen  
*Justin Smith*

Secretary/Treasurer ..... Debbie Proctor  
*Ren Patterson*

Past President ..... Kevin Kesler  
*Jody Gale*

**Epsilon Sigma Phi Awards—2016**

Friend of Extension—Charles (Chuck) Gay

Early Career Service—Melanie Jewkes

Mid-Career Service—Justen Smith

Continued Service—Teresa Hunsaker

Distinguished Service—Diane Reese

Visionary Leadership Award—Paul Hill

Administrative Leadership—Brian Higginbotham

Diversity Multicultural Award (Individual) - Suzanne Prevedel

Diversity Multicultural Award (Team)-Adrie Roberts, Amanda Christensen, Stacey MacArthur, Melanie Jewkes, & Zurishaddai Garcia

International Service Award—Stacey MacArthur

Meritorious Service—Evelyn Andrew

Distinguished Team Award—Adrie Roberts, Amanda Christensen, Stacey MacArthur, Melanie Jewkes, Zurishaddai Garcia



Epsilon Sigma Phi

Epsilon Sigma Phi is the National Honorary Extension Fraternity. It began January, 1927, in Bozeman, Montana. Utah's IOTA Chapter held its first meeting on May 9, 1927 at the Eccles Hotel located in Logan, Utah. The first initiation ceremony honored six candidates and was held July, 1927.

**Purpose**

The purpose of Epsilon Sigma Phi is to maintain the standards and ideas, to uphold the morale, prestige and respect of the Extension Service, to develop an effective working relationship and a spirit of fraternal fellowship among present and former extension employees and to promote professionalism with the Extension Service.

**Emblem**

The official emblem of the Epsilon Sigma Phi has a wall of Troy built around the outside, symbolizing the protection which the Fraternity gives to its members. The "E" on the stem of the key signifies Extension. The Greek letters are interpreted to mean Extension Service Veteran.