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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Several events sponsored by Gamma Sigma Delta will be held this fall. In the spring newsletter, I mentioned that an Ad Hoc Committee of Roy Frederick, Rita Kean, Ken VonBargen and Anne Vidaver was working to identify a keynote speaker for the September 28 seminar of Gamma Sigma Delta. We are pleased that Mr. Tim Galvin, Director of the Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, will give the Gamma Sigma Delta seminar, *Food for Thought: A Forecast for World Agriculture in the Decade Ahead*. Mr. Galvin will be flying into Lincoln specifically for this lecture so I urge your attendance. His presentation is open to all. Some of you will remember Mr. Galvin as a staff member of Senator Kerrey. His presentation will be followed by questions/answers and a short reception.

It is also the time of the year to begin planning for the recruitment and initiation of new members for Gamma Sigma Delta. Our gratitude goes to Jack Schinstock and Marybeth Helmink, who are instrumental in the identification of undergraduate and graduate students eligible for membership from the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, College of Engineering and Technology Biological Systems Engineering and Agricultural Engineering majors. Additionally, all of us as members, have a responsibility for the identification of eligible faculty, managerial professional staff and alumni to join our organization. Please take the nomination form enclosed with your newsletter, complete it for a colleague and urge their participation in this valuable honor society.

Four award committees will be completing their 2000 work this fall: Award of Merit, Research, Teaching and Extension. It is important that we recognize our peers through their nomination for these awards. Please submit nomination forms to the chairs of these committees. Chairs are Martin Massengale, Award of Merit; Larry Cundiff, Research Award; Dennis McCallister, Teaching Award and Don Steinegger, Extension Award. Nomination of our peers is one way we have of telling them how much we appreciate their work.

I look forward to seeing many of you on September 28 at the Gamma Sigma Delta Seminar, East Campus Union, 2:00 p.m., and the Initiation and Awards Banquet on November 19th which is also at the East Campus Union. Have a wonderful fall season.

Beth Birnstihl, President
Nebraska Chapter

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of July 17, 2000, there are 398 active members on our mailing list to receive this NEWSLETTER. This is 19 less than at this time last year. Our active membership includes a total of 368 in Nebraska with 197 on campus, 66 in Lincoln, and 105 in Greater Nebraska. There are 25 in 20 other states plus one in Santa Maria, Brazil, one in Quito, Ecuador, one in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and one in Chapingo and one in Texcoco, Mexico. We have active members in Goodyear, AZ; Russellville, AR; San Ramon, CA; Commerce City, CO; Thompsonville, IL; Ames and LeMars, IA; Overland Park and Shawnee, KS; Lafayette, LA; Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Egan, MN; Independence, MO; New Brunswick, NJ; Santa Fe, NM; Goldsboro, NC; Fargo, ND; Stillwater, OK; Huron, SD; Alexandria, VA; Walla Walla, WA; and Racine and Wonewoc, WI.

This year there are 72 who have paid their dues for 2001 or beyond. We now have 54 on our retired list and 42 on our Award of Merit list for a total of 96 who have their dues waived. Last year, there were 83 who had dues waived. I wish to send a special “Thank You” to all of you who have sent in your annual dues to me and also for letting me know if your address has changed. Please note that the International Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter has given me the title “Membership Coordinator”. (The job is still without pay!)

Charles H. Adams
Membership Coordinator
FALL ACTIVITIES

Fall Seminar
(followed by short annual business meeting)
2:00 p.m., September 28, 2000
Nebraska East Union

Tim Galvin, Director of the Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA
“Food for Thought: A Forecast for World Agriculture in the Decade Ahead”

Initiation and Awards Banquet
6:00 p.m., November 19, 2000
Nebraska East Union

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta is in excellent financial condition as of August 1, 2000. The balance on August 1, 1999 was $3,675.54 and as of August 1, 2000 it is $4,677.28. The Net Income for this period was $1,001.74. Income for the previous 12 months was $7,168.83 (Interest: $101.83, Dues and Initiation Fees: $2360.00, Chapter Enrichment: $700.00, Travel Reimbursement: $200.00, and Banquet Registrations: $3807.00). Expenses for the previous 12 months were $6,167.09 (National Meeting Expense: $921.66, Scholarships: $250.00, Banquet Expenses: $3,209.78, National Registration Fees: $569.00, Newsletter and Postage: $1175.41 and Awards: $41.24).

Terrance P. Riordan
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER
AWARD RECIPIENTS

A key objective of Gamma Sigma Delta is to recognize scholastic and professional excellence. Each year the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes outstanding sophomore and senior students selected from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences (HRFS), and the Department of Biological Systems Engineering (BSE). The 2000 awards were presented at the Student Scholarship Recognition Dinner on April 9 to the following students:

Outstanding Senior:
Karyn Lane
Environmental Studies — Independence, Missouri

Outstanding Sophomore:
Kristyn Harms
Ag Education — Dodge, Nebraska

In addition, 74 juniors and 37 sophomores were recognized for high scholarship. Forty of the juniors recognized were from CASNR, 27 from HRFS, and seven from BSE. The sophomores recognized included 22 from CASNR, 12 from HRFS, and three from BSE.

NOTES FROM THE HISTORIAN

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes the lifetime achievements of the following members that have died since the last newsletter or acknowledged in earlier newsletters.

James F. “Jim” Power died August 1, 1999. Jim was initiated on May 8, 1951 as a Senior in Agronomy at the University of Illinois. Jim attended the University of Illinois and Michigan State University. He worked with USDA’s Agricultural Research Service as a soil scientist from 1955 to 1995.

Philip L. Kelly Sr. died August 6, 1999. Phil was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter May 16, 1956 as a Dairy Science faculty member. He attended Wisconsin State Teachers College, University of Minnesota, and Cornell University. He served on the faculty at the University of Minnesota, University of Arkansas, South Dakota State College, and University of Nebraska. He served as head of the Dairy Science departments at South Dakota State College and the University of Nebraska. He retired from NU in 1971.

Harold J. Ball died November 7, 1999. Harold was initiated as an entomology faculty member into the Nebraska Chapter on May 24, 1955. He had retired as a Professor of Entomology at NU. He was a native of Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin.

Arnold W. Peterson died March 1, 2000. Arnold was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter on November 22, 1970 as an alumnus member. Peterson was an agronomy graduate of NU and worked for NU Cooperative Extension in Douglas County before becoming assistant farm service director at WOW-TV in 1952. He well known for his farm news programs on WOWT.

Lloyd E. “Pete” Peterson died April 23, 2000. Pete was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter on May 21, 1963 as faculty member in Audiovisual Services of NU’s Extension Division. He received his Bachelor of Science from NU and worked in various audiovisual positions at NU.

DeLynn R. Hay
Historian
August 1, 2000

TO: Members of Gamma Sigma Delta

FROM: Marilynn Schnepf, Secretary

SUBJECT: A. Call for Membership Nominations Due: September 15, 2000

B. Call for Nominations for Awards Due: September 15, 2000
   Award of Merit
   Teaching Award
   Research Award
   Extension Award

C. Annual Meeting—Thursday, September 28, 2000 at 2:00 pm

D. Ballot for Election of Treasurer Due: September 8, 2000

Call for Nominations for Membership. Please see enclosed materials for nominating graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff, and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. The Nebraska Chapter remains strong because you have consistently nominated individuals worthy of membership to the Membership Committee. Remember that managerial/professional staff, in addition to faculty, alumni, and graduate students, are eligible for membership and need to be nominated. Undergraduate students are reviewed directly by the Membership Committee. Due September 15, 2000. Send to Dr. Jack Schinstock, 201 L. W. Chase, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68583-0726.

Call for Nominations for Awards. Please see enclosed materials for nominating worthy individuals for the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit, Teaching Award, Research Award, and Extension Award. Because Gamma Sigma Delta promotes high scholarship, these awards are very important and deserve our effort to nominate our colleagues who have distinguished themselves in their professional endeavors. Due September 15, 2000 to appropriate chair of each selection committee.

Annual Meeting—September 28, 2000 at 2:00 pm in East Campus Union. Besides the annual business meeting, there will be a seminar presentation by Tim Galvin, Director of the Foreign Agricultural Service entitled “Food for Thought: A Forecast for World Agriculture in the Decade Ahead”. There will also be reception immediately following his presentation.

Election for Treasurer. A ballot for election of treasurer for year 2001 is enclosed with a description of candidates Kevin Meyer and Randy Wehling. Vote for one and return your ballot to Marilynn Schnepf, UNL, 316 Ruth Leverton Hall, Lincoln, NE 68583-0806 by September 8, 2000.
The Membership Nominating Committee solicits your nomination of graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta.

We rely on your help to assure that Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes worthy co-workers and graduate students for their contributions in agricultural sciences, natural resources or family and consumer sciences. A little reflection and a few minutes of your time to complete a form is all we ask.

Nominations are requested for graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff and alumni.

Membership guidelines follow:

A. Graduate Students who meet all the following requirements:
   1. Show superior ability to carry on research and/or advanced study in agricultural sciences, natural resources or family and consumer sciences or in other sciences where the individual student's area of study or research is directly related to those areas.
   2. Show promise of making worthwhile contributions in these fields.
   3. Completed 2/5 of the required hours for the advanced degree being sought, either at the Masters or PhD level, and
   4. Attained a grade average of B or equivalent or better for graduate work toward an advanced degree.

B. Faculty and managerial/professional staff who meet all the following requirements:
   1. University of Nebraska staff member for at least three years, and
   2. Engaged in work in the professional areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources or family and consumer sciences for a period of at least three years.

C. Alumni who meet all of the following requirements:
   1. Shown outstanding work in or service to agricultural science, natural resources or family and consumer sciences.
   2. Graduated from the University of Nebraska or an institution with a Gamma Sigma Delta chapter.
   3. Graduated at least five years prior to election to membership.

Please use the enclosed membership nomination form to provide the necessary information.
Nominations must be received by September 15, 2000 to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Jack Schinstock
Biological Systems Engineering
201 L.W. Chase
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68583-0726
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
NOMINATION FOR FACULTY, MANAGERIAL/PROFESSIONAL, GRADUATE STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

Date of Nomination: _______________________

NAME: ____________________________________________

Last Maiden First M.I.

University or Other Address: ____________________________________________

Type of Nomination: □ Faculty □ Managerial/Professional □ Graduate Student □ Alumni

Title: ____________________________________________

If faculty or managerial/professional nomination, list date of appointment to University:
Month ___________ Year ___________

Degree Date Major Institution
BS ________________________________ ________________________________
MS ________________________________ ________________________________
PhD ________________________________ ________________________________
Other ________________________________ ________________________________

Graduate student nominees only. List all graduate courses and grades at University of Nebraska. Graduate students must have met 2/5 of the requirements of the degree being sought, either at the Masters or PhD level.

Course Grade Course Grade Course Grade
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Professional Activities: (Attach résumé if available)

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Nominators: (Three signatures required)

Name __________________________ Name __________________________ Name __________________________

Department __________________________ Department __________________________ Department __________________________

(Use attachments for additional comments)
Merit Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Award of Merit Committee
Martin A. Massengale, Chair
Robert Koch
Julie Johnson

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2000 Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit. We urge you to consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty for this special recognition.

The selection criteria and format for the nomination are on the reverse side of this memo.

Nominations should be submitted by September 15, 2000 to:

Martin A. Massengale
220 Keim Hall
Center for Grassland Studies
Lincoln, NE 68583-0953

PAST RECIPIENTS

1956 O.H. Leibers
T.A. Kiesellbach
1957 W.W. Burr
1958 F.L. Duley
R.W. Gross
1959 H.C. Filley
W.J. Loeffel
1960 T.H. Goodding
1961 Howard Deems
1962 Ralph Cole
G.A. Spidel
1963 Chauncy Smith
Marvel Baker
1964 J.C. Russel
J.C. Swinbank
1965 Marcus A. Weldon
M.A. Alexander
1966 Lawrence K. Crowe
Frank E. Musselhl
1967 H.O. Werner
1968 John Muehlbeier
R.M. Sanders
Stanley Matske
Willard Waldo
1969 Edward W. Janike
Albert J. Ebers

1970 Lionel C. Harris
T.M. McCalla
1971 E.F. Frolik
A.W. Epp
1972 Clare Porter
Harold Stevens
1973 John L. Adams
Gordon E. Dickerson
1974 Phillip A. Henderson
M.G. McCreight
1975 Marvin J. Twiehaus
Myron Rumery
1976 Robert E. Roselle
Doyle H. Free
1977 Ernest R. Peo, Jr.
John L. Weihing
1978 O. Burr Ross
Ralston Graham
1979 Robert A. Olson
Thomas W. Sullivan
1980 Rosalind Morris
1981 Charles H. Adams
Paul Fischbach
1982 Wayne Collings
Donald Hanway
1983 John Furrer
James Williams, Jr.
1984 William Splinter
R.D. Schneider
1985 Lowell E. Moser
Glen J. Vollmar
1986 David P. McGill
1987 Francis Haskins
1988 Richard D. Earl
Herman J. Gorz
1989 Glenn Froning
Dermot Coyne
1990 Sid Salzman
LaVerne Stetson
1991 Robert Fritschchen
1992 Charles Stonecipher
1993 Wes W. Furrer
Irvin T. O'nevedt
1994 Kermit Hansen
Anne Vidavera
1995 Glenn A. Helmers
John F. Witkowski
1996 Joan M. Laughlin
Robert L. Rau
1997 Robert Koch
Martin Massengale
1998 Keith Gregory
James Kinder
1999 Karen Craig
OBJECTIVE

The Award of Merit is to further recognize those who have rendered outstanding service in research, extension, teaching, administration or leadership in the field of agriculture, natural resources and family and consumer sciences.

REQUIREMENTS

The recipient of the Award of Merit must meet the following requirements:

1. Qualify under the objectives as stated above.
2. Be a member of Gamma Sigma Delta.
3. Minimum age 30 years.

PROCEDURE

An Award of Merit Committee shall be appointed annually by the president. The committee shall be composed of three members of which at least one member is from the previous year’s committee.

The committee will canvass the membership of Gamma Sigma Delta for nominations for the Award of Merit. Nominations, as submitted to the committee, must be accompanied by supporting information. No nominations may be made from the floor at any meeting of Gamma Sigma Delta.

From the nominations received, the committee shall select not more than three candidates. The names of these candidates shall be presented to the membership in ballot form for mail vote. The ballots shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the qualifications of each candidate.

A maximum of two Awards of Merit may be made each year. This does not preclude the making of one award or no award in any particular year.

The award(s) shall be presented at the annual banquet; and, except under unusual circumstances, the recipient will be expected to be present to receive the award.
Gamma Sigma Delta
THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE
NEBRASKA CHAPTER
University of Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

August 1, 2000

Extension Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Extension Award Committee
Don Steinegger, Chair
David Keith
Dale Grotelueschen

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2000 Nebraska Chapter’s Extension Award. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant extension activity.

The selection criteria and nomination format are on the reverse side of this memo. Please follow the format closely. Careful preparation of the nomination is important and aids the selection committee. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nominations should be submitted by September 15, 2000 to:

Don Steinegger
Department of Agronomy and Horticulture
377K Plant Sciences
Lincoln, NE 68583-0724

PAST RECIPIENTS

1980 Don J. Kubik 1990 Dean H. Eisenhauer
1981 Alexander R. Martin 1991 Lloyd L. Young
1982 Charles L. Fenster 1992 James E. Novotny
1983 Donald C. Spitze 1993 Carol Thayer
1984 Earl W. Gleaves 1994 Robert D. Grisso
1985 J.C. Cranfill 1995 Frederick P. Baxendale
1986 Gail A. Wicks 1996 Doyle R. Wolverton
1987 Douglas D. Duey 1997 Donald Steinegger
1988 Elbert C. Dickey 1998 David L. Keith
1989 Don Sander 1999 Dale Grotelueschen
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SIGMA DELTA
EXTENSION AWARD

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Demonstrated leadership in development and implementation of effective extension programs as an individual, team member or coordinator.

2. Evidence of productivity and visibility of extension programs.

3. Evidence of impact of extension activity.

4. Evidence of clientele and peer recognition of excellence of extension programs.

5. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta; membership in the Nebraska Chapter is desirable, but not mandatory.

6. Emphasis may be placed on one thrust or program area as well as the overall program.

7. Persons who have previously received national or international Gamma Sigma Delta extension awards are not eligible.

8. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION

► Name of nominee

► Educational background

► Current position

► Major extension thrusts, program accomplishments or impact including programs planned and conducted, extension publications, audiovisual productions and other materials developed for extension programs.

► Three letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the nominee’s extension accomplishments, including at least one from the nominee’s clientele.
August 1, 2000

Teaching Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Teaching Award Committee
Dennis McCallister, Chair
Steve Jones
Leon Higley

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2000 Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award. We urge you to consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty for this recognition of excellence in teaching.

The selection criteria and format for the nomination are on the reverse side of this memo. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nomination should be submitted by September 15, 2000 to:

Dennis McCallister
Department of Agronomy and Horticulture
109 Keim Hall
Lincoln, NE 68583-0914

Past Recipients

1972 Ernest J. Peo, Jr. 1984 Robert A Olson 1996 George H. Pfeiffer
1973 Lowell E. Moser 1985 M. Rosalind Morris 1997 Dennis McCallister
1999 Leon Higley
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
TEACHING AWARD

SELECTION CRITERIA

Outstanding teaching and advising record as evidenced by:

1. Student and peer evaluations of courses and instructor.
2. Commitment to teaching improvement activities.
3. Formal and informal interaction with students as academic and/or student organization advisor.
4. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta.
5. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION

- Name of nominee
- Educational background
- Current position
- Description of teaching responsibilities (courses taught and enrollment for past five semesters, Spring Semester 1995 through Spring Semester 1998)
- Academic advising responsibilities for past five semesters
- Documentation of scholarly activity such as invited/peer reviewed presentations, publications in teaching such as articles, textbooks, etc.
- Participation in teaching improvement programs
- Student involvement (out-of-classroom interaction, advising of student organizations, etc.)
- Impact of nominee as teacher and advisor
- Student course evaluations which shall consist of a copy of the Results of the Objective Items. On the current CASNR evaluation form (CIEQ), this is the front summary page.
- Four letters of recommendation in addition to the nominator’s letter are required. One letter of recommendation from a colleague, present student, former student and an administrator should be submitted with the nomination.
Research Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Research Award Committee
       Larry Cundiff, Chair
       David Baltensperger
       Terry Riordan

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter’s Research Award for 2000. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant research activity.

The selection criteria and nomination format are on the reverse side of this memo. Please follow the format closely. Careful preparation of the nomination is important and aids the selection committee. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nominations should be submitted by September 15, 2000 to:

Larry Cundiff
Box 166
Clay Center, NE 68933-0166

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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
RESEARCH AWARD

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Evidence of outstanding research activity and productivity, either in fundamental or applied research as evidenced by:
   - Impact of nominee’s research.
   - Peer recognition as a research scientist,
   - Research contributions as individual, as research leader or as collaborator.

2. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta; membership in the Nebraska Chapter is desirable, but not mandatory.

3. Persons who have previously received national or international Gamma Sigma Delta research awards are not eligible.

4. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION

- Name of nominee
- Educational background
- Current position
- Description of research responsibilities
- Major research accomplishments; research publications, patents, variety releases and other indices of research productivity.
- National and/or international significance of the nominee’s research.
- Three letters of recommendation (including nominator’s letter) from persons in a position to evaluate the nominee’s research accomplishments.