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NEWSLETTER
Nebraska Chapter

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As this long, hot, dry summer comes to a close it is time to plan for the fall activities for Gamma Sigma Delta. I am always amazed at how quickly the years seem to go by. Events of the last year have affected us all in some way. We are constantly reminded that the world we are living in has changed. Some changes cause only minor disruptions, others are more serious. The world has truly become smaller with events from around the world having a direct impact on us.

The program that we have planned for the Annual Fall Meeting September 19, 2002 should be one of interest to each of us. The title of the program is “Bio-security and our Food Supply.” I want to thank Merlyn Nielsen and his committee of Irv Omtvedt, Roy Frederick and Rita Kean for putting together an outstanding panel of speakers. I would like to encourage all members to attend and bring others as well as encouraging students to attend.

Fall is also a time to think about membership. Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership nomination form. Take some time to select graduate students as well as faculty and staff that are worthy of recognition by Gamma Sigma Delta. Nomination does not require a lengthy write-up. The viability of the Nebraska Chapter is highly dependent on active participation by faculty and staff so please take time to nominate colleagues who may not be members. Keep in mind that faculty and managerial/professional new members must be at the University for three years.

Also included with this mailing are materials for nominating current Chapter members for our four annual awards. The Award of Merit, along with the Teaching, Extension and Research Awards, recognize outstanding contributions of our members and are presented at our Initiation and Awards Banquet scheduled for November 17, 2002. Take a look at the criteria and nominate your fellow members. Once again, a lengthy write-up is not needed.

Finally, please note that the Ballot for Treasurer is included in this newsletter. We appreciate the willingness of these candidates to become involved in Gamma Sigma Delta and encourage all members to vote. I would like to thank all who have been involved with committees this year. As with any organization, active committees make the organization work.

Your current executive committee officers are looking forward to exciting activities this fall and hope that many of you will attend the Annual Meeting on September 19 and the Initiation and Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 17. Both events will be in the East Campus Union. We will look forward to seeing all of you at these events.

Marilynn Schnepf, President
Nebraska Chapter

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

Annual Meeting and Seminar

Thursday, September 19, 2002
East Campus Union

2:30 GSD Annual Meeting

3:00 Seminar
Panel Discussion
“Bio-security and our Food Supply”

Panelists:
Lt. Governor Dave Heineman
Dr. John Rupnow
Ms. Emily Buescher
The Student Scholarship Recognition Reception was held at the East Campus Union on April 8, 2002. More than 85 honorees, Gamma Sigma Delta members and guests attended the event.

Thirty three sophomores and 59 juniors were recognized for outstanding academic performance within the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. Those in attendance at the reception received a certificate and Gamma Sigma Delta coffee mug.

Kourtney Mueller, a Biological Systems Engineering major from Columbus was recognized as the Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Senior.

Lisa Pfeiffer, an Agricultural Economics Major from Seward received the Outstanding Sophomore Award.

Following the introduction of the High Scholarship students, Carmen Helvey, past recipient of the Outstanding Sophomore Award and College of Human Resources and Family Sciences senior, addressed the group on the importance of high scholarship. Dr. John Owens, Vice Chancellor, IANR and Dr. Marjorie Kostelnik, Dean, HRFS also offered their congratulations and support.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

**In Memoriam**

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes the lifetime achievements of the following members who have died since the last newsletter was published.

Robert V. Klucas died February 28, 2002. Bob was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter as a faculty member on November 23, 1997. At the time of his death Bob was the head of the Department of Biochemistry and had been on the University of Nebraska faculty since 1969.

Myrna L. Powell died March 4, 2002. Myrna was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter as a faculty member on November 22, 1998. She began her employment with Cooperative Extension as a Douglas County Extension 4-H Assistant in 1974. She moved from the 4-H program to become a Media Assistant. Myrna became a University of Nebraska Extension Educator in Douglas County in 1987 and at the time of her death was serving as Co-Unit Leader of the Douglas-Sarpy County Extension Unit. Prior to becoming Co-Unit Leader she served as Extension Educator, Communications.

Dermot P. Coyne died April 12, 2002. Dermot was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter as a faculty member on November 23, 1969. He joined the University of Nebraska Department of Horticulture in 1961 where he devoted his career to dry bean research and development of dry bean varieties. He retired from the University in 2001, but was continuing to work three-quarters time. Dermot received numerous awards throughout his career. His Gamma Sigma Delta awards include the Nebraska Chapter Research Award of Merit in 1981 and the Nebraska Chapter Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit in 1989. In 1995 Dermot received the Gamma Sigma Delta International Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

Clifford H. Jorgenson died May 2, 2002. Cliff was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter as a Senior in Agronomy on April 30, 1931. He retired as vice president and head of the farm management department in 1975 from the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln.

DeLynn Hay
Historian
I assumed this task, taking over from Prof. Emeritus Charlie Adams, this last spring. Charlie’s distinguished record of 36 years of service as Membership Coordinator for Gamma Sigma Delta is a remarkable achievement. So what could a relative short termer like myself contribute to the organization? In my discussions with Charlie, he agreed with me that his “Old Reliable” Roladex System should be transformed into a computer data base.

So with Charlie’s encouragement and the talent and able assistance of my wife Brenda and her colleague, Courtney Schroepell, at the Lincoln Children’s Museum, and Marilyn Weidner, our perfectionist Entomology Department Secretary, we have assembled the new membership database for Gamma Sigma Delta on Access Software. It is a nice package that, when completely finished (it isn’t quite yet), should enable us to organize and print off all or part of our database, according to specific data and informational needs. We are almost there.

To summarize, we had 358 members on our mailing list (2001-02 data). We have not yet had an opportunity to share our updated membership and address changes from this year with Tim McGill, who maintains our permanent list and assembles our mailings.

Our Access list, which has the latest data, including this years memberships, can be broken down by category as follows: 197 paid members, 35 new initiates (inducted last Nov. 18, 2001), who don’t pay a membership fee their first year), 40 Award of Merit winners (17 of whom are still professionally active, 23 of whom are now retirees) and 49 other retirees. If you include the 23 Award. of Merit/Retirees, this total becomes 72 total retirees. We have a total of 77 Inactive members.

To summarize, the current membership of GSD includes 197 (Paid) + 35 (New) + 40 (Award of Merit) + 49 (Retirees), for a total of 321 members. I chose not to break down all of these by precise geography, but suffice it to say that we have 321 members, with most in Nebraska, but with representatives in the states of KS, MO, IA, CO, WI, OK, WA, NC, NM, NJ and AR. We have 2 International Members (Equador and Mexico). There are 69 individuals who have paid their dues in advance, for 2003 or beyond. Note that retirees and Award of Merit winners (including the 17 who are still professionally active) are not required to pay GSD membership fees.

This spring, I received 132 dues checks for a total of $1840. All checks were photocopied and turned over to GSD Treasurer, Fayrene Hamouz. This next year we will reduce our postage expense by sending our dues mailing to all GSD members who have e-mail capability.

David L. Keith
Membership Coordinator
Members of Gamma Sigma Delta

Kevin Meyer, Secretary

Call for Membership Nominations. 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 20, 2002. 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 20, 2002 to the appropriate chair of each selection committee.

Annual Meeting. The Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the East Campus Union. As in the past two years, a seminar presentation and reception will occur surrounding the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. with the seminar presentation commencing at 3:00 p.m. Highlighting the seminar will be a panel discussing "Biosecurity and Our Food Supply." A reception will follow the seminar.

Election for Treasurer. A ballot for election of treasurer for year 2002 is enclosed with a description of candidates Keith Glewen and Kathleen Lodl. Vote for one and return your ballot to Kevin Meyer, Secretary, University of Nebraska Foundation, PO Box 82555, Lincoln, NE 68501-2555, by September 13, 2002.
NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

August 2002

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 20, 2002 to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Jack Schinstock
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
201 L.W. Chase
P.O. Box 830726
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 resumé if available)

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Nominators: (Three signatures required)

Name ____________________________ Name ____________________________ Name ____________________________

Department ____________________________ Department ____________________________ Department ____________________________

(Use attachments for additional comments)
August 7, 2002

Merit Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Award of Merit Committee
       Julie Johnson, Chair
       Rodger Johnson

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2002 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 20, 2002 to:

Julie Johnson
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
123 Home Economics
P.O. Box 830801
Lincoln, NE 68583-0801

PAST RECIPIENTS

1977 O. Burr Ross 1978 O. Burr Ross 1990 Sid Salzman

Lincoln, Nebraska 68583
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA AWARD OF MERIT

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.
To: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

From: Teaching Award Committee
Leon Higley, Chair
Don Lee
Walter Schacht

Re: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2002 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 20, 2002 to:

Leon Higley, Chair
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
303 A Plant Industry
P.O. Box 830816
Lincoln, NE 68583-0816

Past Recipients

1963 John Sulek
1964 Loyal C. Payne
1965 William L. Colville
1966 Pauline N. Doryland
1967 David P. McGill
1968 James G. Kendrick
1969 Charles H. Adams
1970 U.E. Wendorff
1971 Terry J. Klopfenstein
1972 Ernest J. Peo, Jr.
1973 Lowell E. Moser
1974 P.J. Cunningham
1975 Roy G. Arnold
1976 A. Dale Flowerday
1977 Bobby D. Moser
1978 Dwane Zimmerman
1979 Ronald J. Hanson
1980 Keith E. Gilster
1981 David T. Lewis
1982 Ted H. Doane
1983 Robert A. Olson
1984 M. Rosalind Morris
1985 Virginia A. Book
1986 Richard Waldren
1987 Dennis R. Brink
1988 Steve Waller
1990 Robert Sorenson
1991 Jim Kinder
1992 Ken Von Bargen
1993 Ackland Jones
1994 Ronald M. Case
1995 Dennis M. Conley
1996 George H. Pfeiffer
1997 Dennis McCallister
1998 Steve Jones
1999 Leon Higley
2000 Donald C. Lee
2001 Walter Schacht
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 1998 through Spring Semester 2002).

➤ 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 program.

➤ Student involvement (out-of-classroom interaction, advising of student organization 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 re 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
Terry Riordan, Chair
Chris Calkins
Drew Lyon

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter's Research Award for 2002. 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 20, 2002 to:

Terry Riordan
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
279 Plant Sciences Hall
P.O. Box 830915
Lincoln, NE 68583-0915

PAST RECIPIENTS

1980  Orvin C. Burnside
1981  Dermot P. Coyne
1982  Terry J. Klopfenstein
1983  James H. Williams
1984  Roger W. Mandigo
1985  James E. Specht
1986  Rodger K. Johnson
1987  Austin J. Lewis
1988  Glenn W. Froning
1989  Kenneth Vogel
1990  Roger W. Wilson, Jr.
1991  Milford Hanna
1992  Merlyn K. Nielsen
1993  Joan Laughlin
1994  P. Stephen Baenziger
1995  James E. Kinder
1996  L. Dale Van Vleck
1997  Larry V. Cundiff
1998  David D. Baltensperger
1999  Terrance Riordan
2000  Chris R. Calkins
2001  Drew Lyon
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
- Education 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.
Gamma Sigma Delta
THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE
NEBRASKA CHAPTER
University of Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

August 8, 2001

Extension Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Extension Award Committee
Dale Grotelueschen, Chair
Jeff Keown
Michael Brumm

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2002 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 20, 2002 to:

Dale Grotelueschen
2520 Valencia Drive
Gering, NE 69341

PAST RECIPIENTS

1980  Don J. Kubik
1981  Alexander R. Martin
1982  Charles L. Fenster
1983  Donald C. Spitze
1984  Earl W. Gleaves
1985  J.C. Cranfill
1986  Gail A. Wicks
1987  Douglas D. Duey
1988  Elbert C. Dickey
1989  Don Sander
1990  Dean H. Eisenhauer
1991  Lloyd L. Young
1992  James E. Novotny
1993  Carol Thayer
1994  Robert D. Grisso
1995  Frederick P. Baxendale
1996  Doyle R. Wolverton
1997  Donald Steinegger
1998  David L. Keith
1999  Dale Grotelueschen
2000  Jeffrey F. Keown
2001  Michael Brumm
GAMMA 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 program.

➢ 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.