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Nebraska Chapter

Issue #21, August 2000

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 were 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



Due: September 15, 2000

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 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.**

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO GAMMA SIGMA DELTA August 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 of 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.		
Universit	ry or Other Ad	dress:						
Type of N	Nomination:	□ Faculty	□ Managerial/Profession	nal	□ Graduate Student	🗆 Alumni		
Title:								
If faculty	or manageria	l/professional r	omination, list date of appoin		University: onth Yea	ur		
Degree BS MS PhD Other			Major					
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		(Attach resum						
		natures require	d) Name		Name			
Departme	ent		Department		Department			

(Use attachments for additional comments)

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August 1, 2000

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

1956	O.H. Leibers	1970	Lionel C. Harris	1984	William Splinter
1750	T.A. Kiesselbach		T.M. McCalla		R.D. Schneider
1957	W.W. Burr	1971	E.F. Frolik	1985	Lowell E. Moser
1958	F.L. Duley		A.W. Epp		Glen J. Vollmar
	R.W. Gross	1972	Clare Porter	1986	David P. McGill
1959	H.C. Filley		Harold Stevens	1987	Francis Haskins
	W.J. Loeffel	1973	John L. Adams	1988	Richard D. Earl
1960	T.H. Goodding		Gordon E. Dickerson		Herman J. Gorz
1961	Howard Deems	1974	Philip A. Henderson	1989	Glenn Froning
1962	Ralph Cole		M.G. McCreight		Dermot Coyne
	G.A. Spidel	1 9 75	Marvin J. Twiehaus	1990	Sid Salzman
1963	Chauncy Smith		Myron Rumery		LaVerne Stetson
	Marvel Baker	1976	Robert E. Roselle	1991	Robert Fritschen
1964	J.C. Russel		Doyle H. Free	1992	Charles Stoneciper
	J.C. Swinbank	1 9 77	Ernest R. Peo, Jr.		Wes W. Furrer
1965	Marcus A. Weldon		John L. Weihing	1993	Irvin T. Omtvedt
	M.A. Alexander	1978	O. Burr Ross	1994	Kermit Hansen
1966	Lawrence K. Crowe		Ralston Graham		Anne Vidaver
	Frank E. Mussehl	1979	Robert A. Olson	1995	Glenn A. Helmers
1967	H.O. Werner		Thomas W. Sullivan		John F. Witkowski
1968	John Muehlbeier	1980	Rosalind Morris	1996	Joan M. Laughlin
	R.M. Sandstedt	1981	Charles H. Adams		Robert L. Raun
	Stanley Matzke		Paul Fischbach	1997	Robert Koch
	Willard Waldo	1982	Wayne Collings		Martin Massengale
1969	Edward W. Janike		Donald Hanway	1998	Keith Gregory
	Albert J. Ebers	1983	John Furrrer		James Kinder
			James Williams, Jr.	1999	Karen Craig

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.



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

- 1980 Don J. Kubik 1981 Alexander R. Martin 1982 Charles L. Fenster Donald C. Spitze 1983 1984 Earl W. Gleaves 1985 J.C. Cranfill Gail A. Wicks 1986 Douglas D. Duey 1987 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

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 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

1999 Leon Higley

1963	John Sulek	1975	Roy G. Arnold	1987	Richard Waldren
1964	Loyal C. Payne	1976	A. Dale Flowerday	1988	Dennis R. Brink
1965	William L. Colville	1977	Bobby D. Moser	1989	Steve Waller
1966	Pauline N. Doryland	1978	Dwane Zimmerman	1990	Robert Sorenson
1967	David P. McGill	1979	Ronald J. Hanson	1991	Jim Kinder
1968	James G. Kendrick	1980	Keith E. Gilster	1992	Ken Von Bargen
1969	Charles H. Adams	1981	David T. Lewis	1993	Ackland Jones
1970	U.E. Wendorff	1982	Allen G. Blezek	1994	Ronald M. Case
1971	Terry J. Klopfenstein	1983	Ted H. Doane	1995	Dennis M. Conley
1972	Ernest J. Peo, Jr.	1984	Robert A Olson	1996	George H. Pfeiffer
1973	Lowell E. Moser	1985	M. Rosalind Morris	1997	Dennis McCallister
1974	P.J. Cunningham	1986	Virginia A. Book	1998	Steve Jones

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.



August 1, 2000

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

- 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

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.