



2006-07 IEPYE Leadership Team

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Notes from the President

By Jessie Crews, IEPYE President

Happy Holidays, everyone! The countdown is on at our house and I think I am just as excited as the kids. It's probably one of the last years in our household that we will have a believer, so I'm savoring these times and memories. I love the whole holiday season that begins for me on Thanksgiving Day and continues until the first day back to work after the new year. *It's the most wonderful time of the year.*

One of the reasons I love the holidays so much is that I am a traditionalist. We have exactly the same menu for Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas breakfast each year. We follow the same birthday rituals and use the same tacky birthday decorations we've used for the last 15 years. I even still use the same comforter on my bed that I bought 25 years ago when I moved away to college. Sound boring....probably. Comforting..... yes, at least to me. (Fortunately, I have an "orange" husband who adds some excitement to our lives.)

During the last couple of months, we have been challenged to think outside my "traditional" comfort zone. We were asked at annual conference to think 15 years down the road about what Extension might look like in the future. At the NAE4-HA Conference, our keynote speaker, Dr. Margaret Wheatley challenged us to think about organizational leadership and why it is not meeting the needs of society

today. Most recently, Dr. Champion made the announcement that he would like to see the Illinois 4-H program take a new direction and is seeking our input about the path it might take.

So while this is often very difficult for me as a traditionalist, it is also an exciting time ahead. I have the sense that we are on the brink of everything making a change. So the question is, are we ready to make a change too?

I feel our challenge as an association is to prepare ourselves for the future, to be ready to set a different course if needed, all while holding on to the traditions that have served us so well throughout our rich history. Dr. Cathann Kress shared the quote as our National meeting, that "if we cannot build our future for our youth, we have to build our youth for the future." I think the same holds true for our association. Are we building ourselves for the future?

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Pennie Crinion for her guidance to the Illinois 4-H program and wish her well in her new position. We also welcome Dr. Richard Clark to our 4-H family and look forward to his leadership in the youth development program. I wish you all a very safe and a very happy holiday!

Southern Region Report

By Susan Hayden, Southern Region Director

The Southern Region IEPYE plans to meet on December 18, 2006. The business meeting will be conducted by telenet. Agenda items include a discussion on increasing membership, sharing of ideas and resources from national meeting, and plans for upcoming meetings. For members who are able to attend, the program for the day will take place in St. Louis, and include a ride on the Metrolink, a visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens to view the Chihuly Glass Exhibit, and a visit to Union Station where possibilities for youth program sites in the St. Louis area will be discussed. Members will have the opportunity to review literature on historic sites in St. Louis followed by an opportunity to visit the train museum and learn the history of Union Station.



West Central Region

By April Littig, West Central Region Director

The West Central Region IEPYE members got off to a slow start. Our first meeting/Holiday Gathering was supposed to be December 4th but we had to cancel due to the horrible winter storm that past through west central Illinois. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 7th in Springfield. I hope everyone can join us that day. More information to come! Happy Holidays to all!



Northeast Region Report

by Charissa Townsend, Northeast Region Director

On December 20, members from the IEPYE NE Region will go to Marklund in Geneva, IL. Marklund is a not-for-profit network of services providing a full life experience for infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities. On this day, IEPYE will attend an outing with youth and adults that attend this facility and get to know them a little. We then plan to have lunch afterwards to debrief on the experience and start planning for our social activity.



East Central Region Report

By Natalie Bosecker, East Central Region Director

IEPYE's East Central Region met November 8 at the Champaign Extension Center. Several committees had discussion items of information that was shared at NAE4-HA, including PR&I (Charlotte's Web), Research & Evaluation, the 2011 bid and Cathann Kress's report. We also discussed promoting IEPYE membership within the region.

Upcoming dates were discussed, as well as program ideas for future regional IEPYE meetings. Jessie Crews encouraged staff to attend ILJCEP (program: retirement) on March 1-2 at the Springfield Extension Center. She also shared comments from Field Staff Advisory Committee.

For the program, each person who

attended national meeting shared information about a workshop or topic that he or she learned about. Staff members also brought items and donations for the Crisis Nursery, which is a 24/7 facility created to reduce child abuse/neglect.

The next meeting will be February 8 at the Champaign Center. The program will be "Working with Youth with Special Needs."



Welcome New Members

By Cheryl Geitner, Membership Committee Chair

We would like to welcome the following new members of IEPYE:

Lisa Bouillion, State 4-H Office
Joel Brumley, Jasper/Cumberland
Melanie Costello, Boone County
Lindsey Hankes, Knox County
Tanya Hetelle, Morgan/Scott
Jen Holldorf, Rock Island County
Deanne Holste, Ford-Iroquois
Karyn Mendoza, Champaign County
Amy Roady, Calhoun/Jersey
Amanda Tongate, Washington County

Thanks for joining to support the youth development profession!

Welcome
New Members

Book Review

By Sheri Seibold, Professional Development Committee Chair

“Youth Leadership”

Max Klau, Steve Boyd, Lynn Luckow (eds)

New Directions for Youth Development, No. 109, Spring 2006

Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

Cost \$23.00 includes shipping and handling

There have been numerous books written about leadership. But many of them relate to adult leadership and research done with adults. This issue of *New Directions for Youth Development* focuses on the idea of youth leadership. The issue contains an executive summary which briefly highlights the eight chapters written by youth development professionals across the country including Cathann A. Kress from USDA – CREES.

Seven core themes are shared in this issue. They include:

- ? The centrality of social justice to the discourse on youth leadership.
 - ? Inside versus outside leadership.
 - ? Leadership as a position of authority versus leadership as an activity for everyone.
 - ? “Everyone can be a leader” versus “A select few can be leaders.”
 - ? Youth as “future leaders” versus youth as “current leaders.”
 - ? The challenge of youth-adult partnerships in leadership education.
 - ? Clarity and alignment in youth leadership education.
- Chapter 2 and 3 seem to be particularly relevant to 4-H programming. Chapter 2 discussed

the idea that much of the leadership literature has little to say about youth. Adult leadership literature focuses on issues of authority while youth leadership literature focuses on ability. Carole A MacNeil, Director of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, explores the difference and attempts to bridge the gap. In Chapter 3, Cathann A. Kress, Director of Youth Development for National 4-H Headquarters at the United States Department of Agriculture, looks at the connection between youth leadership and the broader context of the youth development movement.

This book is a quick read and will offer insight for 4-H Youth Development professionals interested in the topic of youth development. Put this book on your “To Read” list for 2007!



IEPYE Member Recognition

By Tessa Hobbs-Curley, Member Recognition Chair

It is time again to submit your award applications for IEPYE and NAE4-HA. Applying for an award(s) is an opportunity to showcase your programs and share your success stories. Last year we had a few vacant award areas so, please make sure to submit an application, especially in the Service areas. All applications need to be post-marked by February 15th 2007. The 2007 Member Recognition Packet is now available at our

NAE4-HA web site www.nae4ha.org. Click on the drop down window for **Professional Development**, and then select **Awards and Recognition**. You will need to have your username and password in order to access this resource!! Generally, your username is your first initial, last name and last 4 digits of your phone number. If you’ve forgotten your password, please click on the link “Forgot Your Password”

I would like to draw your attention to changes and/or new awards for 2007:

Specialty Awards

NAE4-HA are please to be offering two new awards (1) Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award - \$1,500.00 and (2) Jim Duncan Outstanding Program of Distinction Award - \$500.00. The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to be working with National 4-H Council and National 4-H Headquarters to provide these two new awards!

The applications for Early Career, State Outstanding Program (individual and team), Achievement in Service, Distinguished Service, and Meritorious Service Awards on the IEPYE web site at <http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/iepye/>

Be sure to submit a Member Recognition application form for each entry you submit, except for Early Career and State Outstanding Program, which the application don’t need the form.

The award applications are to be postmarked by February 15, 2007, and sent to Tessa Hobbs-Curley at the McDonough County Extension 3022 W. Jackson St. Macomb IL 61455. If you have any questions, please call the office at (309) 837-3939.

Welcome officially to NAE4-HA/IEPYE for the 2006-2007 year!

By Cheryl Geitner, Membership
Committee Chair

Welcome to the 2006/2007 year. I just want to tell you that your membership this year is greatly appreciated and I hope it is a great year for you!

Be sure to visit our state Illinois Extension Professionals for Youth Education (IEPYE) web site at www.4-h.uiuc.edu/iepye/.

I've attached the committee lists for this year. Please let me know if I don't have you listed correctly. It's not too late to sign up for a committee.

For the national affiliated members, please be sure to visit www.nae4ha.org for the latest information.

- Feel free to double check on the web site (www.nae4ha.org) that I have everything entered correctly for you as a national member. Go to *Directories* tab; then click on *Membership Directory*; then click on *Search Membership Directory* to search for your record.
- You may correct your information if you want now online or I can do it for. You'll see a *Member* tab at the top now (after you have done the above). Click on *Member* tab and then click on *Update Member Profile*. The system will prompt you for a

user name and password. This is your first initial, last name and the last four digits of your telephone

number. (Exp. CGeitner3333)

. It's the same for both your password and your user name. If you have trouble, please let me know and I will let you know what the system has for you as a user name. If your name has changed, I changed your password accordingly. You may also upload a picture to be with your personal information – that would be cool!

- Have you wondered where your professional journal is? It's now online. Just go to the *Member Resources* tab and click on *News*, then click on *News and Views*.
- Also the first two issues of the *Journal of Youth Development* are now up with some interesting articles. It is published two times a year! Go to the *Professional Development* tab and click on *Journal of Youth Development*. Happy reading!
- If you would like to send out an announcement to the state's membership, please use iepye_state@aces.uiuc.edu. If you use iepye_membership@aces.uiuc.edu it will only go to the Membership Committee.

Your membership in IEPYE is important! If you know of others interested in joining, it's not too late. You may sign up for membership at any time

throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.



Illinois JCEP Spring Meeting - 2007

Mark your calendars for the IL-JCEP Spring Association meetings on March 1 and 2, 2007, at the Springfield Extension Center. The first day will include a PDO on Preparing for Your Future with information on our retirement system, employee benefits and other important information. The second day will include individual association meetings, as well as an update from Extension Partners and Extension Administration. Registration deadline is set for February 22 and tentative cost is \$10. Registration materials will be forwarded to members as soon as they are received.



Galaxy III Conference

Here is the website link for the Extension Galaxy III conference, September 14-18, 2008 in Indianapolis. Please hold the dates!

[https://
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point.agriculture.purdue.edu/ces/
galaxy/default.aspx](https://share-point.agriculture.purdue.edu/ces/galaxy/default.aspx)

Illinois Extension Professionals for Youth Education 2006-2007 Committee Lists

Serving on a committee within the IEPYE Association is an important task and one that all members should consider doing. Below please find the list of committees for our association and who is currently signed up to serve on them for the 2006-2007 year. If your name is missing, or you would like to sign up please contact either Cheryl Geitner or Jessie Crews. Remember many hands make for lighter work for all involved.

Diversity

Christine Hill
Jen Holldorf
Barb Roberts
Brenda Roedl
Judy Schumacher
Maureen Statland
Ruth Ann Vokac
Carol Wilcoxon
Katie Zuber (*Chair*)

Member Recognition

Cathy Blunier
Pennie Crinion
Brenda Eyler
Lindsey Hankes
Tanya Hetelle
Tessa Hobbs-Curley (*Chair*)
Dana Homann
April Littig
Bill Million
Kelly Pool
Kimberly Rahn
LaDean Scheurer
Jamie Wheeler

News and Views/Newsletter

Natalie Bosecker
Johnna Jennings (*Chair*)

Professional Development

Diane Baker
Joel Brumley
Tosha Cantrell-Bruce
Courtney Finch
Sherry Fulton
Cheryl Geitner
Joyce Goodwin
Sheri Seibold (*Chair*)
Debbie Simmons-Gray
Carrie Titus
Dawn Waller
Madonna Weese

Programs

Melanie Costello
John Davis (*Chair*)
Peggy Hampton
Sara Hankemeier
Deanne Holste
Karyn Mendoza
LeAnn Million
Donna Nuger
Deb Stocker
Amanda Tongate

Public Relations and Information

Natalie Bosecker
Aimee Chandler
Denise Kistner (*Chair*)
Kelly Lafferty
Sharon Petefish
Amy Roady
John Zalanka

Research and Evaluation

Chris Anderson
Wilbon Anthony
Lisa Bouillion
Pennie Crinion
Christina Foster
Susan Guinnip
Renate Jobst

Amy Leman
Pat McGlaughlin (*Chair*)
Paul McKnight
Kim Morrison
Kimberly Rahn
Judy Taylor

Membership

Natalie Bosecker
Cheryl Geitner (*Chair*)
Susan Hayden
April Littig
Carrie Titus
Charissa Townsend

Advisory

Chris Anderson
Diane Baker
Pam Jacobs
Pat McGlaughlin
Dave McMurtry
William Million
Deanna Roby (*Chair*)
Sheri Seibold
Melinda States
Judy Taylor
Susan Taylor
Steve Wagoner



4-H Mementos for Sale

The Pennsylvania Youth Association is selling 4-H trays, ornaments, coasters,



Orders are four times Contact Crews for

information about the items for sale.

etc. for a fundraiser. placed a year. Jessie more

