

Extension This Month – April 2009

*Welcome to **Extension This Month!** In an effort to keep the organization well informed, the Executive Team will be sending out a monthly electronic newsletter. Watch for us each month to hear updates and information happening throughout the organization.*

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PROVOST

SOARS Tells of Your Good Work

--Debbie Maddy

On April 1, the OSU Extension Service 2008 Report of Accomplishments (ROA) and the 2010 Plan of Work (POW) were submitted to our federal partner, CSREES. Thanks to each of you who made a contribution to the submission. Your individual contribution came through SOARS, Extension's electronic Stories, Outcomes, and Accomplishments Reporting System. I'm happy to announce that SOARS provided nearly a 100% of the information needed to complete the federal ROA and POW. Overall, the quality of the information within SOARS was greatly improved over 2007. As an organization, we have a few areas where attention is needed. For example, the impact statements should be a summary of, not the complete, evaluation report with "Impacts of the Program" reporting or knowledge gained, behavior changed, practices adopted, or economic, environmental or social benefits achieved. I am confident that as we continue to emphasize the value and benefits of reporting in SOARS and refine the system to get the best information available, more faculty members will report their good work as an impact statement.

Interesting facts that I discovered about you in SOARS includes:

- 111 impacts statements were submitted for 2008; a 22% increase from 2007 . . . I depended heavily on the impact statements to complete the federal report; these provided the best examples of the difference your work made. If you conducted a program evaluation that resulted in knowledge gained, actions taken or behaviors changed, you will want to also complete an impact statement. This section of SOARS is our most valuable resource for creating marketing materials, news stories, talking points and general reports for use with our stakeholders and the public. (Oh, and if you're wondering, I did read all 111 impact statements.)
- 336 grants were awarded in 2008, resulting in nearly \$23 million of revenue; a 40% increase in new revenues coming to Extension during the past 12 months The grants varied in size from a few thousand dollars to a million-plus figure. If you are serving as a PI, please add new grants to SOARS when awarded. Leveraging state dollars is one of the key objectives that our state funders use to measure Extension's success.
- 336 publications were authored by Extension faculty in 2008 . . . The medium and the review processes varied greatly, but the creative and intellectual work of OSU Extension faculty is being validated by peers and communicated. Scholarship continues to be a core value of the academy and the Provost asks annually for a listing of Extension-authored publications. If you are the lead

author of a publication, please remember to list it in SOARS when it is accepted for publication.

- 107 awards were earned by Extension faculty and staff in 2008 . . . Congratulations to all who were honored. It is a continued privilege to work with such a dedicated and high performing group of people.
- 19,772 volunteers helped with Extension outreach . . . You believe that Extension can achieve greater results and build community capacity with the help of volunteers. It is obvious that you value the public good that comes from collaborating with volunteers.
- 2,339,468 Oregonians engaged at some level with Extension during 2008; an 11% growth over the number of 2007 contacts . . . The POW and the ROA express your continued commitment to the state's residents, communities and businesses. You worked hard to help Oregonians and I am confident that will continue and even expand during these current tough economical times. Thank you!!

I was very pleased with what I learned about you and the quality of your work through SOARS. What I like best about SOARS is its role as a data base for easy and timely retrieval of information about the successes of OSU Extension faculty and staff. SOARS gives me and other Extension administrators the most accurate, up-to-date information for representing you with our stakeholders, from elected officials to university administrators to the news media. As Extension field faculty know, SOARS is also critical in the PROF evaluation process. Your help in keeping SOARS current and relevant will help OSU Extension move forward in a positive and meaningful manner.

NATIONAL NEWS UPDATES

NASULGC Name Change

Effective March 30, 2009 The National Association of State Universities, Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) became the **Association of Public and Land-grant Colleges (APLU)**.

STATE NEWS UPDATES

PROMISE Program

The Office of Community and Diversity is currently accepting applications for both sponsors and interns for the PROMISE program. The PROMISE program is a 10-week internship program conducted between late June and late August. Learn more at <http://oregonstate.edu/promise/index.html>. Application deadline is April 15. For information, call 541-737-4381 or Corrine.gerig@oregonstate.edu

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Development

The Washington Post has started a new website, called "On Leadership." For those looking for leadership development materials, this looks like it could be a good resource. For example, one week's topic is women in leadership. It has just started, but they intend to add materials weekly. The url is <http://views.washingtonpost.com/leadership/index.html>

OSU Extension Service Technology Training – Spring 2009

The following online courses are being offered via Adobe Connect for Extension faculty and staff. To register for one, please email **Isaac Magana** (Isaac.magana@oregonstate.edu) or **Karen Watte** (Karen.watte@oregonstate.edu) and

indicate which class and the date. You can also register directly by following the registration link that is noted under each session description. Instructions for accessing the online classroom will be sent to you several days before the class.

Office 07 – Introduction http://oregonstate.edu/training/course_view.php?crse_id=164
April 29 – 9:00-10:00am

Excel 07 – Beginning http://oregonstate.edu/training/course_view.php?crse_id=165
May 12 – 9:00–10:00am
May 19 – 9:00–10:00am

Access 2007 – Introduction http://oregonstate.edu/training/course_view.php?crse_id=166
May 7 – 11:00-12:00pm
May 14 – 11:00-12:00pm
May 21 – 11:00-12:00pm

Publisher 07 – Introduction http://oregonstate.edu/training/course_view.php?crse_id=167
June 9 – 2:00–3:00pm
June 16 – 2:00–3:00pm

Integrating Office 2007 Programs http://oregonstate.edu/training/course_view.php?crse_id=168
May 5 – 9:00–10:30am
June 3 – 9:00–10:30am

Adobe Connect – Introduction http://oregonstate.edu/training/course_view.php?crse_id=169
April 24 – 11:00–11:45am
June 16 – 9:00 9:45am

THIS 'N THAT **DATES TO REMEMBER**

2009

April 7-8	Staff Chair North Coast Cluster Meeting
April 14-17	Spring Training Days
April 15	OSU Extension Southern Oregon Recertification Workshop, Medford
April 21	OSU Day at the State Capitol, Salem
April 22-23	Staff Chair Mid-Columbia Cluster Meeting
April 27–30	2009 National Extension Volunteerism Conference, Carrollton, KY
April 27-29	Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, Arlington VA
May 12-14	2009 Spring 4-H Staff Development Conference , KahNeeTa
June 30	Centennial Celebration of the Hermiston Ag Research & Extension Center.
August 5-8	Master Gardener Mini-College
September 13-16	ESP National Conference, Fargo, ND
September 15-18	Fifth National Small Farm Conference, Springfield, Illinois
September 15—18	NEAFCS Conference, Birmingham AL
September 20-24	NACAA, Portland OR
September 24	OSU University Day
October 25-29	NAE4HA, Rochester NY
December 1-3	Outreach & Engagement Strategic Conference

2010

March 16-20 National Camping Institute Conference, 4-H Center, Salem
July 11-15 NACAA, Tulsa OK
October 12-15 ESP National Conference, Jackson Hole, WY

2011

October 9-13 National ESP Conference, Syracuse, NY

AWARDS

Congratulations goes to the following faculty, staff, volunteers and clientele who have recently received awards of recognition.

Lynn Steele, Metro FCD, was recognized with the 2009 OSU Women of Achievement award.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Celebration

Nathan Frye, son of **Laura Frye**, ESOC, earned his Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts of America.

Anniversaries

Harold & Carol Kerr are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Harold is a retired Extension Associate Director. Congratulations!

Births

Bruce Weber, Extension Economist, is a grandpa! Alexander Paul Wathen, was born in Corvallis on March 12. 8 pounds, 5 ounces; 20 inches to daughter Rachael and her husband.

Patrick Proden, Washington & Multnomah Staff Chair, and wife Amy are the proud parents of a little boy, Dylan Babchek Proden who was born on Friday, March 20th.

Get Well

Jeff Hino's (EESC) wife DeLynn, suffered a near fatal infection of her lower intestine while vacationing in Bonaire during Spring Break. DeLynn was air evacuated to Florida and is slowly recovering. Our best wishes go to Jeff and DeLynn and she begins her slow road to recovery.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

New Hires

Kim Herber, 4-H Program Coordinator, Crook County 2/17/09

Shawna Bush, Education Program Assistant, Coos County 3/9/09

Tamara Presiado, Education Project Assistant, Josephine County 3/16/09

Susan Honea, Instructor, Klamath County 3/16/09

Resignations:

Megan Ruhn, Instructor, Douglas County 3/13/09

Recruitment Updates

Unclassified

#0002296 Assistant Professor, Bio & Eco Engr Ext. (1.0) FTE Campus – Corvallis

Committee Chair: John Selker
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Recruitment Cancelled

#0003020 Assistant Professor, FCD, Clackamas County (1.0) FTE

Committee Chair: Kathy Gunter
Candidate Selected: Pending
Status: Offer Accepted pending final approval from HR

#0003448 Professional Faculty, Oregon Master Naturalist Program Coord, Forestry Extension, Corvallis Campus (1.0) FTE

Committee Chair: Robert Emanuel
Candidate Selected: Jason O'Brien
Status: Offer Accepted

#0003523 Associate Provost – Outreach & Engagement (1.0) FTE, Corvallis Campus, VP Outreach & Engagement

Committee Chair: Sam Stern
Candidate Selected: Dave King
Status: Offer Accepted

#0003572 Professional Faculty, Education Coordinator, FCD (0.60) FTE, Multnomah

Committee Chair: Renee Carr
Candidate Selected: Joanne Lyford
Status: Offer Accepted

#0003696 Professional Faculty, 4-H Program Coordinator (0.75) FTE, Multnomah

Committee Chair: Roger Rennekamp
Candidate Selected: Pending
Status: Offer Accepted pending final approval from HR

#0003698 Natural Resource Instructor (1.0) FTE, Klamath County Extension

Committee Chair: Willie Riggs
Candidate Selected: Susan Honea
Status: Offer Accepted

Classified (.5 FTE or >)

#0003990 Education Program Assistant (0.60) FTE, Marion County Office

Committee Chair: Holly Berry
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Open Recruitment
Closes: 4/10/09

#0004017 Education Program Assistant (0.80) FTE, Metro FCD Office

Committee Chair: Renee Carr
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Open Recruitment
Closes: 4/3/09

Do you know of something happening in your office that you'd like to share? Perhaps a birth of a son or daughter or grandchild? Recognitions received? Has someone in your office experienced a loss of a loved one? We'd like to hear from you. Although we are spread across the miles, it's important that we stay connected. Please help us do that.

Send any information you would like shared with the organization, to Janet Drollinger janet.drollinger@oregonstate.edu by the 25th of each month.