



## **NEWS** from the Extension Education Evaluation TIG... of the American Evaluation Association

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While we are in the last hurrahs of summer, we need to start thinking about the upcoming AEA conference in Baltimore, November 7-10. This brief newsletter has reminders about several TIG gatherings and business items and programs.

### **EEE-TIG Website Now Online**

Many thanks to Mary Arnold at Oregon State, our current TIG Chair, for working with a staff web designer to update and maintain a web site for the division. Go to: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/EEETIG/TIGlanding.htm> to learn more about the TIG activities, officers, awards, and more.

### **Social Events**

We know that the annual TIG dinner is a fun opportunity to reconnect with extension evaluation colleagues but realize that the price is a strain on some travel budgets, prohibiting some of you from participating. So this year the board is trying some new activities.



- Wednesday evening – **informal group dinners**. Gather at the conference registration area by 7:30 following the poster session and reception. The group will decide where to go for dinner. Depending on the number, smaller groups may form. Start the conference off right by reconnecting with your extension friends.
- Thursday afternoon – The TIG **business meeting** is Thursday from 3:35 – 5:05 PM. This is earlier than our usual time. The first part of the meeting will be an informal **reception** with refreshments and plenty of time to visit with colleagues before buckling down to business.
- Thursday evening – The TIG **dinner and awards** event will feature a buffet – including Maryland crab cakes – at the Rusty Scupper on the Inner Harbor Marina. Allison Nichols and Bart Hewitt are coordinating this and will send out more details next month. Price is likely \$40-45. We'll eat at 7:30 and follow with presenting several awards.

### **Nominations Wanted for TIG Board**

Serve your profession, make new friends, have fun! We are looking for nominations for these TIG board offices:

- 1) Chair Elect/Program Chair – 1 year each
- 2) Regional representatives in the West and Northeast – 2 year terms

The Board meets by phone 2-3 times/year and at the annual conference. See the website for more details on responsibilities and for a list of previous officers. Nominate yourself or others by **September 14**. Send your nominees to Mary Arnold at: [mary.arnold@oregonstate.edu](mailto:mary.arnold@oregonstate.edu) .



## Award Nominations Due September 14

Awards Chair Nancy Grudens-Schuck reminds you to nominate your colleagues – or yourself – for a TIG award. The process is easy and rewards are a wonderful way to raise visibility of our profession within and outside our organizations. Categories are as follows:

- Sustained Excellence in Extension Evaluation – for conceptual, methodological and evaluation accomplishments
- Mary Nell Greenwood Extension Evaluation – for administrative or program leadership toward outstanding organizational, policy and resource contributions.
- Excellence in Program Evaluation – for an evaluation of outstanding quality.
- Excellence in Evaluation Training – for evaluation training of outstanding quality.
- Outstanding Leadership and Service to the Extension Evaluation Profession

The web site (URL above) has all the details you need. If you're wondering if someone has already received an award, that's on the website, too. Get those nominations (preferably, electronically) to Nancy at: [ngs@iastate.edu](mailto:ngs@iastate.edu) by **September 14!!**

## Coming or Going?

Congratulations to EEE TIG Program Chair/Chair-elect Heather Boyd. Heather left her job as an evaluation specialist at the University of Wisconsin – Extension to join the faculty at Virginia Tech this coming semester where she'll be an evaluation specialist and researcher. Her new address is: [hboyd@vt.edu](mailto:hboyd@vt.edu).

## Consultant Database

Want to be added to the extension evaluators consultant database? Already in it but need to update your information or areas of expertise? TIG membership chair Donna Peterson sent an email letter to the TIG on July 24 with details. If you missed this, contact Donna at: [pdonna@Ag.arizona.edu](mailto:pdonna@Ag.arizona.edu).



## Annual Conference Extension Presentations

To learn who is doing what from our TIG at the conference in Baltimore go to: <http://www.eval.org/search07/TIGschedule.asp>. In addition to the sessions on this list, some TIG members are facilitating Professional Development workshops before or after the conference. See you there!