

Plan Now to attend the “Planning for Retirement” PDO and JCEP Spring Meeting

The Epsilon Sigma Phi Retirement and Benefits Committee will host a Professional Development Opportunity on **Thursday, March 5, 2009**, at the Illinois Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. This PDO is being held in conjunction with the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) spring meeting. The PDO will be held on Thursday, March 5 from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. and the Professional Associations will meet on Thursday afternoon (ESP) and Friday, March 6, 2009 (IEAA, IEPYE, IEAFCS, ILACDEP) at the same location.

Plan now to participate in this Extension approved PDO (mileage will be reimbursed for attendance) and support your Professional Associations by attending the 2009 Spring Association meeting!

Individuals must register for the PDO via the intranet at <http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/pdo/> to get their mileage reimbursement. An additional registration fee of \$15.00 for the PDO and JCEP Spring meeting is being assessed by the Professional Associations (to cover program costs, meal and refreshments). Checks, **made payable to ESP**, should be mailed to Bev Combs, Effingham Extension Center, 1209 Wenthe Dr., Effingham, IL 62401-1697. All registrations are due by Friday, February 20, 2009.

The Retirement and Benefits PDO will help participants understand the importance of planning ahead for retirement, knowing what questions to ask and when to begin navigating through the retirement process. In addition to a presentation on “Retirement Basics”, participants will gain insight into what they need to know about the health benefits they are eligible to receive as an employee of the University of Illinois. There will also be a presentation on saving and investing in turbulent times, along with discussions by Fidelity and TIAA/CREF representatives on their respective products, the status of the economy as it relates to retirement planning, and much more. Plans are also underway to offer the morning session as a video conference if you are unable to attend the meeting in person. More information will follow on this option.

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