

Guide for the CSO Conference Planning Committee

The theme of the conference is: “What YOU do...DOES make a difference.”

During a workshop conducted for classified staff during the last All Staff Conference held at the Monona Terrace, and in response to a survey of the classified staff conducted during the summer of 2007 we heard a lot about how classified staff were not respected, appreciated, or valued for our contributions to Cooperative Extension.

Since then, the classified staff, with the support of the Dean and Associate Dean, and other members of the administration, and the hard work of a number of people from our own ranks, has formed the Classified Staff Organization with the mission of promoting a positive professional environment for all classified employees (represented, non-represented, limited term and project appointment); encouraging informed communication, professional development and collective decision-making; and serving as advisors to the Cooperative Extension Dean and Director on matters of interest to classified staff.

We have also begun to hear from all levels of the organization that our contributions to the effort of Cooperative Extension are vital, and we need to begin to acknowledge that fact. As the theme suggests, What YOU do, what we all do together, DOES make a difference in accomplishing the work of Cooperative Extension.