

## Alpha Rho Chapter – Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 – 1:15 pm

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### Minutes

**Call to order-** President Stacey Warner called the meeting to order by conference call at 1:15 p.m.

**Roll Call-** Members on the call were Stacey Warner, Nozella Brown, Nadine Sigle, Jennifer Wilson, Doug Jardine, Sandra Wick, Jeanne Falk Jones, Jamie Hancock, Mary Lou Odle, Bertha Mendoza, Deb Wood, Laurie Chandler, Marie Blythe and Margaret Phillips.

**Minutes from Dec 17, 2014 – <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-alpharho/p.aspx?tabid=21> –** Minutes were approved as posted.

#### Chapter Officer Reports

**President** – Stacey Warner - Personal professional development is a benefit of belonging to Epsilon Sigma Phi. With that in mind our chapter budgets to send two individuals, generally the president and president elect, to the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference. Nozella and I attend this earlier this month in Las Vegas. We were joined by five other representatives from Kansas extension professional associations. This conference includes keynote addresses, breakout sessions and association meetings. Nozella will give some more details.

Some upcoming dates for both our chapter and the national organization are listed on the bottom of the agenda. A few of those are:

April 1 – Deadline for submission to serve on a national committee.

June 1 – Deadline for application for our chapter scholarships (Jim Lindquist and Connie Hoch) to attend national meetings.

One of my goals is to send a monthly message to our chapter membership. These will be posted on the chapter website.

An item for further discussion later in the meeting is the timing for our council meeting during Annual Conference. For several years the Wednesday morning timeframe has conflicted with the Women of K-State Breakfast. Are there any other options? This will be discussed further under new business.

**President Elect** – Nozella Brown - February 2-3, 2015, I attended the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) conference in Las Vegas with about 250 extension professionals across the country. The keynote, David Horsager, break-out sessions, and association sessions all reinforced the theme: “Leading Through Trust”. Horsager, a former 4-Her and national speaker, engaged the audience with eight pillars of trust: clarity, compassion, character, competency, commitment, connection, and consistency. My breakout sessions included: “Nurturing Motivation with an Element of Trust Alabama A&M” and “Retooling for Changing Times: Stepping Up to Meet the Educational Needs of Underserved Audiences (Utah State)”. At the association meeting and dinner, we networked and planned useful ways to provide professional development for ESP members. At the state night dinner, our team enjoyed sharing the meal and conversation. The goals for the JCEP conference were: enhancing the professional’s leadership skills; offering Extension professional an opportunity to share successful leadership programs, skills, and techniques; training association members for leadership positions and roles, and networking with Extension professionals from across the country. Thank you for allowing me to attend. I gained a greater appreciation for ESP’s role and knowledge of how ESP can better serve Extension professionals.

**Secretary** – Nadine Sigle - Thank you cards were shared – Gayle Price thanked the organization for the support she received as past president; Carolyn Harms thanked the organization for the Friend of Extension Award; and Sandra Wick thanked the organization for the endowment grant for the Farm Succession workshop.

**Treasurer** – Jennifer Wilson – The treasurer’s report was emailed to council members and posted to the website. Council directors are encouraged to contact previous members who have not yet paid dues. Numbers are down at this point in time. In the expenditures it was requested to change awards to recognition for clarification. The report was approved as amended.

**Annalist/Historian** – Doug Jardine – Past materials have been taken to the archives at the library. Doug has pulled a past year at random and has written an article about the happenings that year. The article will be submitted to the newsletter.

**Editor** – Sandra Wick – I wanted to thank everyone for the input from council members for the 2015 ESP Winter Newsletter. The Winter Newsletter was completed and posted on our website in mid-

January. An email was also sent out to all ESP members notifying them of the completion of the winter newsletter and encouraging them to visit our website, with a link, and to view the information. I also wanted to thank Martha Monihen for posting the newsletter on our website and doing all the “behind the scenes” work.

**Past President/Endowment Chair** – Chuck Otte – Not present

### **Council Directors Reports**

**NW Director** – Jeanne Falk Jones – The question was raised if the council directors were to contact retirees to see if they wanted to become life members. It was suggested they send a letter and encourage participation as life members. When recruiting members a brochure is available on the chapter website for use.

**NE Director** – Jamie Hancock - No report

**SW Director** – John Beckman Not present

**SE Director** – Gayle Price – Not present

**State Director** – Vacant - Stacey is working on finding a replacement

**Retirees** – Mary Lou Odle – She has met with Ann Domsch and reviewed the responsibilities.

**Extension Administration** – Daryl Buchholz – Not present

### **Standing Committee’s Reports**

**Annual Recognition Reception** – Bertha Mendoza – No report

**Budget and Audit** – Deb Wood - No report

**Constitution and Bylaws** – Laurie Chandler – The committee has met and they are reviewing the constitution and bylaws and comparing to nationals to make sure we are consistent with theirs.

**Endowment Auction** – Ann Domsch - Not present

**Global Relations** – Deryl Waldren – Not present

**Membership Recruitment and Retention** – Chuck Otte – Not present

**Memorial** – Gina Aurand – Not present

**Nomination** – Chuck Otte – Not present

**Professionalism** – Marie Blythe – She has been working on the United Associations Conference. Registrations numbers are lower than last year at this time. A full program has been planned.

**Recognition**– Margaret Phillips – The goals for the committee are: 1. Actively engage committee members in establishing strategies for securing chapter nominations and determining chapter recipients; 2. Maintain up to date website as a resource for members; 3. Receive national recognition for Alpha Rho and KSRE through member recognitions. Items in progress – In process of selecting a date for a committee meeting. Will work with the committee to: develop a timeline for committee responsibilities; develop strategies for securing nominations in all chapter recognitions areas with nominations due August 15; website updates, including charts of eligibility by categories and alphabetize by member and adding a page to recognize past national recognitions recipients. Thanks to Martha Monihen, webmaster, for her contributions to web work; and committee responsibility updates. The committee will encourage chapter recipients to submit nominations for national recognition (8 eligible) by March 1 deadline. Know nominations to date are Doug Jardine, Distinguished Service; Laurie Chandler, Administrative Leadership; Jamie Hancock, Visionary Leadership; Preserving the Family with Estate Planning, Distinguished Team; Lucas Shivers, by Jennifer Wilson, Friend of Extension; and Libby Curry, Continued Leadership (not a chapter recognition, but for those who received chapter DSA more than five years ago.)

**Retiree** – Mary Lou Odle – At annual conference retirees would like to have time to allow for visiting and not have anything formal planned.

**Tenure Recognition** – Debra Bolton – Not present

### **Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members**

Marie Blythe-Professional Development – the committee met a week ago. The deadline for submission of presentations for national conference is March 15. The lead presenter of the accepted workshop presentations will have their registration paid by national.

Doug Jardine & Sandra Wick - Marketing – Have been working on a survey and it has been sent out to the membership.

### **Old Business**

Update on forming a Kansas JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) – Chuck Otte – Not present, will be tabled till next call.

### **New Business**

Schedule for ESP Council Meeting during Annual Conference (Wednesday conflicts w Women of K-State Breakfast – this isn't new, just wanted discussion on whether there is another time. Thursday would conflict with Inspirational Breakfast.) Several different options were reviewed – leave at the present time, move to Thursday morning, hold right after the annual business meeting, or hold after the awards luncheon on Thursday. It was decided to further review the annual conference schedule and make a determination at the next conference call.

A question was raised concerning who is responsible for the expenses for PILD if they go above the amount allotted. Previously individuals have submitted their expenses and consideration is given based upon the current budget situation. It was recommended the same procedure be followed this year if the situation arises.

Other new business

### **Announcement(s):**

Next Chapter Council Conference Call: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 (3rd Wed) at 1:15 pm.

### **Adjourn**

Doug Jardine moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Alpha Rho Chapter:

April 15 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

June 1 – Applications due for Jim Lindquist and Connie Hoch scholarships for attendance at professional meetings

June 24 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

August 15 – Applications due for Endowment Grants

August 19 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

September 23 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

October 20 – ESP Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Event

National:

March 1 – Deadline for submission of chapter recognition winners to national

March 1 – Deadline for submission of national professional development grants

April 1 – Deadline for submission for national committees

April 12- 15 – PILD – Public Issues Leadership Development Conference

May 1 – Deadline for Submission of Chapter of Merit and Achievement in Chapter Membership Recognition

May ?? – Early Bird Registration available for National ESP Conference

October 4-7 – National ESP Conference in Coeur d'Alene ID