

Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting

April 6, 2011, 1:15pm

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The meeting was called to order by President Diane Mack at 1:15 pm.

Those in attendance included Jim Adams, Nozella Brown, Laurie Chandler, Ann Domsch, Dave Dunn, Beth Hinshaw, Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen, Diane Mack, Bob Neier, Mary Lou Odle, Chuck Otte, Jennifer Smith, and Richard Wootton.

Motion made by Chuck Otte to approve minutes from the previous meeting as posted to the web. Seconded by Jim Adams. Motion passed.

Chapter Officer Reports:

- **President** Diane Mack:
New communication was received from the national office regarding committee members. Margaret Phillips, Doug Jardine and Trudy Rice are all members of national committees. Stacey Warner received the PILD scholarship. It was reported that total members for national are down from last year, although some chapters haven't reported. The national ESP conference is in Syracuse, NY, Oct 9-13, 2011.
- **President Elect** Sandra Wick: Not present/At NELD. No report.
- **Secretary** Deb Sellers:
Minutes of the ESP Council Meeting from 02/16/2011 were written and posted on the web site. Thank you to Stacey Warner for standing in as Secretary for that meeting. No correspondence received since the last report.
- **Treasurer** Stacey Warner:
Not present. Her report was submitted via email. This was reviewed by President Diane Mack with no comments from members.
- **Historian** Jennifer Wilson: Not present. No report.
- **Editor** Jennifer Smith: No report.
- **Past President** Laurie Chandler:
The endowment board met in February and discussed how to encourage members to apply for scholarships and grants. They agreed to identify past recipients and will share their stories through mid month messages, newsletters, and the Tuesday Letter. This will help build awareness of these opportunities and should encourage people to apply. At their next meeting, a representative from the KSU Foundation Board will be in attendance.

Council Director Reports:

- **Northwest**-Dave Dunn: No report.
- **Northeast**-Chuck Otte: No report.
- **Southwest**-Andrea Burns: Not present. No report.
- **Southeast**-Diane Burnett: Not present. No report.
- **State**-Dan Rogers: Not present. No report.
- **Retirees**-Dick Wootton:
He recently talked with Jim Lindquist about activity at the national meeting in Overland Park. Although there may be some ag-related tours, Dick reported that there is not too much opportunity for collaboration. There are plans being generated for 150 birthday tributes, and those will be monitored to see if a gathering at the state fair could be encouraged.
- **Administration**-Daryl Buchholz: Not present. No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Annual Banquet**-Jennifer Wilson: Not present. No report.
- **Awards**-Nozella Brown:
Awards have been submitted to national for consideration, including the Diversity award (Linda Beech) and Visionary Leadership award (Margaret Phillips). It was not possible to submit the Diversity Team award due to membership status of the team members, with differences noted between state and national award requirement. The process for voting at the national level was discussed, with Laurie Chandler clarifying that the President is given one vote for the chapter.
- **Budget & Audit**-Mary Lou Odle:
Stacey is on top of things.
- **Constitution & Bylaws**-Pam Van Horn: Not present. No report.
- **Global Relations**-Trudy Rice: Not present. No report.
- **Membership Recruitment & Retention**-Beth Hinshaw:
Chuck Otte will represent ESP with the new agents.
- **Memorial**-Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen: No report.
- **Nomination**-Laurie Chandler:
The Nomination Committee will begin contacting individuals in June for candidates for officer positions. Positions that need to be filled this year include the President-Elect, Treasurer, Historian, NW & SW Directors, State Director and one trustee for the endowment. Interested individuals should email Laurie or a committee member if you want to run or submit a name.
- **Professionalism**-Bob Neier:
The United Associations Conference was held in early March. Several ESP members gave presentations. It is difficult to know an actual count of ESP members in attendance. ESP does receive dollars from this conference. Scholarships for international travel were given to Mary Meck Higgins and Gayle Price. It was mentioned that thank you notes are often supplied by email.
- **Retiree**-Ann Domsch:
Her committee has met several times. They are considering offering a bus tour.
- **Tenure Recognition**-Jim Adams: No report.

Old Business

- **2011 NACAA Annual Meeting in Overland Park, KS**
Look for more information to come out in the weeks ahead. There was a bit of a snag due to a retirement, but it is on track once again.

New Business

- **Chapter of Merit Application due May 1, 2011**
Our chapter has received recognition over the past few years. Diane Mack is completing a checklist. As examples, the checklist asks if we have committees, participate in the national conference, create a newsletter, etc. Diane Mack did question if we give a continued service recognition award? Nozella will check on this and report back. There was also a question if any member had submitted an abstract to present at the national meeting. No one on the call indicated that they had.
- **KEAA Board and ESP Chair and Chair Elect meeting with Administrative Team, May 19**
Yearly, KEAA board meets with the administrative team, and ESP was invited to attend these meetings a few years ago. This year the meeting is on May 19, and Sandra Wick and Diane Mack will attend. Please email Diane or Sandra with agenda items. Members of the group discussed possible items to include on the agenda, including budget issues, and talking with legislators. There was additional discussion about the need to support state administration, write success

stories, and to let local legislators know the good things that are being done locally. It was suggested that if you are honoring folks, invite local legislators.

- **Annual Conference-ESP Events**

Laurie reported that the agent associations and ESP met to see if they could work together to better organize events on the first day of the conference Tuesday, Oct. 18 (October 18-20, TWR). Currently, on Tuesday, the ESP business meeting will be held from 11:45am-1pm and the ESP Recognition at 6:30pm. The joint 4-H and FACS Fall Frenzy will begin at 8pm. On Wednesday, the ESP Board Meeting will be held at 7:15am.

Agent Associations will be held on Tuesday with time alterations; KEAA will be held at 4pm (T). Administration plans to attend that meeting so they can meet with the entire group. It was mentioned that some people aren't KEAA members, and won't be in attendance. Laurie will take this forward.

Retirees are invited to the KSRE awards lunch and then retiree activity begins afterward. Ann and Dick will work together.

- **Chapter Achievement in Membership**

This is a scorecard for national recognition and was completed last year. Diane Mack will complete it this year with help from Stacey Warner as it requires numbers about membership, fees, etc.

Next meeting is June 15, 2011 at 1:15pm via conference call.

Meeting was adjourned by President Diane Mack at 1:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Deb Sellers
Alpho Rho Secretary