

**Epsilon Sigma Phi  
Council Meeting/ Conference Call  
June 16, 2009; 1:00 p.m.**

President, Margaret Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:00 and asked everyone to have the website up.

Those in attendance included: Margaret Phillips, Stacey Warner, Andrea Schmidt, Linda Mirt, Nancy Nelson, Diane Burnett, Dave Dunn, Sharolyn Flaming Jackson, Doug Jardine, Steve Fisher, Mary Higgins, Laurie Chandler, Eric Otte, Fran Richmond, Belinda Oldham, and Linda Beech. Minutes were approved as posted to the Alpha Rho website.

***Chapter Officer Reports:***

- President, Margaret – All were asked to have the website up. Membership recruitment and retention was highlighted as part of the ESP Connection. National History is being written currently, and our Historian is invited to submit items for this. Another Emerging Leadership Workshop will be held in August. Thanks to all who contributed their voting input for North Central Award nominees. A recent Annual Conference schedule was sent. The \$1,000 ESP grant will not be used for a Public Value Speaker at Annual Conference. September 15 is the deadline for agenda, tenure, new retirees and awards to be due to Gloria Holcombe. National Meeting was also mentioned. Leadership is needed for States Night Out (Doug will coordinate) and a Ruby Recognition Reception; it will be a combined reception for the Incoming President, Outgoing President and the Ruby. The Chapter has been asked to contribute \$250-\$300 towards this reception. Each state must also contribute one item towards the auction.

Annual Conference Update – October 20-22. The tentative schedule was sent with the agenda ahead of the meeting and then reviewed. Laurie requested discussion on the ESP Board Meeting time slot, as it conflicts with the Inspirational Breakfast. Stacey encouraged Laurie to visit with Rick Miller regarding the breakfast. Doug suggested that perhaps the Inspirational Breakfast be moved to Wednesday morning.

- *Vice President, Laurie* – PILD was a wonderful conference. We had the opportunity to visit with congressmen and women. The time to visit with other states was especially valuable. Thanks to the chapter for sending me. A meeting was held with Kansas Extension Professional Association/Professional Development Meeting to plan a conference to address core competencies. There was a general interest in this. One idea was to invite one of the speakers from PILD, Dr. Lanny Hass, to share information and prepare Extension Agents to respond to the question, succinctly, why is Extension relevant today? A meeting with administrators was held with KEAA. Districting, program prioritization and communicating budget cuts were items of discussion.
- *Secretary, Andrea* – No report.
- *Historian, Jennifer Wilson* – Not present. Send any archive items to her. Stacey recommended that a copy of the Ruby Application be sent to archives.
- *Treasurer, Stacey Warner* – A copy of the budget and current account statement was sent to membership. We will receive our portion of United Association proceeds soon. Expenditures are characteristic for the association at this time. Our total assets are \$23,529.87.

- *Past President, Eric Otte* – Three applications were received for the Connie Hoch and Jim Lindquist scholarships. The Endowment Board will meet immediately following council meeting. Eric will notify the recipients of their awards in time to take advantage of early registration.
- *Editor, Karen Blakeslee* – Send articles for the next newsletter, to Karen, by August 1.

### **Council Director Reports**

- NW, Carla Morrical-Frederking – Not present and no report.
- NE, Dale Fjell – Not present and no report.
- SW, Belinda Oldham – No report.
- SE, Linda Mirt – No report.
- State, Emily Nolting – Not present and no report.
- Retiree, Dave Schafer – Not present and no report.
- Administration, Daryl Buchholz – No report.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- *Awards, Linda B., Chair Elect* – Thanks to Gayle for all of her work on this committee with awards and making the process more streamlined and user-friendly. Margaret challenged each member to nominate another member for an award this year. Laurie suggested that an announcement be placed in the Tuesday Letter to alert all membership to this charge. Linda indicated that this is in the committee's plan.
- *Annual Banquet, Evelyn Neier* – Evelyn was unable to attend but she sent a report and request for decisions from the council regarding location, catering, and auction.
- *Budget and Audit, Diane Burnett* – Diane will be asking for next year committee chairs to submit budget requests for the next year. Stacey will work with Diane on this.
- *Constitution and Bylaws, Mary* – No report.
- *Global Relations, Donna Martinson* – One application was received for international travel.
- *Membership Recruitment & Retention, Sharolyn* – We met twice with new agents last year. She represented ESP at both meetings. One was conducted in December and the other was conducted in May. A letter will be sent out soon to recruit new members.
- *Memorial, Nancy Nelson* – No report.
- *Nomination, Eric Otte* – He is still waiting for names to be submitted. A committee conference call will be set up to move ahead with nominations. The list of positions to fill is located with the nomination committee responsibilities on the web.
- *Professionalism, Fran Richmond* – One application was received by May 15 for the international travel scholarship. Denise Dias received \$500 to travel to Kenya. We still have \$1090 to award for travel grants this fall. The applications are due August 15.
- *Retiree, Steve Fisher* – We conducted two electronic meetings regarding annual conference details. Steve sent out an email with a draft schedule to the retirees. The new schedule has received positive responses.
- *Tenure Recognition, David Dunn* – He has been working with the committee to select a theme for recognition. He will get a list of those to be recognized from Stacey.

### **Special Committee Reports**

- *80<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration, Jennifer Wilson* – The committee had a conference call several weeks ago. A sub-committee will visit archives in August to begin pulling information to use in a display or

presentation. The committee discussed ways to incorporate the anniversary into annual conference without doing another special event. The committee decided to wait until they knew more about how the 2010 conference would shake out.

- *Global Scholarships, Donna Martinson* – A request for the next year travel/scholarship cycle would be given to Diane, chair of the budget committee, regarding mid-year requests. The budget committee will then discuss this request.

### ***National Committee Member Reports***

- *Public Issues, Jim Lindquist* – Not present and no report. He has re-applied for this committee again next year.
- *Scholarships, Grants & Recognition, Doug Jardine* – Have finished revisions, and should be posted to the website shortly. Doug re-applied for this committee.
- *Professional Development, Margaret* – No report. Marie Blythe has been nominated for this committee. Margaret didn't re-apply, Marie Blythe has been appointed to the committee.

### ***Old Business***

None

### ***New Business***

- Steve moved and Laurie seconded that the Alpha Rho Chapter spend \$300 for the Ruby Reception at National Meeting. The motion carried.
- Eric moved and Steve seconded that we cancel the Alumni Center and Brookville Catering for Annual Conference. The motion carried.
- Steve moved and Dave seconded that the 2009 ESP recognition event be held in a separate room from the poster session, and that the silent auction be held during the poster session and close at the end of the poster session. The motion carried.

### ***Announcements***

- The next meeting will be held on August 11 at 1:15 p.m.
- Eric will be sending out information to the Endowment Committee for ranking on the Jim Lindquist and the Connie Hoch scholarships.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

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