

EPSILON SIGMA PHI  
Alpha Rho – Kansas Chapter  
Board Meeting, August 11, 2006  
By Teleconference call

The meeting was called to order by President Trudy Rice at 9:00 a.m. Board members on the call were: Trudy Rice, Stacey Warner, Connie Hoch, Karen Blakeslee, Marie Blythe, Susie Latta, Laurie Chandler, Les Frazier, and Charlotte Olsen.

Trudy announced that Connie Hoch would be taking minutes in the absence of Secretary Jan Stephens. Les Frazier moved to accept the minutes from the April 3, 2006 board meeting as posted on the web and Susie Latta seconded. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Stacey Warner, treasurer, reported total receipts of \$8,939.85 and expenditures of \$7,464.50 for the reporting period of October 1, 2005 to July 12, 2006. Stacey reported that income for the year was \$226 less than budgeted and expenditures were \$1900 less than budgeted. Marie Blythe moved to accept the treasurer report as given Les Frazier seconded and Motion carried.

Officer Reports:

Trudy would like to see the support for the \$25.00 membership enhancement continued for next year. She also shared that she felt it was time that we take a look at an ESP sponsored professional development and make sure that it meets the needs of the entire membership.

Connie Hoch- No Report

Stacey reported that two active members had recruited new members and will be eligible for the \$25 reduction in next year's dues.

Karen Blakeslee reported that the Fall Newsletter is 99% complete and should be out by the end of the week. She thanked all that submitted articles for the newsletter. Karen also reported that she is working on the Awards Banquet Booklet. She will be asking Carl Garten for assistance on getting years of service.

Marie Blythe shared that ESP endowment grant applications are available and due by September 8, 2006. All extension agents, specialist, and administrators who are current ESP members are eligible to make grant request to the endowment board.

## Committee Reports

Awards Committee - Marie read a report from Danny Rogers, committee chair. Nominations are due to Danny by August 21. Stacey suggested a follow up message to area council directors to encourage nominations for ESP Awards.

Professional Development - Laurie Chandler reported that Connie Hoch and Margaret Phillips has been award the \$375 scholarship to attend the National ESP Conference in Annapolis Maryland.

Marie reported that a new chair will need to be appointed for Roger Terry position. Roger and Stacey has worked on the budget in the past and perhaps Marcia Weaver or Beth Hinshaw would be willing to work with Stacey to prepare the proposed budget.

Les Frazier reported that the ESP retiree would be meeting on Sept 27 at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon. Connie Hoch will present the program on Humorfest. Les will also need the names of the retirees that will be attending the ESP banquet so that they can be recognized.

Marie is the chair of the nominating committee and will soon be asking for suggestions for officers for next year. She also announced that Jennifer Wilson would be our representative on the annual meeting committee since Vickie Overly has retired. It will be held on September 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the Flinthills Room at the Union. The cost is \$21.00 per person.

Charlotte Olsen reported on the Global Relations Committee. She has been working with her committee and will be sharing resources to the entire membership. It was suggested that she share the National Diversity Newsletter with membership. Charlotte indicated that the website would be in the Fall Newsletter.

Discussion was held on the bylaw changes. Susie Latta moved that the bylaw change be accepted as written in Sec 2 and be presented for consideration at annual conference. Les seconded and motion carried.

Marie discussed the new rotation plan for officers. Currently the practice is to elect from state one year and alternate years from area/district/county. Her recommendation was to alternate between state/area one year and county/district the next year. Laurie Chandler moved to accept this policy change. Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Les Frazier will make sure that retirees will receive a letter and brochure concerning annual conference. He will also clarify to retirees that the awards banquet is ESP only.

Connie Hoch and Marie Blythe reported on the recommendations of the United Association Committee Meeting. They recommended that ESP support the United Association Meeting in May of 2007, but to explore other options for providing professional development to membership. National is really promoting ESP as a professional development organization. Laurie suggested that one way to meet the needs would be to provide dollars for a keynote or break out speaker at annual conference. Currently Marie Blythe and Jan Stephens are on the United Association Meeting Planning Committee. ESP is allowed additional members of the committee. Names were suggested and Connie will call Mark Ploger and Sarah Maass to see if they would agree to serve on the planning committee. This may help to bring additional break-out sessions that would fit all members of ESP.

The next meeting will be held at 11:45 am on September 25 at the Union.

Meeting was adjourned.

Proposed By-law changes are attached.

Due to the dissolving of the metropolitan area, the Alpha Rho ESP board has voted to propose the following bylaw amendment. This serves as the minimum 30-day notice prior to the annual meeting on September 25, 2006 in which this amendment will be voted upon.

#### CURRENT BYLAW

Section 2. COUNCIL DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS. The council directors shall be members of Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi who are in good standing. The fourteen (14) member State Council shall consist of the Executive Board and elected directors representing each of the following segments of Alpha Rho Chapter membership: Southwest, northwest, metropolitan, northeast, and southeast Extension areas, state staff, and retired staff. The Extension Director (or a representative) shall also be a Council member. Council directors shall be elected for two-year terms -- southwest, northeast, southeast, and retired in even numbered years, northwest, metropolitan, and state in odd numbered years. Directors may not succeed themselves.

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