

**Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Meeting**  
**October 21, 2009; 11:45 a.m.**

Margaret reminded folks as they gathered to submit their dues check for the free dues drawing to Marie Blythe.

The meeting was called to order around noon by President, Margaret Phillips. Minutes from previous meetings are available on [www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho) Annual meeting minutes from 2008 were available on the tables.

Those in attendance included: Andrea Schmidt, Kathy Nielsen, Carla Morrical-Frederking, Libby Curry, Nozella Brown, Carolyn Andres, Nancy Nelson Mary Lou Odle, Diane Burnett, Crystal Coffman, Nancy Pihl, Mary Meck Higgins, Linda Beech, Belinda Oldham, Ethel Schneweis, Donna Martinson, Andrea Burns, Lois Carlson, Jean Rowland, Fred DeLano, Pam Van Horn, Beth Drescher, David Dunn, Debra Wood, Debra Bolton, Denise Dias, Rhonda Gordon, Valerie Edwards, Susie Latta, Sarah Laib, Ginger Kopfer, Anna Muir, Dale Fjell, Bob Neier, Karaline Mayer, Jamie Rathbun, Jamie Hancock, Robin Eubank, Barbara Ames, Fran Richmond, Paula Peters, Kathy Tharman, Fred Cholick, Marie Blythe, Karen Blakeslee, Jan Stephens, Sharolyn Jackson, Bev Dunning, Chuck Otte, Deryl Waldren, Diane Mack, Beth Hinshaw, Evelyn Neier, Emily Nolting, Sarah Maass, Ginny Barnard, Margaret Phillips and Laurie Chandler.

**Chapter Officer Reports were given first:**

- **President** - Margaret Phillips - Margaret highlighted the website, and outlined where items could be accessed. Margaret directed folks to the annual report. A chapter of merit award was received at North Dakota. The Ruby Award for Jim Lindquist and service award for Jan Stephens was presented for archiving to the Historian.
- **President Elect** - Laurie Chandler - Laurie thanked all for their willingness to serve as committee chair-elects. Laurie thanked Margaret for her help too. The committee list was shared. If someone would like to change committees or be added, please notify Laurie immediately following the meeting. The first council meeting will be held at 7:15 a.m., October 22, in the State Room off the Union cafeteria.
- **Secretary** - Andrea Schmidt - Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting are on the tables. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chuck Otte and seconded by Diane Burnett. The motion carried. Andrea announced that a sign-in sheet was being rotated around the tables. One correspondence from Trudy Rice was received thanking the association for her professional development scholarship.

- **Treasurer** – Stacey Warner – was absent. Diane Burnett highlighted the statement of accounts first. Assets totaled \$22,932.82. Receipts were \$12,185.86 and expenditures were \$21,558.82.
- **Historian** – Jennifer Wilson – Margaret announced that Jennifer is taking any archive items.
- **Newsletter Editor** – Karen Blakeslee – Karen thanked all for submitting information to the newsletters. Continue to submit items; it makes the newsletter better.
- **Past President** – Eric Otte – Eric expressed that he has enjoyed working with the association as an officer. He felt his colleague relationships have been strengthened. Page two of the annual report highlights endowment. Endowment Fund Grants: 2008 – “Cultivating Community Leadership Development,” Robert Wilson, Debra Bolton, and Sherry Davis, \$1,200 2008 – “National Volunteer Forum,” Deryl Waldren, Rod Buchele, Diane Mack and Beth Hinshaw, \$1,200; 2009 – “Engaging Volunteers in Extension Districts,” Rod Buchele and Diane Mack, \$1,500 and Endowment Fund Scholarships: Karen Blakeslee and Nozella Brown, Connie Hoch Leadership Scholarship for ESP National Meeting Trudy Rice, Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship for Professional Development. Travel Study Grants: Denise Dias, \$500, Kenya Jennifer Wilson, \$500, KARL Debra Bolton, \$500, National Council on Family Relations.) Eric asked Dave to come forward to present info on the Endowment fund. The balance in the account in the KSU Foundation as of Sept 30 is about \$104,0000. A goal of \$250,000 for future years has been mentioned.

#### **Council Directors Reports:**

- Northwest – Carla Morrival-Frederking- No report.
- Northeast – Dale Fjell – No action to report.
- Southwest – Belinda Oldham – Kathy Bloom is a new member.
- Southeast – Linda Mirt – Not present.
- State – Emily Nolting – No action to report.
- Retiree – Dave Schafer – No action to report.
- Administration – Daryl Buchholz – Congratulations on behalf of this chapter for the recognition given to members and the work that you have been doing. Thanks also for all the work that you do.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

- **Awards** – Gayle Price – Linda Beech is the chair-elect and offered the report. Committee members stood for recognition. Eleven award applications were received for 9 award areas; please nominate people next year. There are four national awards that Kansas does not provide members, and we would like to add those to the list to bring it in line with

the national awards. Including them would increase the budget request. This will be voted on during new business.

- **Annual Banquet** – Evelyn Neier – Committee members stood for recognition. About 120 people attended the event last night. This was an increase over the 90 from 2008. Over \$500 was raised at last night’s silent auction.
- **Budget & Audit** – Diane Burnett – Committee members stood for recognition. Diane thanked Stacey for all her work with this committee. Diane highlighted the statement of accounts first. Assets totaled \$22,932.82. Receipts were \$12,185.86 and expenditures were \$21,558.82. Diane presented the proposed budget. Receipts of \$13,440.00 and total budgeted expenditures of \$15,440.00 were on the proposed budget. The Tenure recognition committee and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee will have one time expenditures totaling \$1,000. Annual expenses are starting to exceed annual income. Options include: spending down assets, dues increase or cutting out some expenses. Fred then provided the review report. The accounts have been reviewed, and thanked the association for allowing him to review the accounts. The association is doing good things. Stacey and Fred converse throughout the year. September 2008-2009 consisted the review year. Receipts and expenses were tracked and matched and all was found to be in balance.
- **Constitution & Bylaws** – Mary Meck Higgins – Committee members stood for recognition. There was no action to report this year.
- **Global Relations** – Donna Martinson – Committee members stood for recognition. Two different times were made available (August 15 and February 15) to apply for travel grants.
- **Membership Recruitment & Retention** – Sharolyn Jackson – Eight new members were initiated last night. (Kathy Bloom, Sarah Laib, Kylie Ludwig, Kaitlyn Peine, Jamie Rathbun, Debra Wood, Cheryl Boyer and Tonya Bronleewe). New member were welcomed and introduced. Committee member stood for recognition.
- **Memorial** – Beverly Dunning – Bev referred all to page four of the annual report. Committee members stood for recognition,
- **Nomination** – Eric Otte – Committee members stood for recognition. President Elect, Diane Mack; Treasurer, Stacey Warner; Historian, Jennifer Wilson; Northwest Director, David Dunn; Southwest Director, Andrea Burns; State Director, Dan Rogers; and Endowment Trustee Retiree, Marsha Weaver.
- **Professionalism** – Fran Richmond – Committee members stood for recognition. Three applicants were received this year, and three awards were given.
- **Retiree** – Steve Fisher – Crystal Coffman gave the report. Crystal mentioned that retirees expressed concern over the comment of, “Why do

retirees come back to annual conference?" Additional members to add to the committee include Dick Wootton and Lois Carlson. The main role of this committee is to recognize retirees and build communication between the organization and retirees. The committee is coordinating a trip. The committee is also planning an extension reunion in conjunction with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

- **Tenure Recognition** – David Dunn – Committee members stood for recognition. Twenty-one members were recognized for tenure awards last night. The pens are still on their way.

#### **Special Committee Report:**

- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Jennifer Wilson – no report.

#### **National Committee Member Report:**

- **Public Issues** – Jim Lindquist – This committee has periodic conference calls regarding benefits of employees.
- **Scholarships, Grants and Recognition** – Doug Jardine – No report.
- **Professional Development** – Margaret Phillips – Marie Blythe applied and will serve on this committee next year.
- Trudy Rice will also be serving on Resource Development and Management committee next year.

#### **Old Business:**

No Old business.

#### **New Business:**

- Linda Beech moved that 4 additional awards be included (administrative leadership, visionary leadership, diversity/multicultural recognition for individual and group). A budgetary increase of \$100 would cover this. Karen Blakeslee seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Diane Burnett moved that the proposed budget for 2010 be approved as presented and seconded by Marie Blythe. Linda proposed amending the motion to increasing the amount for awards committee amount to \$550. The amendment carried. The motion to approve the budget as amended, carried.
- Eric Otte moved and Diane Burnett seconded that the financial review report be approved. The motion carried.
- Eric facilitated election of officers. Chuck Otte moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers. Motion carried.

**Officer Initiation** occurred next:

President, Laurie Chandler; President- Elect, Diane Mack; Secretary, Andrea Schmidt; Treasurer, Stacey Warne; Historian, Jennifer Wilson; Newsletter Editor, Karen Blakeslee and Past-President, Margaret Phillips were installed.

**Membership Drawing:**

Marie Blythe had Fred Cholick draw the winning check. Mary Higgins will receive a free membership.

**Announcements:**

October 12-15, 2010, is the ESP national meeting in Jackson, Wyoming. Laurie presented Margaret with a gift for her work as President of ESP. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Andrea Schmidt  
Alpha Rho Secretary