



Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter
Epsilon Sigma Phi

2006 Annual Report

2006
ALPHA RHO CHAPTER
EPSILON SIGMA PHI
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
REPORTS

President's Report - Trudy Rice

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this past year. It has been a rewarding experience in many ways. First, I would like to thank each of you for choosing to be members of this great organization. Please spread the word and encourage your co-workers to join. Secondly, I would like to thank those of you who have agreed to chair committees this past year. Without the dedication of each of you to the roles of the committees I could not have performed my duties this past year. Thirdly, thanks to each of you who served on committees this past year and please consider taking on a leadership opportunity in the future. And, last but not least, thanks to the active participation of our lifetime members.

I truly believe that there is a direct correlation between what one contributes to an organization and what one gains in benefits from an organization. This has certainly proven true this past year for me personally. I have definitely benefitted more professionally than the time I have contributed in time and effort. I would like to personally invite you to take on leadership roles in ESP and test this for yourself.

During this time I have had the opportunity to participate in my first National ESP conference in Colorado and

attend the NC Regional Joint Council of Extension Professionals meeting in St. Louis. These two opportunities to interact with other professionals in the Extension Organization were truly a "growing" experience for me. I will now earmark the National ESP Conference as my top priority for Professional Development.

In the future I am committed to remaining active in our Chapter. Next year this will be through dedicated time to the Endowment Board.

Again, thanks for a great year!

Vice President - Connie Hoch

The mission of Epsilon Sigma Phi is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional. As your 2006 vice president, I have had an opportunity to learn more about ways to work toward the mission of this great organization and the benefits available to all Extension professionals.

In February, Trudy Rice and I represented the chapter at the North Central Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) in St. Louis, Missouri. This session gives chapters in the North Central states the opportunity to come together to share and exchange ideas and to connect with the National Board. It is a time to hear what other states are doing and to see the board work on our behalf to make a stronger, more viable professional organization for all of us.

As your representative to the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD) in Washington D.C., I had the chance to improve my public policy skills,

and visit with Kansas legislators. What a great opportunity for the Kansas delegation to share the Extension story.

The past year has been a great opportunity to learn more about ESP and I look forward to serving as your president in 2007.

Secretary - Jan Stephens

Minutes of the annual and board meetings were written and placed on the web. The annual report was completed with the help of officers and committee chairs.

Treasurer - Stacey Warner

See inserted membership lists.

Editor - Karen Blakeslee

Spring and Fall newsletters were prepared and emailed to all members and mailed to retirees. The newsletters are posted on the Alpha Rho ESP website at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-alpha rho/>

Annalist/Historian - Sandra Wick

All past and historical records are located in the KSU Hale Library. Any member with historical information or records that you would like to donate to the collection, please contact me.

Past President & Endowment - Marie Blythe

ESP Foundation interest available for 2007 Endowment Grants is \$6,432.80. We received 11 applications requesting \$13,238.

Council Directors -

Northwest - Keith VanSlike - no report
Southeast - Crystal Coffman - no report
Southwest - Mahbub Alam - no report
Northeast - Susan Latta - no report
Metro - Mary Lou Odle - no report
State - Danny Rogers - no report
Retirees - Fred DeLano - no report

**Standing Committee Reports:
Member Services:**

Awards - Dan Rogers

Award winners will be recognized at the ESP banquet.

Professionalism - Sandra Wick

Applications were received for the Travel grant and will be announced at Annual Conference. No applications were received for the loan program.

Recognition - Carl Garten

The following will be recognized at the ESP banquet:

25 years - Phyllis Kriesel
Jack Lindquist
Phillip Sloderbeck
30 years - Michael Christian
Pat McNally
Linda Mirt
Margaret Phillips
Deanna Turner
Stacey Warner
35 years - James Adams
Eugene Lanham
Donna Martinson
Pat Murphy
Jan Stephens
Doris Welch

Memorial - Eric Otte

The memorial committee continues to send condolence notes to Extension members that have lost family members during the year. The committee prepared the memorial information for: Dr. Lawrence Cox, Dale Edelblute, Dr. Randy Higgins, Margaret Hund, E. Clifford Manry, and Lucille Whipps to go in the Annual Awards Banquet program.

Retirement Equity - Dave Schafer -
no report

Public Issues Committee - Michael Vogt - no report

Recruitment & Retention Committee - Anna Muier - no report

Global Relations Committee - Charlotte Olsen

The Global Relations Committee has used the Alpha Rho newsletter to inform the membership about information and opportunities related to the committee's mission.

Professional Development Committee - Laurie Chandler

For the second year, the Professional Development Committee offered four \$376 scholarships to Alpha Rho members to attend the national conference. The scholarships were made possible through a grant from the Alpha Rho Endowment.

The National ESP Conference will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, November 14-17, 2006. Two members were selected to receive the scholarships - Margaret Phillips and Connie Hoch. This is a great way to help current and life members attend the national meeting and to help them grow as Extension professionals.

Resource Management Committee - no report

Retiree Action Committee - Les Frasier, Lois Carlson - no report

Nominating Committee - Marie Blythe

Members have been identified to fill position vacancies among officers, council directors, and the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees. The following slate will be presented during the Alpha Rho business meeting:

President - Connie Hoch

Vice-President -

Secretary - Andrea Schmidt

Treasurer - Stacey Warner

Editor - Karen Blakeslee

Annalist/Historian - Sandra Wick

Council Directors:

NE - Angela Abts

SE - Jan Stephens

SW - Linda Walter

Retired - Lindy Lindquist

Endowment Board - Fred DeLano

Annual Meeting Committee - Vicky Overley - no report

Mentoring Committee - Jim Lindquist - no report