

Alpha Rho Chapter – Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – 11:45 am, Flint Hills Room
www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho

Call to order – The annual business meeting of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi was called to order by President Stacey Warner at 11:48 am.

Roll Call – Members in attendance were John Forshee, Jan Steen, Sarah Keatley, Nozella Brown, John Beckman, Jaime Menon, Nancy Daniels, Beth Hinshaw, Pat Murphy, Stacey Warner, Nadine Sigle, Diane Burnett, Pamela Gordon, Debra Wood, Crystal Futrell, Gina Aurand, Aliesa Woods, Pam VanHorn, Cindy Evans, Susan Latta, Jamie Rathbun, Jaymelynn Farney, Nora Rhoades, Bruce Chladny, Sharon Erickson Fryback, Gayle Price, Ann Domsch, Deb Andres, Julie Traxson, Deanna Turner, Barbara Ames, Jodi Besthorn, Charlotte Shoup Olsen, Diane Mack, Brenda Taxeras, Lindsey Friesen, Candis Meerpohl, Corinne Patterson, Ginger Kopfer, Sarah Maass, Anna Muir, Christopher Petty, Andrea Burns, Ethel Schneweis, Denise Sullivan, Beth Drescher, Valeria Edwards, Ginny Barnard, Deryl Waldren, John Jobe, Patsy Maddy, Douglas Beech, Daryl Buchholz, Scott Barrows, Sandy Johnson, Jim Adams, Jeanne Falk Jones, Jenae Ryan, Jamie Hancock Kidd, Barbara Stone, Travis Carmichael, Matthew McKernan, David Dunn, Laurie Chandler, Jennifer Wilson, Chris Onstad, Dale Fjell, Chuck Otte, Trudy Rice, Anglala Jones, Doug Jardine, Don Moler, Debra Bolton, Paula Peters, Bertha Mendoza, Olivia Moore and Sandra Wick

Minutes from Previous Meeting – <http://www.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/minutes/>
Minutes from the 2014 annual meeting were approved as posted.

Chapter Officer Reports

President - Stacey Warner – Stacey reported that she appreciated the opportunity to serve as the president of the chapter during the past year. The officers and committees of the chapter have a number of accomplishments that are outlined in the Annual Report. At the recent national Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference Stacey accepted the Chapter of Merit – Gold Award certificate on behalf of the chapter. This certificate was presented to chapter historian Doug Jardine for filing in the chapter archives.

President Elect – Nozella Brown – Nozella thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as president elect. Attending the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Leadership conference and the ESP National meeting were highlights of the year. She enjoyed working with the committees and appreciated everyone's willingness to volunteer and serve on the committees.

Secretary – Nadine Sigle – Nadine thanked everyone for the timely submission of articles for the annual report. Two copies of the annual report are on each table. A sign in sheet for attendance is also located on each table. Thanks were also expressed for the travel funds received from the Connie Hoch Memorial Scholarship Fund to attend National ESP Conference.

Treasurer – Jennifer Wilson – As of September 30, 2015 the checking account balance is \$10,517.62 and the CD balance is \$5,688.50 for total assets of \$16,206.12. Receipts for 2015 were \$9,530.11 and expenditures were \$9,730.44.

Annalist/Historian – Doug Jardine – Doug has really enjoyed being the historian for the chapter. In another lifetime he would like to be an archivist. This year Doug has started writing historical articles for the newsletter.

Editor – Sandra Wick – Two newsletters were prepared this year and everyone was notified when they were posted to the website. Sandra also thanked everyone for their submission of articles.

Past President/Endowment Chair – Chuck Otte - The ESP Endowment Fund board of trustees has oversight for the endowment funds of ESP (managed by the KSU Foundation) and is responsible for receiving grant applications and awarding funds. Two Endowment Fund Scholarships, Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship and the Connie Hoch Leadership Scholarship are designed for support of ESP members participating in professional improvement opportunities. The Connie Hoch scholarship was intended for those members attending the ESP national meeting. Three scholarships were awarded this year for a total of \$1,350. These awards essentially exhausted the funds available in this scholarship. Two scholarships were awarded from the Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship funds for a total of \$950. This is an endowed fund and will continue in perpetuity. Endowment Fund grants are awarded for innovative programs or for supporting faculty professional development. We were in a very good financial position this year and were able to support three excellent requests for program innovation for a total of \$7,660 and three travel grants for a total of \$3,400. Total grants awarded this year we \$13,360. The winners of all of these will be announced this evening at the Awards Recognition Event.

Council Directors Reports

NW Director – Jeanne Falk Jones – Jeanne has put together a Sunflower Gift Basket for the Silent Auction from the NW Area. Mentor agents were thanked for the encouragement they provided to new agents to consider joining ESP. Dave Dunn has been nominated for the council director position.

NE Area – Jamie Hancock Kidd – Jamie reported she was recently married and her name is now Jamie Kidd.

SW Area – John Beckman – The SW Area also accepted the challenge to bring a gift a basket for the silent auction. Andrea Burns has been nominated for the council director position.

SE Area - Gayle Price – Gayle thanked the SE area members for their contributions to the gift basket. Gayle has made personal contacts with perspective members to encourage membership and has directed them to the website for further information.

Sandra – Two newsletter this year. Everyone notified when they are posted. ESP recognition, compiling data

State Director – position is vacant at this time

Retirees – Mary Lou Odle – Mary Lou reported 4 retirees have become lifetime members. She encouraged individuals to become lifetime members at retirement as it is a very economical way to be a member.

Administration – Daryl Buchholz – Administration will also have a gift basket of very awesome items from the KSRE bookstore. Daryl reminded the membership that ESP is the capstone organization of extension professionals and brings all extension professionals together under one umbrella.

Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition – Bertha Mendoza – Thanked the committee for their work and will see everyone tonight at the recognition event.

Budget & Audit – Deb Wood – John Forshee completed the audit in September. Everything is in order. The printed report on the table has a typographical error, it should be 3 lifetime members rather than 23. The committee developed a realistic budget based on previous history and is out of balance.

Constitution and Bylaws- Laurie Chandler – Copies of the proposed changes are on the table. The constitution and bylaws committee reviewed all three pieces and made sure they are in alignment with national. Everyone should have received an email copy of the proposed changes 30 days in advance.

Endowment Auction – Ann Domsch – The auction will take place this evening. Items will be displayed at 4:00 pm. Items can be left at the registration table. The auction will be held in the ball room.

Retirees – Mary Lou Odle - Letters were sent to retirees and they will be together for a luncheon on Thursday and meet afterwards with Daryl and Nozella.

International – Deryl Waldren– As international opportunities become available they are placed in the newsletter.

Membership Recruitment and Retention – Chuck Otte - – In reality, all of us have a certain amount of responsibility when it comes to recruiting new members and retaining current members. Thank you to everyone who served on this committee this year. Tonight we will be installing 12 brand new Alpha Rho Chapter members and recognizing 4 new life members. As for the retention part of this committee – pay your dues!!!

Memorial – Gina Aurand – We will be honoring 5 members tonight who have passed and she has also sent out sympathy cards.

Nominating – Chuck Otte – Thank you to all who helped serve on this committee and for everyone who agreed to have their name placed on the ballot. We have a person to serve every open position! The ballot will be presented under new business. Linda Beech has agreed to be appointed as secretary.

Professionalism – Marie Blythe – Not present

Recognition – Rebecca McFarland – Eight recipients applied nationally and 2 were recognized. Tonight we will announce new awardees.

Retiree – Ann Domsch – Retirees will meet for a luncheon on Thursday and following will meet with Daryl and Nozella.

Tenure Recognition – Debra Bolton – Debra thanked the membership for the Endowment and Connie Hoch Scholarships to attend national meeting. She has written an article for the Tuesday letter sharing a portion of her experience. Tenure recognition will take place tonight at the recognition event.

Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members –

Marie Blythe – Professional Development – no report

Doug Jardine and Sandra Wick – Marketing - Each chapter received a packet of marketing materials at national meeting. Stacey will bring it to the council meeting tomorrow.

Kansas is well represented on national committees. Doug can give a good summary of committee functions as he has served on all except global relations.

Old Business

Update on forming a Kansas JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) – Chuck Otte - A committee was appointed last fall with two representatives from each of the KEAA associations to discuss re-forming KEAA into a joint council of extension professionals. Some excellent emails were exchanged and a conference call held last month where a “guarded” unanimous vote in favor of taking the next step of asking KEAA membership to appoint a writing team with one member from all of the “recognized” extension professional organizations in the state. This writing team will have the responsibility of writing a new constitution and bylaws to replace the existing KEAA constitution and bylaws. The brainstorming committee felt very strongly that a new organization needed to have well defined purposes and goals. An email went out to the county/district faculty late last week with a little more information. If anyone did not receive a copy of this document let Chuck know and he will direct you to an online version.

Update on proposal to host 2018 national meeting – A committee has been formed to put together a proposal to host the 2018 National ESP meeting. Every 4 years it is held in the north central region. Discussion has been held and it was felt the decision to submit a bid should come from the body. Valerie Edwards moved to submit a bid to host the 2018 National ESP meeting. Chuck Otte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Doug Jardine mentioned that 8 years ago we submitted a bid to host and we were not selected. Submitting a bid does not guarantee we will be the host site. There are other interested states. A committee of Nozella Brown, Doug Jardine, Chuck Otte, Gayle Price and Margaret Phillips has been formed. They will meet with Debbie Hagenmeier to put together a bid. Daryl feels it would be advantageous to bring it to KSU. A gem in the plains – the Flint Hills. Two hundred attendees typically attend. It is a fairly small national conference. Bids are to be submitted by March 1, 2016. The site selected will be announced at the 2016 national meeting.

New Business

Election of officers – Chuck Otte presented the following slate of nominations for 2016 officers – President Elect – Nadine Sigle, Treasurer – Jennifer Wilson, Historian/Annalist – Doug Jardine, NW Area Director – David Dunn, SW Area Director – Andrea Burns. There were no nominations from the floor.

Chuck Otte made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented. Doug Jardine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Revision to constitution, by-laws and policies – The proposed changes to the constitution, bylaws and policies were sent to the membership 30 days in advance. Revisions were made to align with national. A call for discussion was brought forth to the membership. Hearing no discussion, all revisions were approved as submitted.

Acceptance of Budget – A call for discussion of the proposed budget was brought forth to the membership. Hearing no discussion, the budget was approved as presented.

No other new business

Announcements

The recognition event will be held at 6:00 this evening in the K & S rooms.

The United Conference held annually in Wichita is trying to move to a professional development conference. They are seeking sessions for professional development. If you have questions contact Denise Sullivan.

Daryl reminded everyone the all university campaign is currently underway. Contributions to ESP counts towards the all university campaign.

Barbara Ames is the winner of the dues drawing.

Award winners are requested to send thank you notes to Sandra Wick for the newsletter.

Moved to adjourn – 12:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nadine Sigle
Secretary