

## Alpha Rho Chapter – Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – 1:15 pm

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**Call to order-** Stacey Warner called the conference call meeting to order at 1:15 pm

**Roll Call-** Those on the call were Stacey Warner, Nadine Sigle, Doug Jardine, Chuck Otte, Jeanne Falk Jones, Gayle Price, Laurie Chandler, Ann Domsch, Deryl Waldren, Sandra Wick, Jennifer Wilson, Margaret Phillips

**Minutes from April 15, 2015 –** <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-alpharho/p.aspx?tabid=21>

Minutes were approved as posted.

### Chapter Officer Reports

**President** – Stacey Warner - Following are the president's activities since the April meeting: At orientation new agents were presented with a welcome letter and information on joining the chapter as well as copy of the definition of an extension professional from Epsilon Sigma Phi.

- Nozella and Stacey completed the Chapter of Merit and the Achievement in Chapter Membership recognition applications and submitted them to the national office.
- Stacey and Chuck represented Epsilon Sigma Phi at the Kansas Joint Council of Extension Professionals meeting with the extension administrative team. Topics of discussion included the Strategic Plan, Memorandum of Understanding with local units, and the KSRE Online transformation.
- Monthly ESP president updates were emailed to members in May and June.

The National ESP Conference will be October 4 - 7 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Kansas will be represented by two regional recognition recipients (see Recognition Committee report below). In addition three of the 21 concurrent sessions offered during the conference will be presented by Kansas Epsilon Sigma Phi Members. Diane Mack will present "A New Approach to Solving Community Challenges." Trudy Rice, Jennifer Wilson, Laurie Chandler and Nadine Sigle will present "Board Leadership Series: So You Are Serving on a Board - 'Now What?'" Laurie Chandler, Gayle Price, Trudy Rice and Stacey Warner will present "Extension Professionals Engaging Volunteers in Program Development." All ESP members are encouraged to attend this conference!

**President Elect** – Nozella Brown – Not present

**Secretary** – Nadine Sigle – Minutes from the April conference call have been posted on the website. Thank you to everyone who submitted their reports.

**Treasurer** – Jennifer Wilson – treasurer's reports submitted and posted to the website. Total assets are \$16,526.37.

**Annalist/Historian** – Doug Jardine- Submitted a historical based newsletter article and he will continue to do so in the future.

**Editor** – Sandra Wick -All council members should have received an email a couple of weeks ago requesting information for the ESP summer newsletter. Deadline for information to me is this Friday, June 26. I have received some submissions by members. Hope to publish the newsletter in a couple of weeks prior to fair season. This will allow the August deadlines to be timely in the newsletter for members to apply for chapter recognition.

**Past President/Endowment Chair** – Chuck Otte - The Endowment Board will be having a conference call next week to select Jim Lindquist and Connie Hoch scholarship winners. There were five applications for the Lindquist Scholarship and four for the Hoch Scholarship. There is roughly \$1,300 to award for each scholarship. I'll also have a note in the newsletter about the August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the ESP Endowment Fund Grant.

### Council Directors Reports

**NW Director** – Jeanne Falk Jones – will get the word out to NW agents on the endowment grants available and will also contact new agents about joining ESP

**NE Director** – Jamie Hancock – not present, represented the chapter at PILD and submitted a report to the newsletter.

**SW Director** – John Beckman – not present

**SE Director** – Gayle Price – been in touch with the new agents and encouraged them to join. She has directed them to the website and provided brochures.

**State Director** – Vacant

**Retirees** – Mary Lou Odle -I have contacted several retirees about life membership & will contact recent retirees. Marie Blythe has joined as a life member.

**Extension Administration** – Daryl Buchholz – not present

### **Standing Committee's Reports**

**Annual Recognition Reception** – Bertha Mendoza - There is a need to increase the fee for attending the recognition reception to \$13.00 to cover the cost of food and service. I will notify Debbie Hagenmaier of the increase. The food order has been placed with Flavours by Sodexo at K-State Union Catering service.

**Budget and Audit** – Deb Wood – not present

**Constitution and Bylaws** – Laurie Chandler -The Constitution Committee is in the process of reviewing the chapter Bylaws, Constitution and Policies and Procedures to see any changes should be considered. Our next committee meeting is Friday, July 17.

**Endowment Auction** – Ann Domsch – going to have one. Haven't contacted the committee yet but will get something to Sandra for the newsletter. Once the committee has met they will send out the information.

**Global Relations** – Deryl Waldren – no report

**Membership Recruitment and Retention** – Chuck Otte - I have been trying to send personal emails to new staff members as they start work. I'll have a notice in the next newsletter about getting ready to pay dues and encouraging others in your office to do the same. Then we'll start a big push in early September to get folks to start paying dues early.

**Memorial** – Gina Aurand – Several cards have been sent out for memorials.

**Nomination** – Chuck Otte - I'll be putting a notice of upcoming openings in the next newsletter. I'll have a conference call with the nominating committee in early August. Positions that will be up for election at this annual meeting include: Vice-President (area/state member), treasurer, historian, and directors for northwest area, southwest area and state. Please forward names of potential candidates/replacements to me.

**Professionalism** – Marie Blythe -Alpha Rho Chapter Professionalism Committee Chair, Committee Chair-Elect (Lisa Newman), and President-Elect (Dr. Nozella Brown) served on 2015 United Associations Conference Planning Committee. Everyone should watch for Professional Development opportunities (local and national) posted in each newsletter! Endowment Fund grants are readily available.

**Recognition**– Margaret Phillips -I am pleased to share that there are two Alpha Rho chapter members who will be recognize at the ESP National Conference in October. Doug Jardine will be recognized for Distinguished Service representing the North Central Region and Debra Bolton will be recognized for Diversity/Multicultural Individual also representing North Central Region. Doug and Debra are planning on attending the conference to receive their recognition. The Recognition Committee has been promoting nominations for chapter recognition. Remember that you too may nominate and/or encourage others. My wish is to have nominations in each of the recognition categories. Remember that there are two categories that are for individuals other than members; Friend of Extension and Retiree. We have many very deserving members and should have recipients in each of the categories. Thanks in advance for doing your part in generating nominations. Remember when nominating members there is a chart on the website <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-alpha rho/p.aspx?tabid=53> to assist in determining members' eligibility. Nominations are due August 15.

**Retiree** – Ann Domsch – no report

**Tenure Recognition** – Debra Bolton – No report

### **Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members**

Marie Blythe-Professional Development -As expected with the registration covered for the lead presenter and such a beautiful location at Coeur d' Alene, ID for the 2015 Conference, there was a significant increase in proposals submitted! . . . also noted with the team presentations accepted from the Alpha Rho chapter.

Doug Jardine- Marketing – Met yesterday by conference call. A number of new marketing items are available. A marketing packet will be put together to give to states at the national meeting. One of each of the items will be placed into the packet along with an order form.

Sandra Wick- Marketing- table top and floor displays are available for purchase. Refer this to the membership committee to be used at annual conference.

### **Old Business**

Update on forming a Kansas JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) – Chuck Otte - I will be scheduling a conference call with the association representatives in early August to discuss pros and cons of moving from a KEAA structure to a JCEP structure and then looking at the changes in the KEAA constitution and Bylaws that would be necessary to make this happen. This needs to be accomplished early enough that the KEAA Board can vote to amend the constitution and bylaws and send notice out to the membership at least 10 days prior to their annual meeting at Annual Conference.

Schedule for ESP Council Meeting during Annual Conference (Wednesday conflicts w Women of K-State Breakfast – this isn't new, just wanted discussion on whether there is another time. Thursday would conflict with Inspirational Breakfast.) – will leave the same for this year and in the future possible flip flop between the two days.

Other old business - none

### **New Business**

2016 Ruby award- Margaret Phillips moved to support the nomination of Doug Jardine for the distinguished Service Ruby award. Seconded by Chuck Otte. Motion carried.

A question was raised on the recording of sessions at national meeting. It was suggested that maybe the keynote addresses be recorded and placed on the website. Stacey will email the national office and raise the question. It would be a good way to expose members to national meeting opportunities. Also the possibility of having webinars for professional development.

### **Announcement(s):**

Next Chapter Council Conference Call: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 (3rd Wed)

### **Adjourn**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Alpha Rho Chapter:

August 15 – Nominations due for chapter recognition

August 15 – Applications due for Endowment Grants

August 19 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

September 23 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

October 20 – ESP Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Event

October 21 or 22 – ESP Council Meeting at 7:00 am

National:

October 4-7 – National ESP Conference in Coeur d'Alene ID