

**Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - 1:15 pm**

The meeting was called to order by President Nadine Sigle via Zoom conference.

Roll Call - Attending were Nadine Sigle, John Forshee, Linda Beech, Jennifer Wilson, Doug Jardine, Marie Blythe, David Chladny, Carl Garten, Debra Bolton, Sarah Keatley, Chuckie Hessong, Amy Lorenzen

Minutes from September 14, 2016 Council meeting are posted on the website at-
www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/minutes/ESP-BoardMeetingMinutes9-14-16.pdf

Chapter Officer Reports

President - Nadine Sigle- Thank you for allowing me to attend ESP national conference. This is a smaller conference so it is not as fast paced as many national conferences which allows you to enjoy and appreciate it. One of the new ideas I brought home was the use of the PollEverywhere app. It is free polling system which can allow audiences to participate through their cell phones. Plans are to incorporate this into the board leadership series for a pilot.

President Elect - John Forshee- nothing to report at this time.

Secretary - Linda Beech- Minutes of the 2016 annual business meeting were submitted to Nozella for review, updated and posted on the chapter website.

Treasurer - Jennifer Wilson- reviewed the treasurer's reports. They were approved as presented. She has received the dues checks from annual conference. She and Gayle will work on getting these submitted through the online system. Once this is completed, area council directors will be notified of past or prospective members who have not paid dues. There are definitely a few tweaks that need to be made to the online system yet.

Annalist/Historian - Doug Jardine- Doug and Chuck Otte have a large box of old secretary records they will be going through and deciding what needs to be included in the archives.

Editor - Gregg Hadley- not able to attend

Past President/Endowment Chair - Nozella Brown- not able to attend, but no report at this time of year

Council Directors Reports

NW Director - David Dunn- not able to attend

NE Director - Rhonda Gordon- not able to attend

SW Director - Andrea Burns- not able to attend, but reported in advance that she is getting items to area members who were not able to attend the recognition event

SE Director - Chuckie Hessong- no report

State Director - Sandy Procter- not able to attend

Retirees - Marie Blythe- no report

Extension Administration - Daryl Buchholz- not able to attend

Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Event - Bruce Chladny- had some discussion of food choices and cost of our Recognition Event; it was good to have borrowed decorations to keep expenses down.

Budget and Audit - John Forshee- Conducted audit prior to annual business meeting, may need to increase treasurer's bond insurance when it comes up for renewal in 2018; Ag Agents association voted to donate \$1500 to 2018 ESP National Conference.

Constitution and Bylaws - Carl Garten- no report

Endowment Auction Committee - Candis Meerpohl- not able to attend. Nadine will work with her to develop a job description for this committee's duties.

Global Relations - Debra Bolton- no report

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Gayle Price- not able to attend

Memorial - Amy Lorenzen- Asked if there were any guidelines for her committee to follow. Jennifer reported there was room in the budget to buy a box of cards for committee use.

Nominations - Nozella Brown- not able to attend, no report at this time of year

Professionalism - ??- Lisa Newman, chair of this committee, has left the system; Nadine will work to replace someone in this position.

Recognition - Sharon Erickson-Fryback- not able to attend

Retiree - Jim Lindquist- not able to attend

Tenure Recognition - Sarah Keatley- no report at this time

2018 National Conference Planning - Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- Jennifer and Stacey have met since the ESP conference in New Jersey. They will send a survey soon to gather ideas from members for conference speakers, themes, etc. They envision that committee chairs will be a standing conference committee. Jennifer asked if other agent associations were considering supporting the 2018 national conference? Members reported support from other associations is being discussed. KACDEP will support with help from members, since as a newly formed association they do not have much money in their budget yet. Our cost for the national conference expenses will be \$3000-5000. We don't have to create a conference budget until 2017, but Nadine encouraged us to be thinking about ideas for speakers. Jennifer reported we will not open a separate conference financial account, but will work with Michelle to develop a conference tracking system within our current chapter account and recordkeeping system.

Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Doug Jardine- is now chair of this national committee; have not met together since the national conference.

Chapter Relations - Doug Jardine- as the newly installed Central Region Director, he will meet with state representatives quarterly.

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition - Laurie Chandler- not able to attend, but Nadine reminded us of several national scholarship opportunities due Dec 1.

Public Issues - Debra Bolton- Encouraged members to record elevator speeches at national conference; committee has not met for the new year.

Old Business

- **Update on forming a Kansas JCEP Chapter**- John Forshee reported about confusion created during vote on JCEP at annual conference KEAA meeting; the motion to create a Kansas JCEP ultimately passed but not by required 2/3 majority. KEAA officers will continue to work on this issue.

- **2018 National Conference**- covered in 2018 conference chairs report, above.

- **Online membership registration**- covered in treasurer's report, above.

- **Other**- none

New Business

- **Goals for 2016 -17 year-** Ideas included:
 - Wide breadth of membership involved in planning and conducting 2018 national conference.
 - Reaching out to younger colleagues to get involved in ESP- explore how we can be relevant to younger colleagues and meet their needs.
 - Increase number of associate members in first three years of profession as a way to get young colleagues involved early.
 - Reach out to increase membership among specialists- Doug reminded us that the pressure of the tenure process in the first 6 years limits the amount of time available for additional responsibilities, but others may benefit from ESP membership.
 - ESP membership mentoring process for new colleagues
 - Kansas award applicants in all recognition categories
- **Review of deadlines for travel and endowment scholarships and award applications-** national award applications are due March 1, local travel & endowment scholarships are due in June and August.
 - **Reminder of article for winter newsletter-** Gregg will notify the membership of the upcoming deadline.
 - **Review schedule of council meetings-** The current schedule of ESP Council meetings as announced by Nadine conflicts with administrative meetings- nadine proposed 2nd Wednesday instead; Marie suggested doing a poll of council members to finalize meeting schedule since many members were not present at this meeting. Nadine will send a brief poll.
 - **Thoughts on Council meeting at annual conference-** the newly installed ESP Council typically meets at breakfast on the Wednesday morning of annual conference. It is beneficial to meet face to face, but often rushed due to the annual conference schedule. Consensus of the group was that the first meeting is nothing that couldn't wait a couple of weeks, so we will recommend that the organizational council meeting be held after annual conference via distance communication.
 - **Other-** none

Announcements

Next Chapter Council Meeting- to be announced after scheduling poll
2017 ESP National Conference - October 8-12, 2017, Wilmington, North Carolina
JCEP Leadership Conference - February 8 - 9, 2017, Orlando, Florida- Nadine will attend to represent ESP; Doug Jardine will be there as national officer
PILD Leadership Conference - April 2 - 5, 2017, Arlington, VA- John will attend to represent ESP
United Associations Conference- dates not available today
Deadline to submit award applications to national - March 1
KSRE Annual Conference - 2017 dates are unavailable at this time

Meeting adjourned by President Nadine.

Respectfully submitted-
Linda Beech
ESP Secretary