

Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 31, 2017 - 11:45 a.m., Flint Hills Room, KSU Student Union
www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho

Call to Order - by president Nadine at 12:00 pm after members enjoyed lunch.

Roll Call - It was announced we would dispense with actual roll call and everyone was asked to sign the sign-in sheets on the tables. There were 69 members who signed the roll sheets.

Minutes from previous meeting are posted on our ESP chapter website at:
<http://www.ksre.kstate.edu/espalpharho/minutes/2016AnnualBusinessMeeting.pdf>. Chuck Otte moved to dispense with reading minutes and approve as posted, Sarah Keatley seconded. Motion passed.

CHAPTER OFFICER REPORTS

President - Nadine Sigle- reported the ESP National meeting is like attending a mini Galaxy conference. Any Extension professional can join ESP, so the national meetings have much to offer. She said it has been a good year, and good working with the 2018 national conference planning committee.

President elect - John Forshee- Thanked Nadine for her leadership this year. He also thanked 2018 national meeting co-chairs Stacey and Jennifer. He echoed enjoyment of the national meeting in North Carolina. John also represented our chapter at PILD, saying it is one of best conferences he has ever attended— he learned a lot about advocacy and working with elected representatives.

Secretary - Linda Beech- took minutes at each bi-monthly council meeting and prepared the 2017 chapter annual report. She thanked all officers and committee chairs for submitting their reports in a timely fashion.

Treasurer - Jennifer Wilson- presented report showing \$17,238.70 in assets, and reported we had more income than expenses this year.

Annalist/Historian - Doug Jardine- Archives our chapter records in Hale Library and writes a historical article for each newsletter.

Editor - Sandra Wick- Nadine thanked Sandra for stepping back into this role as the previous editor had a change in job responsibilities. Sandra reported a newsletter is sent to membership twice a year; she thanked members for sending information for newsletters. The editor also prepares the booklet for the annual recognition reception.

Past President/Endowment Chair- Nozella Brown- Scholarships are distributed twice a year. She thanked all for supporting the silent auction tonight.

COUNCIL DIRECTOR REPORTS

NW Director - David Dunn- still collecting things for NW Area silent auction basket.

NE Director - Rhonda Gordon- no report

SW Director - Andrea Burns- not available

SE Director - Chuckie Hessong- not available

State Director - Sandy Procter- not available

Retirees - Marie Blythe- not available

Extension Administration - Gregg Hadley- commended ESP as a unifying factor across our Extension system and said he is looking forward to working together in future. Dr Hadley reported there are interesting challenges ahead, but we will overcome them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Recognition Reception - Bruce Chladny- not available; Nadine reminded members to come to our chapter recognition reception tonight.

Budget and Audit - John Forshee- presented the budget for the coming year. The most significant change is how dues are now collected via the national website. The committee is also responsible for financial review of the treasurer's records. Gina Aurand presented the audit report. The committee recommendation is to increase our protection policy to cover all our assets. John reminded us that membership is key to making the budget work. The opportunity for local units to pay for membership dues should make it easier for members to join in the future.

Constitution and Bylaws - Carl Garten- announced we will draw for one free annual membership at conclusion of meeting.

Endowment Auction - Candis Meerpohl- not available

Global Relations - Debra Bolton- an article was printed in national journal; a committee member was tapped for new role at university for 6 months.

Member Recruitment and Retention - Gayle Price- handed out ESP stickers to recognize ESP membership and challenged us to encourage coworkers without a sticker to join. She also encouraged anyone who has not yet paid their dues to pay to treasurer today. Gayle reminded everyone to put in a business card for the free membership drawing. Gayle recognized all those who were attending the annual business meeting for the first time.

Memorial - Amy Lorenzen- the chapter memorial report is printed in the booklet for tonight's recognition event.

Nomination - Nozella Brown- presented nominating committee ballot. She thanked those who agreed to serve as officers on the ballot.

President-Elect- Erin Yelland

Historian- Doug Jardine

Editor- Sarah Maass

Northwest Area Director- Wayne Moore

Southwest Area Director- Sharon Ericson-Fryback

State Director- Stacey Warner

Endowment Trustee- Jim Lindquist

Professionalism - many changes in leadership; committee chairmanship currently vacant

Recognition - Sharon Erickson-Fryback- will be recognizing award recipients tonight

Retiree - Jim Lindquist- no report

Tenure Recognition - Sarah Keatley- congratulations to those who will be recognized at the recognition reception tonight.

ALPHA RHO ESP NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NC Regional Vice President- Doug Jardine- A constitutional amendment passed at national conference— there are now no tenure requirements for ESP membership at national level. Kansas can keep associate level membership category or change our constitution to come in line with the new national policy. There is also a new Latino Affinity Group within ESP national— similar to a community of practice— and any ESP member can join this group. ESP National is in the process of hiring a new executive director, Bob Ohlenselen is retiring Dec 31, 2017. Doug also reported there are number of scholarship opportunities at national level that go unused.

Membership Recruitment and Retention - Doug Jardine- This national committee is updating a strategic action plan for national ESP. The committee is in charge of first timer and lifetimer events at national conference and they offer a mentor program for first time attendees. He encouraged experienced ESP members to reach out to young Extension employees about ESP membership.

Chapter Relations - Doug Jardine- They are changing the rubric for national membership recognition, and will notify chapter presidents well in advance of application time.

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition - Laurie Chandler- not available

Public Issues - Debra Bolton- webinars focused on water issues in the 21st century in September and October. The committee is also active at PILD and national conference.

Professional Development - Susie Latta- committee will work on planning sessions at national meeting. Nadine encouraged KS members to submit a presentation proposal. Jim Lindquist added that there is a \$200 stipend for those chosen to present.

OLD BUSINESS

2018 National Meeting Update - Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- Kansas will host the National ESP conference in 2018 in Manhattan, Oct 1-4, 2018. Dates have changed by one day due to a home KSU football game on one of original dates. Thanks to Dave Dunn for creating a promotion video which was shown at this year's national meeting. Members enjoyed viewing the video and thanked Dave for his creativity. Stacey announced there will be \$10,000 in scholarships that members can apply for in order to make attendance easier. Stacey shared the committee list, but announced that there will be many opportunities for helpers on-site. She encouraged us to all mark our calendars to plan to attend.

Drawing for "free membership"- Jennifer announced that all but 22 members have paid dues. Aliesa Woods was drawn for the free annual membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers- Nadine opened floor for nominations. Nozella moved we accept the slate as submitted by nominating committee, seconded by Carl Garten. Patsy moved nominations cease and

cast unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees. Seconded by Carl Garten. Motion passed.
Congratulations to new officers!

Acceptance of Budget- John Forshee reviewed adjustments that had been made to 2018 budget. Chuck Otte asked how expenses for 2018 national meeting will be handled. John said donations are being held separately to cover some of our local expenses, the majority of national conference expenses are handled by the ESP national office. John moved we accept budget as presented, Chuck Otte seconded, motion carried.

National policy revision- Doug Jardine announced the membership tenure change at national level. Kansas policy will be referred to membership and constitution & by-laws committees for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No council meeting at annual conference- John will share dates for 2017-18 Council meetings after officer installation tonight.

Resource Fair/Reception/Silent Auction - will be held in the Union Courtyard from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Nadine encouraged all to participate in the silent auction as our fund raiser for the year.

Recognition Reception - Bluemont Room from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. tonight

2018 National Conference in Manhattan, Kansas, October 1-4, 2018

Adjournment- Marty Draper moved and Jennifer Wilson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Nadine declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Beech
ESP Alpha Rho chapter secretary