

Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - 1:15 pm
Zoom Meeting Minutes

Call to Order- by president Nadine at 1:15 pm via zoom conferencing

Roll Call- Those attending were Nadine Sigle, Nozella Brown, Linda Beech, Jim Lindquist, Bruce Chladny, Jennifer Wilson, Stacey Warner, John Forshee, Gayle Price, Dave Dunn, Carl Garten.

Minutes from March 8, 2017 are posted on the ESP website at:
<http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/minutes/> The minutes were approved with the correction of the March date.

Chapter Officer Reports

President - Nadine Sigle- The Chapter of Merit and Chapter Achievement Reports were submitted to National ESP the middle of April. The annual conference planning committee has met twice since the last zoom meeting. Associations are being asked to consider developing a track of 2 or 3 sessions for breakouts. They are also asking associations to identify a person to develop and present an ignite session at annual conference. I have been in contact with council directors concerning members who have not rejoined. They have made contact with the individuals. A president's update will come out in the next week with several professional development webinars which national is presenting.

President Elect - John Forshee- Attended PILD conference in Washington DC to represent our chapter. It was a great conference in a nice facility. Speakers were from Missouri and Texas A&M; also gained good insight into the complexity of USDA-NIFA. Great visits to Capitol Hill for our KS delegation, Kansas SEAC representatives did a super job of telling the Kansas Extension story. There was very little discussion of the upcoming national ESP conference among ESP delegates. The downside is this conference is extremely expensive. John appreciated being able to go.

Secretary - Linda Beech- the minutes of the last Council meeting were submitted to the president for review and to the Operations Office for posting on the ESP website.

Treasurer - Jennifer Wilson- sent financial reports ahead of time for members to review. Latest report from National ESP office says we have 93 paid KS members; Jennifer confirmed this is very close to the membership estimate on which the current budget was planned. It has taken a long time to get the state portion of the dues back from the new online membership system. She also reported that since there is no expendable balance left in the Lindquist Scholarship Fund due to the market downturn, Jim Lindquist donated \$500 to be able to give the scholarship this year.

Annalist/Historian - Doug Jardine- not able to participate, no report

Editor - Sandra Wick- not able to participate, no report

Past President/Endowment Chair - Nozella Brown- Thank-you's were sent to Endowment fund donors from the last All University Campaign. May 1 was the deadline to submit applications for the Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship and Endowment Fund Professional Development Grants. The Committee will meet May 17, at 11 a.m. by Zoom to determine awards. August 15 is the deadline for submitting the Program Innovation grant applications.

Council Directors Reports

NW Director - David Dunn- He will continue to work on the staff list and contact new employees about ESP membership.

NE Director - Rhonda Gordon- unable to participate, no report

SW Director - Andrea Burns- unable to participate, no report

SE Director - Chuckie Hessong-unable to participate, no report

State Director - Sandy Procter- unable to participate, no report

Retirees - Marie Blythe- unable to participate, no report

Extension Administration - Daryl Buchholz- unable to participate, no report

Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Event - Bruce Chladny- Jim's home is not large enough for our group, so he will work with Debbie Hagenmeier to explore other options for our recognition event.

Budget and Audit - John Forshee- the committee will start working on next year's budget this summer to be ready to submit a proposal at Annual Conference.

Constitution and Bylaws - Carl Garten- no changes to propose at this time.

Endowment Auction Committee - Candis Meerpohl- unable to participate, no report

Global Relations - Debra Bolton- was unable to participate in the call but submitted this report: I've made great progress toward having accessible data about the multi-lingual/ multi-cultural populations in SW Kansas. The data, in four languages, centers on questions about health, well-being, and social engagement. These data are the first of its kind in Kansas as the survey instruments are written in English, Somali, Spanish, and Burmese. Interviews were done in Tagrinya, French, Spanish, Burmese, and English. If anyone is interested in learning more, please see Debra Bolton.

Aliah Mestrovich-Seay and Minadora Mineret (aliah@ksu.edu or minadora@ksu.edu) have presented a series of webinars called, Examining our Fundamental Beliefs. The webinars explore many cultures including Native American, African-American, LGBTQ, Russian, and others such as the Cultures of Gender and Disabilities. For upcoming webinars, please email Aliah or Minadora.

Charlotte Olsen and Aliah Mestrovich-Seay participated in the Flint Hills Wisdom Keepers to learn more about Native Cultures across the United States. Debra Bolton was one of the Native presenters.

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Gayle Price- Gayle and Jennifer discussed the issues around the online membership system; it seemed to have caused a lot of additional work. She is reluctant to have new members use the system when membership invitations go out this fall prior to Annual Conference. Her committee has also had feedback that members missed the drawing for a free membership. Gayle asked who should sign the new ESP membership recruitment letter this fall; Stacey suggested that if there is not yet a new person on board, perhaps the interim Associate Director would be willing to sign the letter. Gayle asked for clarification about whether new agent names and contact information was still being shared with professional associations. Stacey reported that her office sends contact information for new agents to association presidents. New agents get letter of invitation at their orientation meetings and hear from association representatives at their professional development orientation session. Jennifer suggested we give the online system another try with associate members, but have them pay locally since all dues are returned from the national office. Nadine shared brief comments from Doug Jardine about a constitutional change at national which may change our associate member category. We will talk more about it at the next Council conference call when Doug can attend.

Memorial - Amy Lorenzen- unable to participate but submitted this report-- I have sent condolences to the following since our last conference call: Stacy Warner, Christine McPheter, the family of Ross Nelson.

Nominations - Nozella Brown- no report at this time.

Professionalism -Vacant- Nadine will try to identify a new committee chairman.

Recognition - Sharon Erickson-Fryback- unable to participate but submitted this report-- Our committee will be meeting next week to review some ideas for local awards and recognition applications. Spreadsheets have been prepared to help encourage nominations and members are asked to review their name and make sure that their information is correct. The recognition committee is also currently assisting in reviewing our North Central Recognition Applications. Of the 47 applications for the North Central region, 7 of these applications are from our Chapter! The committee will turn in their rankings to Nadine, who will make the 1 vote in each category for our Chapter.

Retiree - Jim Lindquist- No specific report, but the committee will convene shortly in preparation for Annual Conference. Jim asked for clarification for who will represent retiree interests on Annual Conference committee. Stacey replied that the ESP Retiree committee chair is the one who participates on Annual Conference planning committee.

Tenure Recognition - Sarah Keatley- unable to participate, no report

2018 National Conference Planning - Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- Jennifer and Stacey reminded us that although we are hosting the 2018 Conference, it is the ESP national board who makes final decisions on many details. We are responsible for local site details. Our conference steering committee will soon meet with national executive director and national president-elect to bring them up to date on our planning. Stacey encouraged all members to attend this year's ESP national conference in Wilmington, NC to see how the conference works. Jennifer and Stacey applied for an Endowment Fund grant to create scholarships to help KS members attend 2018 conference. A 2018 conference webpage has been added to our state ESP website where actions of the steering committee are posted. National officers have been interested and complimentary about our plans to date. Next steps - produce video or powerpoint to show in Wilmington to invite attendees to come to the 2018 conference in Kansas.

Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Doug Jardine- was unable to attend, but submitted this report: A constitutional amendment will be proposed in Wilmington that will redefine the "member-at-large" category for national ESP. I would like to hold a discussion on this on a future call when I can make it. For Kansas, it would essentially do away with our Associate Member category. You will be receiving a letter from President Tweeten with the full rationale for this in the near future. By the way, I wrote the rationale and fully support it.

Chapter Relations - Doug Jardine- unable to participate, no report

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition - Laurie Chandler- unable to participate, no report

Public Issues - Debra Bolton- unable to participate, no report

Old Business

2018 National Conference - Report from Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- see committee report, above.

Daryl's Buchholz's Retirement- Daryl was asked what he'd like for a retirement gift and he suggested a contribution to ESP Endowment Fund or any professional association scholarship fund. The information was in the May 9, 2017 Tuesday Letter to KSRE staff.

New Business

Items for Administrative Meeting- Nadine, John and Jennifer will attend KSRE administrative meeting on May 18 to represent ESP. Nadine read a list of topics to be covered at the meeting and asked for input on these or any other items members may want to take forward to the meeting. Nadine will forward topic list to membership for input from all members.

Item for Silent Auction at National Meeting- Nadine asked if anyone is interested in obtaining our Kansas item for the silent auction. Jennifer volunteered to work on this.

First Council Meeting of the new organizational year- Nadine asked if we should add the first ESP meeting back into the Annual Conference agenda or leave as a separate later meeting like we did this past October due to the conflict with National ESP conference. Consensus was to have a separate zoom meeting after annual conference as our first organizational meeting of the new year.

Ignite Sessions at Annual Conference- are new this year consisting of 5-minute powerpoint presentation with slides auto-advancing every few seconds at a General Session. The annual conference planning committee has asked each professional association to submit one Ignite session highlighting successful programming. Nadine asked if any of our innovative grant winners would be possibilities to do this or who else we might ask to represent ESP. Nadine will contact recent grant recipients about this possibility and try to have someone identified by the July meeting.

Track for Annual Conference breakout sessions- Each professional association has been asked to identify a track of breakout sessions for Annual Conference to address core competencies or professional development. Stacey suggested this may be an opportunity for the professionalism committee; Nadine reminded us that the leadership of this committee is currently vacant but there are still some strong members left.

Announcements

- Next Chapter Council Call - July 12, 2017, 1:15 pm- Linda asked that a substitute secretary be appointed to take minutes for this meeting because she will be unavailable due to a conflict with the county fair.
- 2017 ESP National Conference - October 8-12, 2017, Wilmington, North Carolina
- KSRE Annual Conference - October 30 - November 2, 2017

Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 1:15 pm

Wednesday, August 9, 1:15 pm (only if needed)

Wednesday, September 13, 1:15 pm

Nadine declared the meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Beech
ESP Secretary