

**Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - 1:15 pm**  
Zoom Meeting  
[www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho)

**Call to Order-** President Nadine called the meeting to order at 1:16 pm.

**Roll Call** - Those attending were Nadine Sigle, Linda Beech, Stacey Warner, Jennifer Wilson, Sandra Wick, Sharon Erickson-Fryback, Chuckie Hessong, Sarah Keatley, Gayle Price, Sandy Procter, Candis Meerphol, Amy Lorenzen, Laurie Chandler, John Forshee, Jim Lindquist, Andrea Burns, Dave Dunn

**Minutes** from August 9, 2017 were posted on the ESP chapter website at <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/minutes/> There were no additions or corrections, so the minutes were approved as posted.

### **Chapter Officer Reports**

President - Nadine Sigle- Represented ESP at new agent orientation at KSU, wrote president's article, participated in Endowment Committee conference call, working with nominating committee, Listening Session with Gregg Hadley for Association presidents.

President Elect - John Forshee- working on replacing chairmen and chair-elects as needed for next year. Participated on Endowment Committee call, participated in Listening Session with Gregg Hadley for association leaders. John mentioned that a change in KSRE policy now allows units to pay for association dues for agents from non-appropriated funds. Jim Lindquist suggested that ESP reach out as a marketing effort to remind agents that professional dues can be paid by their units, for as many association memberships as unit board will permit.

Secretary - Linda Beech- president and president-elect reviewed minutes from last meeting prior to posting. She reminded officers and committee chairs that information for the chapter Annual Report is due to her by October 2.

Treasurer - Jennifer Wilson- Online membership renewal appears to be working much more smoothly this year. A reminder-- if a member is paying by check, the check goes directly to ESP national headquarters, not to the chapter treasurer. If a local unit is paying, include an invoice that links the payment to the member's name(s). She suggests that all associate member dues just be sent directly to chapter treasurer rather than using online system. It can be confusing for new members who don't understand the different membership categories. Jennifer then asked if we still needed to have an associate member category since years of service is no longer a limitation imposed by national; associate dues are only \$20 and are not full chapter member dues which are \$30. Andrea suggested that the cost may be prohibitive for new agents to pay full dues and some may not choose to join. John indicated KACAA waives state dues for new members for a few years and they only pay national dues as a way to encourage membership of newer agents. John suggested this could be discussed at Annual meeting, but instead Stacey volunteered that the membership committee which she chairs next year will explore this issue and seek input in a number of ways so the chapter can make an informed decision at a later date.

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

Editor - Sandra Wick- She is responsible for preparing the program booklet for the annual recognition event. KSRE communications will print and compile the booklet; Sandra needs program information by September 22 to meet the printing deadline.

Past President/Endowment Chair - Nozella Brown- was unable to attend, but Nadine reported the committee met and awarded three grants for innovative programming. They will be announced at Annual Conference next month.

### **Council Directors Reports**

NW Director - David Dunn- reported he will be happy to assist with contacting members in his area as needed.

NE Director - Rhonda Gordon- not able to participate; no report

SW Director - Andrea Burns- has sent membership letter to potential new members in her area encouraging them to join and pay their dues.

SE Director - Chuckie Hessong- nothing to report.

State Director - Sandy Procter- followed up with emails to state staff who have joined KSRE in the past 3 years to remind them that joining ESP before Annual Conference is an advantage.

Retirees - Marie Blythe- not able to participate, no report

Extension Administration - Gregg Hadley- not able to participate, no report

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Annual Recognition Event - Bruce Chladny- was not able to participate, but submitted this report: I have worked with Debbie Hagenmeier and the caterers to have a light dessert reception and Susan Johnson in Douglas County has table decorations.

Budget and Audit - John Forshee- the committee met to prepare a proposed budget for 2017-18; they are hoping for an increase in membership since the new KSRE policy allows local units to pay dues from non-appropriated funds. The proposed budget is similar to this year in total amount. The committee opted to pull National Meeting expenses out into a separate budget account to plan for it separately.

Constitution and Bylaws - Carl Garten- not able to participate, no report

Endowment Auction Committee - Candis Meerpohl- the committee is working on the silent auction to be held at Annual Conference; they have contacted members and area directors to solicit auction donations.

Global Relations - Debra Bolton- not able to participate, no report

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Gayle Price- committee met to plan membership recruitment process. A letter has been sent to staff members new to KSRE and to those current staff who have not been members in the past. Dr Hadley provided updated letter of support for ESP membership included in materials for new agents. Dave Dunn will take photos at recognition event.

Memorial - Amy Lorenzen- no report since there have been no deaths this year.

Nominations - Nozella Brown- was not able to participate but submitted this report: the committee has struggled to meet, but we have worked to find nominations for the needed positions: President-elect, Historian, Editor, Northwest Director, Southwest Director, State Director, one Endowment Trustee. We will present the slate for elections at Annual Conference.

Professionalism -Vacant- Susie Latta has been contacted to fill this vacancy.

Recognition - Sharon Erickson-Fryback- the committee received 12 nominations in 8 different categories; emails will go out to notify applicants and/or nominators today or tomorrow. She is looking forward to recognition ceremony to honor these winners.

Retiree - Jim Lindquist- Will invite retirees to attend annual conference. Retiree session will be Thursday morning before Awards Banquet with Dr Hadley as the speaker.

Tenure Recognition - Sarah Keatley- Contacted Stacey Warner's office for a list of those eligible for tenure recognition. Those to be recognized will be notified soon.

2018 National Conference Planning - Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- The Alpha Rho Chapter will host the National ESP Conference in Manhattan, September 30 to October 3, 2018. The steering committee worked with Phyliscia Mau, a KSRE graphic designer, to develop a promotional postcard that will be distributed to those attending the 2017 National Conference. The postcard will also be available for our chapter members at the business meeting during KSRE Annual Conference. David Dunn is leading the process of developing a promotional video for the national conference. The first draft is expected soon. Stacey requested that the video also be shown at our chapter business meeting. There will be chapter scholarships available for members to apply for to help with registration costs. National Conference committees are forming. Some chapter members have already volunteered for committees. As the conference gets closer there will be many opportunities for other volunteers. Communication is increasing with the national office and national president. Jennifer has received a budget outline from the national office and will be meeting with the national director in Wilmington to discuss.

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

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Doug Jardine- not able to participate, but submitted this report: no report, other than to encourage all first time national ESP attendees to plan to attend the first-timers event at the upcoming conference.

Chapter Relations - Doug Jardine- not able to participate, no report

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition - Laurie Chandler- Members of the ESP Scholarship, Grants and Recognition National Committee are responsible for administering the recruitment and selection for various scholarship, grants and recognition opportunities. Of particular interest to the Alpha Rho chapter, Ray Bartholomew, Kansas 4-H volunteer will receive the National Friend of Extension award.

Public Issues - Debra Bolton- not able to participate, no report

### **Old Business**

2018 National Conference - No additional information from Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner

Annual report- October 2 is deadline to submit information to Secretary Linda Beech  
Program for Recognition Event- Sandra reviewed the contents of the program and mentioned information needed from different committees.

### **New Business**

Agenda Items for Annual Meeting- Nadine asked for any additional agenda items for the chapter business meeting. Drawing for a free membership will be done on the honor system with a business card drawing. Gayle will bring slips of paper for those who do not have business cards with them. Stacey and Jennifer will discuss the 2018 conference. Dave suggested showing the 2018 National Conference promotional video at an Annual Conference general session. Nadine will check to see if/when this could happen. Stacey reminded the group that any handouts for the chapter business meeting can be sent to her office by October 16 to be posted on the website. Nadine will send the annual meeting notice next week in order to meet the 30-day notification deadline. She will follow up with another reminder 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Silent Auction- Candis covered this in her committee report, no additional action needed.

Other- Nadine reminded John to work on a schedule of Council meetings for 2017-2018.

**Announcements**

- 2017 ESP National Conference\_- October 8-12, 2017, Wilmington, North Carolina- Nadine will send out information about States Night Out.
- KSRE Annual Conference - October 30 - November 2, 2017
- ESP Recognition Event - October 31, 6:30 pm

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm by Nadine.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K. Beech  
Secretary