

Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - 1:30 pm
Zoom Meeting
<http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/>

Call to Order- by president John Forshee via Zoom at 1:31 pm.

Roll Call- those participating were John Forshee, Jenni Carr, Marie Blythe, Jeanne Falk-Jones, Sharon Erikson-Fryback, Aliesa Woods, Doug Jardine, Jennifer Wilson, Nadine Sigle, Erin Yelland

Minutes from January 10, 2018 were approved as posted at www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/minutes/

Chapter Officer Reports

President - John Forshee- Chapter of Merit and Achievement in Membership Award are due May 1. John has already completed the Chapter of Merit application. He also reported that our council meetings have been conflicting with KSRE Administrative meeting on the 2nd Wednesday so we may want to change our meeting date for the remaining council meetings.

President Elect - Erin Yelland- all members have been assigned to a committee. She is making arrangements to attend PILD conference in Washington DC, Erin and Bruce Chladny are both presenting sessions at PILD

Secretary - Linda Beech- thanked the chapter for the opportunity to represent Kansas at the JCEP Conference in Florida in mid-February. She shared information gleaned from the ESP sessions and noted that other chapters have some innovative ways to handle awards and work with retirees and life members. Doug Jardine added that some chapters award a state Ruby Award each year, and that person becomes their national nominee. Linda also announced her plans to retire from KSRE on May 31, 2018 and volunteered to continue as secretary for the last three council meetings to be held this year, however, she asked for assistance in preparing the chapter annual report at the end of the year. John accepted her offer and invited her to continue in the secretary role for the last three council meetings.

Treasurer - Jennifer Wilson- sent financial reports in advance via email and asked if there were any questions or feedback. She reported we are still waiting on final dues payment from national, but expects it within a couple of weeks. Our chapter received a \$500 stipend from national ESP for Linda attending the ESP sessions at JCEP. Current membership is at 112 members which is up significantly from past years; Jennifer believes this is due to boards being able to pay for agents' professional dues.

Annalist/Historian - Doug Jardine- had intentions to get historical article in newsletter but travel schedule interfered. Look for the article in next newsletter.

Editor - Sarah Maass- John reported the winter newsletter is delayed due to family illness in Sarah's family. He encouraged Doug to submit his article now and reminded us that anyone who submitted an article earlier may need to review/update it to be sure it is still timely.

Past President/Endowment Chair - Nadine Sigle- watch newsletter for announcement of endowment and travel scholarships in the next newsletter.

Council Directors Reports

NW Director - Wayne Moore- not able to attend, no report

NE Director - Rhonda Gordon- not able to attend, no report

SW Director - Sharon Erickson-Fryback- nothing to report

SE Director - Chuckie Hessong- not able to attend, nothing to report

State Director - Stacey Warner - messages were sent to those campus based individuals who needed to pay dues. One new member has joined since annual conference.

Retirees - Marie Blythe- nothing to report

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

Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Event - Jennifer Carr- is getting started on this event, has contacted Jennifer Wilson about the available budget and will contact last year's chairman for information on planning. Nadine commented that last year's event was very close on the cost, so may need to consider adjusting the price. It was recommended that she contact Debbie Hagenmeier at the Global Conference office before long to determine cost estimates and meet Annual Conference registration deadlines.

Budget and Audit - Gina Aurand- not able to join, no report

Constitution and Bylaws - Jill Martinson- not able to join, no report. John reported that ESP and KACDEP will become full KS JCEP members with no change in dues for this year, but may need to adjust for next year. Nadine added the committee may want to look at the wording for United Associations Conference in our by-laws.

Endowment Auction Committee - Jodi Besthorn- not able to join, no report

Global Relations - Charlotte Shoup-Olsen- not able to join, no report

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Stacey Warner- The committee has a meeting scheduled for March 30. One of the tasks for the group will be to review the current chapter associate membership category in light of changes in national membership categories. New agent orientation was held last week for 15 new agents, representatives from all agent associations met with them over lunch. John represented our chapter.

Memorial - Jeanne Falk Jones- nothing to report

Nominations - Nadine Sigle- has started to contact members who might want to serve as officers for next year. She wants to get this finalized earlier this year.

Professionalism - Susie Latta- not able to join, no report

Recognition - Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena- not able to join, no report. Past-chair Sharon reported the Recognition Committee notebook has not been located since it disappeared at Annual Conference last fall.

Retiree - Doug Beech- not able to join call; no report

Tenure Recognition - Aliesa Woods- nothing to report

2018 National Conference Planning - Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- Jennifer reported they hoped to have a preliminary budget to National by April 1. They are working with ESP national board to determine the best role for KSU Global Conference office to support the conference. Feedback on tours reflected concerns about cost of some, and it was suggested to include a half-day tour also. Jennifer is working on sponsorships for the opening activity at Flint Hills Discovery Center. John added the bus cost is the biggest factor in tour costs so they may be looking for Extension vans and drivers to help control the cost. Speakers have all been confirmed; each has given permission to broadcast their presentations in a webinar format. We will need to work with KSRE tech support to be sure we can make this broadcast happen

smoothly. Jennifer reported we had 31 applications for Endowment Scholarships, the committee is currently reviewing those and will notify applicants in the next few weeks so those folks can make registration plans. John reminded us we will be asking all members for assistance as time gets closer. Doug J reported that Stacey and Jennifer will be invited to participate in future national board meetings as time for the conference gets closer. John reported our new national executive director Greg is doing a good job working with us on conference details. John also mentioned we should get hotel rooms booked early and KS members may want to consider reserving in another hotel to save room at the conference hotel for other attendees.

Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Doug Jardine- It is important to get Chapter of Merit and Chapter Achievement in Membership applications in by May 1 deadline. National is discussing dues increase for 2019 of about \$15. Chapter membership determines the number of voting delegates and eligibility for awards, so anyone delinquent on paying dues should get those in right away.

Chapter Relations - Doug Jardine- this committee put together the ESP program at JCEP; Doug was happy Linda enjoyed the sessions. National is forming “affinity groups”; the Latino Affinity Group is already organized and is a good resource for agents who work with Latino audiences. There is an additional \$15 to belong to this group. John reported Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena from Sedgwick County is a member of this group for anyone who may have questions about it. Doug reported the next group to be formed is for those who work in urban areas. He said the national committee is working on the details and budget for this new group.

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition - Laurie Chandler- not able to join, no report

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

Professionalism - Susie Latta-not able to join, no report

Old Business

- 2018 National Conference - Report from Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner - Jennifer reminded us that proposals for concurrent sessions are due tomorrow (March 15). Reminder was sent to all members a few days ago via email.
- Update/needs for Kansas JCEP Chapter - ESP members will gain full membership to KS JCEP without increasing 2017-18 dues.
- Two representatives for KS JCEP Board of Directors - Other associations are naming President Elect and Past President since President is already a member. Nadine and Erin agreed to this plan, since they are the ones to be affected. Sharon moved and Jenni seconded to have past-president and president-elect appointed as the additional ESP representatives. Motion carried. This will be referred to the Constitution & By-Laws committee to add to duties for these offices.
- Chair/Chair Elect for KS JCEP Association Awareness/Membership Recruitment Committee- John volunteered to chair this KS JCEP committee for our chapter. Erin volunteered to serve as chair-elect. John asked for other members to volunteer to serve on committees if they are interested.
- Asking Treasurer of each association to serve on KS JCEP finance committee- Jennifer agreed to serve on this KS JCEP conference representing our ESP chapter.

New Business

- John asked about moving the next council meetings to eliminate the conflict with the administrative meeting. Consensus of the group was to make this change. See the new dates for the final three Council meetings below.

Announcements

- PILD Leadership Conference - April 8-11, 2018, Arlington, VA- Erin will attend representing Kansas Alpha Rho chapter and also presenting a session.
- New Agent Orientation -August 8, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Location TBD.
- Local travel & endowment scholarships are due May1 and August 15.
- Reminder of article for summer newsletter-
- 2018 ESP National Meeting, October 1-4, 2018, Manhattan, KS
- KSRE Annual Conference - tentatively October 16-19, 2018
- 2019 ESP National Conference - October 14-17, 2019, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Council Meeting REVISED Dates:

Council Meeting	Wednesday, May 9th, 2018	1:30 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, August 15th, 2018	1:30 p.m.
Council Meeting	Wednesday, September 12th, 2018	1:30 p.m.

Goals for 2017-18:

- Reaching out to younger colleagues to get involved in ESP- explore how we can be relevant to younger colleagues and meet their needs.
- Review Associate membership in light of new national guidelines for immediate eligibility.
- Reach out to increase membership among specialists-
- ESP Area Directors assign ESP mentors for new colleagues
- Kansas award applicants in all recognition categories
- Professionalism Committee offer professional development opportunities for members

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Beech,
Chapter Secretary