

**Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Bi-Monthly Council Meeting  
Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

Call to order - The meeting was called to order via conference call at 1:18 pm by President Nozella.

Present on call- Nozella Brown, Linda Beech, Nadine Sigle, Sandra Wick, Jamie Kidd, Gayle Price, Mary Lou Odle. Several council members were not able to participate due to a KSRE administrative meeting scheduled at the same time.

Minutes from April 20, 2016 Council meeting were posted on the ESP website at: <http://www.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/archives-history/minutes.html>. Nadine moved to accept minutes as posted, Jamie seconded, motion carried.

Chapter Officer Reports

President - Nozella Brown- Chapter of Merit and Chapter Achievement applications were submitted by the deadline in May. Stacey Warner and Jennifer Wilson have volunteered to serve as co-chairs for the 2018 national conference committee. Nozella thanked them for taking on that role. Nozella attended the meeting of professional associations with KSRE administration in May. They reviewed budget issues- 2016 call-back, 2017 reduction. Bulk of meeting was spent on strategies to move forward in difficult financial times. KSU 2025 plan is expected to continue during President's transition. Megan Macy is working toward unified branding. A new scholarship is available from National ESP for 1890 and 1994 land grant institutions to attend national ESP conference. Deadline is July 19<sup>th</sup>. In Kansas, that would be Haskell Indian Nations University. Nozella asked us to consider anyone who needed to know about this scholarship and encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity.

President-elect - Nadine Sigle- participated via conference call for the administration meeting with professional organizations. She participated in the North Central Leadership conference call. Information was shared on Kansas membership numbers and the state of extension. She also worked with the Endowment committee to screen Lindquist scholarship applications.

Secretary - Linda Beech- submitted the minutes from the last meeting to President Nozella for review and then to Stacey Warner's office for posting to ESP website.

Treasurer - Jennifer Wilson- not able to attend; she sent her report in advance. There were no apparent concerns in our treasurers report at this time.

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

Editor - Sandra Wick- is collecting information for summer newsletter; deadline is June 24<sup>th</sup>. She plans to distribute the newsletter before busy fair season.

Past President/Endowment Chair - Stacey Warner-- was not able to attend, but submitted this report in advance: There were eight applicants for the Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship. Five scholarships were awarded:

Jennifer Wilson and Diane Burnett - \$425 each for National ESP Conference  
Jill Martinson - \$250 for NAE4-HA  
Jaime Menon - \$250 for ANREP/NACDEP  
Holly Dickman - \$250 for NACAA

August 15 is the deadline for the Extension Endowment Fund Grants. These grants can be used for professional development or program innovation. For additional information see

the Chapter website and click on Endowment on the left:

<http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/>

#### Council Director Reports

NW Director - David Dunn- not able to attend, no report

NE Director - Jamie Kidd- no report

SW Director - Andrea Burns- not able to attend, no report

SE Director - Gayle Price- has contacted new staff in SE area with welcome message and invitation to join ESP

State Director - Sandy Procter- not able to attend, no report

Retirees - Mary Lou Odle- has contacted retirees about life membership

Extension Administration - Daryl Buchholz- not able to attend, no report

#### Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Reception - Nancy Nelson- not able to attend, no report

Budget and Audit - Diane Burnett- not able to attend, but sent an e-mail asking for budget requests before the meeting

Constitution and Bylaws - Doug Jardine- not able to attend, no report

Endowment Auction - Ann Domsch- not able to attend, no report

Global Relations - Stacey Warner- Was not able to attend, but submitted this report in advance: The Global Relations committee will be submitting a proposal for a breakout session at annual conference. If chosen the session will highlight opportunities for international experiences for chapter members.

Member Recruitment and Retention - Gayle Price- participated in ESP membership webinar on states who had piloted the online membership renewal system. Kansas will be able to use the new system this fall as we renew membership. Gayle and the committee will get list of all eligible staff from Stacey Warner's office to contact to invite to ESP membership.

Memorial - Deanna Turner- not able to attend, no report

Nomination - Stacey Warner- Was not able to attend but submitted this report in advance: The Nomination Committee is currently in the process of setting a date for a conference call to discuss nominees for president elect (a county or district member), secretary, editor, and directors from the northeast, southeast and retirees as well as an endowment trustee. Volunteers or nominations from the membership are welcome!

Professionalism - Trudy Rice- not able to attend, no report

Recognition - Rebecca McFarland- Was not able to attend, but submitted this report in advance: Everything is updated on our website to reflect the new recognition process (on-line and new form for chapter recognition). I have one nomination so far. Please encourage everyone to apply and/or nominate someone else.

Retiree - Ann Domsch- not able to attend, no report

Tenure Recognition - Aliesa Woods- not able to attend, no report

#### Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members

Marie Blythe & Doug Jardine: Professional Development- neither were able to attend, no report  
Debra Bolton: Public Issues- not able to attend, however Nozella reminded us that the national Public Issues committee is planning a survey and all ESP members are encouraged to participate.

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

Doug Beech: Resource Management- Doug has been asked to write follow-up article about

giving to the National ESP endowment for the September national newsletter; he has also been asked to review the Endowment Fund portion of the national ESP website and give suggestions for improvement.

Sandra Wick: Marketing Committee- This committee holds a conference call every other month, they are working on more emphasis on social media for ESP marketing. Marketing committee is also developing survey of state presidents on national diversity of ESP membership, and how chapters have used the marketing kits they received at national conference last fall.

#### Old Business:

Update on Website - Stacey Warner's office will handle any website work for ESP

Update on forming JCEP: Chuck Otte- Chuck was not able to attend, but Nozella reported that she had attended a conference call of this committee. They are working on bylaws and constitution. Discussion is to try to release these to staff prior to Annual Conference for action at the conference.

Update on Hosting 2018 National Meeting: Stacey Warner and Jennifer Wilson are serving as co-chairs of the 2018 National Conference that will be held in Manhattan at the Hilton Garden Inn on September 30 to October 3. We are currently in the process of clarifying our host responsibilities and learning from previous host chapters. In the next few months we will be identifying the committees needed and then will give all members an opportunity to identify their committee choice.

Update on deadlines for travel scholarships - Aug 15 is the deadline for travel scholarships, also for recognition awards. National recognition category awards are online applications; Sandra Wick added that chapter-only Kansas awards are not done though online process- instead they are submitted electronically to state chair.

Update on moving to online membership registration - Rebecca McFarland- not able to attend. (See Gayle's report on this system and the recent conference call above.)

#### New Business:

Discussion of conflict with Annual meeting and National meeting- Nozella reminded us that Annual Conference conflicts with ESP national conference this fall; Jennifer proposed having Zoom available at our chapter business meeting so those that are at ESP National Conference can participate. It was also discussed whether to have Zoom available during the awards reception as well. Nozella will check on what might be possible. Nozella also asked about holding the new council officer meeting during a break or at another time to reduce conflicts with the breakfast meeting at Annual Conference. Gayle suggested that instead we meet by Zoom shortly after Annual Conference to reduce conflicts with those attending National Conference. Nadine will work on scheduling this Zoom meeting after Annual Conference. Gayle requested that the date be set and shared as soon as it is available.

Council conference calls transition to Zoom- Nozella reported Jennifer shared the cost of council conference calls and questioned why we should pay for calls when Zoom is free. The cost of each call varies with the number of participants and length of call, but the last bill was \$57. Zoom can be audio or video for no cost. Nozella will explore right away and use this system for the next Council meeting in August.

Other: 1). Congratulations to Doug Jardine as new ESP North Central VP representing us on the

national board. Each North Central chapter had only one vote; Nozella polled president-elect, past president and membership committee for suggestions before casting the Kansas vote.

2). Congratulations to our chapter for the successful bid proposal to host the 2018 national ESP conference in Manhattan, KS.

Announcements:

- Aug 15 deadline-recognition applications and endowment grant applications for prof development and innovative programs
- August 17, 2016: Next Chapter Council meeting via Zoom: 1:15 pm (3rd Wednesday)
- Early Bird registration is now open for National Conference in Cape May, NJ, Oct. 24-27, 2016.

Adjourn- Nadine moved, Sandra seconded to adjourn the meeting; Nozella declared meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Beech  
ESP Chapter Secretary