

Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Rho Chapter
ANNUAL MEETING AND RECOGNITION BANQUET
October 18, 2022 at the K-State Union – Bluemont Room in Manhattan, KS

Call to Order: Called to order by Sarah Maass at 12:10p.m.

Roll Call: A sheet was passed around for members to sign-in: Elizabeth Kiss, Wendy Hughes, Shad Marston, Chris Onstad, Carrie Lance, Margit Kaltenecker, Nora Rhoades, Marlin Bates, Anna Muir, Sarah Maass, Gary Fike, Jenni Carr, Sandra Wick, Debra Wood, Mary Sullivan, Jennifer Wilson, Laurie Chandler, Holly Miner, Jessica Kootz, Jan Steen, Jaime Menon, Aliesa Woods, Gregg Hadley, Michelle Beran, Denise Dias, Stephanie Whatley-Hopkins, Kaitlyn Peine, Shandi Andres, Chelsea Bartels, Lisa Martin, Beth Hinshaw, Nancy Daniels, Blaire Todd, Karen Blakeslee, Diane Mack, Ethel Schneweis, Andrea Burns, Jodi Besthorn, Rachael Clews, Sharolyn Jackson, Jill Martinsen, Crystal Coffman, Linda Beech, Doug Beech, Jessica Lawrenz, Melissa Thimesch, Ginger Kopfer, Rebecca McFarland, Jessie Carr, Stacey Warner, Daryl Buchholz, Doug Jardine, Jim Lindquist, Greg McClure, Tara Markley, Patsy Maddy, Deb Andres, Mary Kay Munson, Jeanne Falk Jones, Cassie Thiessen – 60 present.

Consent Agenda: Includes approval of October 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes; Accept Officer Reports in the Annual Report; Accept Audit Report for 2021-2022 Year; and Approval of Proposed Budget. Anna Muir moved, second by Rachael Clews. Passed.

Nominating Committee Report: Marlin Bates convened the nominating committee as past president. The slate of nominates was presented to the membership. President-Elect: Rachael Clews; Secretary: Nora Rhoades; Editor: Jenni Carr; Council Directors - East: Gary Fike, Retiree: Daryl Buchholz; JCEP Board of Directors Representatives: Cassie Thiessen and Jamie Menon; Extension Endowment BOD: Stacey Warner.

New Business:

Approval of Bylaw Changes: Jill Martinson explained the proposed bylaw changes. The proposed changes were previously emailed out to the membership. A review of the bylaws took place at the ESP Retreat. Summary of Proposed Bylaw Changes:

Article V – Duties of the Executive Board

Section 3. Audits: Eliminate the portion of the statement as it pertains to copies of the audit report *“and a sufficient number of copies shall be made available in printed form so that each member of the Alpha Rho Chapter may have a copy.”*

Article VI – Committees

Section 2. Standing Committees:

- Annual Conference Committee
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Global Relations Committee

- Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Recognition Committee
- Resource Development and Management Committee
- Retiree Committee
- Marketing and Communications Committee

Jenni Carr moved to adopt the proposed changes. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Passed.

Election of Officers: Jennifer Wilson moved to cast a unanimous ballot as previously presented by the Nominating Committee. Second by Susie Latta. Passed.

Recognition: Banquet Theme: "Grateful, Thankful, Blessed". Thanks to Michelle Beran for planning. The theme shares the value of being an ESP member and collaborating with outstanding Extension Professionals is a blessing for which to be thankful! Goodies were provided encouraging all to MAKE TODAY GREAT!

Mary Sullivan emceed the recognition awards ceremony, and Gary Fike took photos. Refer to the Annual Report for a summary of those recognized.

Karen Blakeslee shared that there is no Extension Endowment Auction this year, and that members are encouraged to contribute the money you would spend at an auction to the endowment fund. There is a great opportunity to donate through the K-State Foundation, through payroll deduction.

Grant Recipient Recognition was presented by Marlin Bates. Refer to the Annual Report to learn about the professionals earning a grant. As past president, Marlin serves as the chair of the Extension Endowment Fund Board of Trustees. He provided highlights for the year and shared that there is \$12,000 available to distribute this year. There was a request for more extension professionals to use the funding opportunity. This past year, the Board of Trustees has had discussion about how the application and issuing process meets the needs of the extension professionals. It is available for professional development as well as program innovation. Marlin explained to look for an announcement forthcoming about some changes to the process.

Tenure Recognition was presented by Aliesa Woods. Those recognized are listed in the Annual Report. Honorees were able to select from an array of gifts, all Kansas-made products. Anna Muir recognized new members to initiate them into the organization. Sarah Maas recognized Nadine Sigle for becoming a life member. Jodi Besthorn recognized retirees. Teresa Hatfield led a memorial in honor of ESP friends who have passed away.

Installation of Officers: Sarah Maass provided works of support referencing a deck of card to incoming officers. A gift of appreciation was presented to Marlin Bates for stepping up to help the organization throughout the many transitions of the past year.

Closing Remarks by Sarah Maass. Meeting adjourned.