

Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Board Meeting
July 19, 2001

President Roger Terry called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 19 in the Saline County Extension Office meeting room. Members present were Roger Terry, Libby Curry, Jean Clarkson-Frisbie, Connie Hoch, Laurie Chandler, Stacey Warner, Charlotte Shoup-Olsen and Beth Hinshaw. Gary Gold joined the group by phone until the lunch break.

The minutes were read and approved with the following correction: The balance in the savings (not checking) account was \$2,880.16.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Beth has contacted some committee chairs for next year and will be contacting new members about serving on committees. Next year's Joint Council of Extension Professionals meeting will be in Minneapolis February 3 to 5.

Stacey reported the following balances as of June 13, 2001:

Checking account: \$11,372.49

Savings account: \$ 2,894.22

Loans receivable: \$ 6,748.36

There are currently 132 active members. Ticket prices for the 2000 banquet were increased to cover some of the miscellaneous expenses. The banquet income exceeded expenses by \$106.00. Libby moved and Gary seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Laurie plans to send out the newsletter about the first of September so will have a deadline for submission of articles in August. She will contact all officers and committee chairs by e-mail to let them know the deadline. (Please note that deadline is August 24).

Roger encouraged Council Directors to contact everyone in their area who has been employed by Extension since October 1, 2000 to encourage them to join. Stacey will send the directors a list.

Connie reported she had contacted those in the Southeast Area who were former members and several had rejoined.

Charlotte brought several questions to the groups attention:

What tenths Extension time does a person need to have to be eligible to join (no minimum time)

If we are K-State Research and Extension are only Extension professionals eligible for membership? (Yes)

If people pay dues now is that for 2001 or 2002? (See discussion at the end of the

minutes, 14th paragraph in new business).

Jean moved to accept all committee reports. Libby seconded the motion and it carried.

Report of ESP Endowment Fund Board of Directors:

Libby reported for the ESP Endowment Fund Board. There has been interest expressed in having another auction on Monday evening during Annual Conference to raise money for the Endowment Fund. Clarene Goodheart and Ann Domsch have volunteered to chair the auction. The board encouraged the Endowment Board to pursue the auction. Council Directors should encourage those in their area to apply for the grants. The application is available at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-alpha/ho/endorment/fundgrantapp.htm>

Reports of Committees:

Libby reported that as a member of the National ESP Awards Committee she has observed that in the current format Kansas award applicants are not very competitive on the national level. For a list of national awards and deadlines see <http://esp-nat.tamu.edu/benefits.htm>

Phil Sloderbeck sent a report listing the following scholarship loan and travel grant recipients:

Carol Fink - \$1500 Scholarship Loan

Tranda Watts - \$150 Travel Grant

Connie Hoch - \$150 Travel Grant

Carl Garten sent a report that he will be working on the tenure awards presentation for the banquet.

Beth reported that she had represented the chapter at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington DC where the group met with the staff member's of several of the Kansas congressional delegation. Beth recommended that in the future the president-elect attend, since the position chairs the Public Issues Committee (see new business).

Marsha Weaver sent a report for the Resource Management Committee. The group will work on a proposed budget and audit the books.

Susie Latta sent a report for the Professional Development Committee. ESP cooperated with several other professional organizations in sponsoring a professional development opportunity in April in Wichita. The session was well received and the sponsoring organizations shared in the profit for the meeting.

Belinda Oldham of the Annual Meeting Committee sent a list of questions for the board to consider for the banquet (see New Business).

Roger reported that ESP has requested the same schedule as last year for our Annual Conference meetings.

Monday - Endowment Board, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Business Meeting, 12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Retiree Reception, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Reception, 6:00 p.m. followed by the Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - Board Meeting, 6:45 - 8:00 a.m.

David Schafer sent a report on behalf of the CSRS Retirement Equity Committee. He and Marc Johnson made a presentation before a joint legislative committee in June. The legislative committee will decide in August whether to support the retirement equity issue in their proposal. A letter has gone out to targeted Extension faculty asking them to contact their legislators regarding this issue.

Connie moved that the committee reports be accepted. Jean seconded and the motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Roger recommended that the \$1000 in the budget for National Conference and Regional Workshops be divided as follows:

National Conference: 2 delegates would get up to \$300 each from the ESP budget (total of \$600) in addition to the \$200 each would get from the national organization.

Regional Workshop: The president and vice-president would get up to \$200 each from the ESP budget (total of \$400) in addition to the \$150 each would get from the national organization.

Beth moved and Libby seconded the above division of the \$1000 budgeted. The motion carried

There was some discussion that even in light of last year's dues increase we have a deficit budget and that a long-range plan needs to be developed to fund travel for officers to attend national meetings. It was also mentioned that people who accept nominations for officer positions should understand that there may be a unit and/or personal financial commitment. This should certainly be clarified with the unit and individual before accepting the nomination.

Jim Lindquist is currently serving as national president of ESP. The board had decided in February to host a reception at the annual banquet to recognize Jim for his accomplishments. Jean moved to ask the Banquet Committee to plan the reception. Gary seconded the motion. After some discussion Jean withdrew her motion.

Jean then moved the following in regard to the reception honoring Jim Lindquist:

- that the banquet committee plan the reception
- that Jim and his guests receive complimentary meals
- that the Alpha Rho Chapter contribute \$250 toward the purchase of the key which the national president buys at the auction during the National Conference.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Roger reported that the bid prepared for the 2004 national meeting was not accepted. He also mentioned that the committee had put a lot of thought and effort into the bid that was submitted. They are to be thanked.

New Business

Laurie moved that Roger write a thank you to the committee that prepared the bid - Doug Jardine, Carol Young, Reba White and Bettie Minshall from Continuing Education.

Beth will contact Eldon Weaver to see if he wants to donate an item for the auction at the national meeting. Jean moved to authorize Beth to spend up to \$50.00 if it is necessary to purchase an item.

Libby moved to designate Roger and Beth as voting delegates to the National Conference. Laurie seconded the motion and it carried.

Beth moved to recommend that the auction at Annual Conference to raise funds for the Endowment Fund be continued. The motion carried. Libby will contact Ann Domsch and Clarene Goodheart.

Roger asked for ideas for the chapter report at the national meeting. Suggestions were the Endowment Fund, the joint professional meeting held in February, Jim Lindquist's term as national president, the retirement equity effort and the web site.

It was recommended that employees be reminded periodically of the option to do payroll deduction to raise money for the Endowment Fund.

Laurie moved that the newsletter be made available only on the website for current employees and be mailed hard copy only to retirees. Beth seconded and the motion carried. A message with a link to the website will be sent to the ESP list-serv in addition to appearing in the Tuesday Letter.

Mike Christian submitted his resignation as the Northeast Area Council Director due to his acceptance of another office with the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Libby moved to accept Mike's resignation and to have the nominating committee secure an individual to fill the one year remaining on his term. Connie seconded and the motion carried.

Charlotte moved to give the Resource Management Committee the authority to change

the budget categories for the next fiscal year. The motion was seconded and carried. It was recommended that the categories be broad such as "Printing and Postage" but for those categories from which several committees spend that the committees be informed of what has been spent in the past. This information will be relayed by the treasurer to the president elect who will communication with the new committees.

Laurel Kubin of Colorado will be completing her term as national president in September. A memory book with letters and cards is being collected for her. Libby moved that the Trudy Rice as secretary of the Alpha Rho Chapter send a card on behalf of the AR Chapter and that a note go out to members that they are also welcome to send a card. The motion was seconded and carried.

Roger reported that he had written a proposal for a travel grant for faculty at 1994 Land Grant Universities for Becky Welton and Jenny James to attend the National Conference.

Discussion was held on the status of the scholarship loan account. Stacey will prepare a report on the loan account for the board.

At the July 2000 meeting there had been a motion to add an additional \$5.00 "late fee" to members who paid dues after November 1, 2000. While approved by the board, this was not discussed by the entire membership during the annual business meeting. After some discussion the consensus was that the addition of a \$5.00 late fee would not be pursued.

There was considerable discussion on the issue of when an individual must have joined ESP in order to be nominated for an award. Jean moved that if a dues payment is received after July 1 the treasurer should contact the individual to see if they are paying for the current year or the next year and that individuals must have paid their dues at the time they are nominated for an award. The motion was seconded and carried. Stacey was instructed to visit with the Awards Committee so that a list of who has paid their dues is available along with the nomination form.

Libby moved that the president-elect be the delegate to PILD and that if the president elect is not available that the board select another individual to attend. The motion was seconded and carried.

Charlotte moved that a link to a list of Kansas and national legislators be included on the Alpha Rho Chapter website. The motion was seconded and carried.

Stacey moved that the price of the banquet ticket include the programs, decorations and reception but not the awards or complimentary meals which are in the budget. Libby seconded the motion and it carried.

Libby moved that the chapter continue the drawing of a name from among those who pay dues at the business meeting to receive a year's free dues. The motion was seconded and carried.

The board discussed ideas for nominees for officers

Libby moved the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Stacey Warner, Acting Secretary