

EPSILON SIGMA PHI
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
SALINE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
June 26, 2002

Present: Roger Terry, Trudy Rice, Diane Mack, Stacey Warner, Beth Hinshaw, Daryl Buchholz, Marie Blythe, Ray Lamond, Doug Jardine, Terry Mannell, Jodi Besthorn, David Lott and via conference call Susie Latta and Garry Gold.

President Beth Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.. Introductions were made by everyone.

The minutes from the October 18, 2001 board meeting were approved as presented. The October 16, 2001 annual meeting minutes were approved as amended to reflect the correct date.

REPORTS;

Daryl Buchholz reported that he attended the PILD conference. He shared that there would be dollars available to states through CSREES to address the Homeland Security issue. He also reported that Brad Lubben is the National Chair of the Public Issues Education initiative.

Trudy Rice reported that the committee to begin the development of policies and procedures will begin reviewing old minutes very soon.

Stacey Warner presented the financial report. There was a discussion of the pay back procedures for professional development loans.

Sandra Wick presented a written report.

Marie Blythe reported that a newsletter went out in April and another one is planned for fall.

Terry Mannell reported that he had contacted agents in the NW area to encourage them to join our organization.

Susie Latta inquired about where to find the most up to date list. Stacey Warner has this information.

Diane Mack reported that she will request award applications and nominations across the web. We all need to encourage applications for the awards.

Sandra Wick encouraged individuals to apply for study grants and loans before September 30.

Dave Schaefer reported that there is a need for guidance from the board on how to proceed with the retirement equity issue. We agreed that there needs to continue to be pressure to proceed when the time is right.

Terry Mannell reported the need for public issues education for agents.

David Lott reported that we need to study the need to realign the board with the new Extension areas. We also need to emphasize on campus membership among specialists and program assistants.

Les Frazier presented a written report. The board encourages more functions for retirees but they need to be self-supporting.

Doug Jardine also asked about the need for an Area Counselor for the SC area or the Metropolitan area.

Jodi Besthorn reported that the annual meeting will be at Pottorf Hall and we need to add \$2.00 to the price of the ticket to cover the program and decorations.

Beth reported that forty-six members of EPSI attended the spring professional development workshop and \$2100.00 was returned to our organization. She shared the evaluation summary.

Susie Latta reported that the agent associations needs to present a united front when planning annual conference.

Roger Terry reported that he will promote the opportunity to get proposals funded through the endowment. Last year we funded three proposals and they need to expend the dollars. The application process needs to be updated.

Old Business:

Diane Mack moved and Daryl seconded, that we participate in the Joint Professional Development meeting in the Spring of 2003. Motion passed. The committee will be Doug Jardine and the 2003 officers and professional development committee representatives.

Terry moved and David seconded, that we give \$250.00 to Jim Lindquist to be used at the 2002 EPSI National meeting fund-raising auction. Motion carried.

New Business:

Terry Mannell moved that the voting delegates to the 2002 National meeting should be Beth Hinshaw and Daryl Buchholz with Doug Jardine as alternate. Ray seconded and motion passed.

The stained glass piece and two 4-H bears will be the auction items.

It was decided to put the \$2100.00 from the joint meeting into savings to be used for professional development.

After much discussion on how the reorganization of the Extension areas will affect EPSI board positions, it was decided that no change was necessary this year. The Executive board officers will continue to research the appropriate bylaw changes, if any, that are needed.

The Executive board officers will also explore with the other association officers, how best to proceed on having an effect on the decision of when annual conference would best be held.

No other items of business were brought forward.

Meeting adjourned.

