

EPSILON SIGMA PHI
Alpha Rho Chapter
Board Meeting

June 28, 2005
by Conference Call

The Board meeting for ESP, Alpha Rho Chapter, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by president Marie Blythe. The meeting was held by conference call. Those on the call were: Marie, Trudy Rice, Jan Stephens, Stacey Warner, Bev Dunning, Carla Morrical-Frederking, Eric Otte, Roger Terry, Vicky Overley, Bob Neier, Carl Garten, Charlotte Olson.

The minutes were approved as e-mailed.

Chapter Reports:

President - Marie thanked Donna for the newsletter. She referred to “notes from the president” article about a new brochure on-line discussing member benefits and encouraged the board to look at it.

New awards will be added to match with awards at the national and regional level.

Marie attended the dinner at new agent training and found new professionals wanting to be involved in professional organizations. All Extension professional associations were represented at the event by members who are also ESP members.

The Chapter Merit report has been completed with 38 points, so a gold standard should be awarded.

North Central and National awards were selected with Dick Wootton to receive the Ruby award at National conference.

Marie has asked Ann Religa, president of KEAA, to share responsibilities for awards at the All Associations Award Banquet at Annual Conference.

United Associations Meeting will be held March 2 - 3, 2006.

Vice President - Trudy reported on attending PILD conference in Washington, DC. She said Dean/Director Cholick and Sue Peterson were also there to give presentations and show support.

Secretary - Jan reported the minutes had been e-mailed and are or would be on the Website.

Treasurer - Stacey reminded board members of the Website where stationary and listservs are available.

The financial report showed a consolidated statement (10/04-6/05) and budget (2005) with receipts greater than expenses. National ESP scholarship received by Trudy for PILD conference helped the budget.

\$1200 - \$1500 in payments are expected from loans. One defaulted loan was discussed.

The audit will be done before Annual Conference.

Editor - a report received from Donna Martinson included the information that the spring newsletter was sent by e-mail to members with e-mail addresses and by mail to 61. Expenses were \$68.32. Donna requested information for the fall newsletter by September 1 and for the

Annual Conference awards program booklet by September 9.

Reports from Council Directors:

Retiree - Fred DeLano sent a report that he is working on a proposal for using the funds to ESP from United Associations Meeting.

Reports from Committees:

Awards - Danny Rogers sent a report that applications for awards are due August 30 and there had been an article in the newsletter. He will e-mail additional reminders and also put in the Tuesday Letter.

Professionalism - Sandra Wick sent the information that one loan and one grant had been budgeted for 2005.

Memorial - Eric reported sending sympathy cards to staff members as notices were received.

Public Issues - Mike relayed that the bylaws and constitution needed to be updated to reflect the changes in the National bylaws and constitution.

Recruitment and Retention - Anna reported that a letter would go out in county packets inviting new agents to join.

Resource Management - Roger reported not much activity would happen in this committee until just before annual conference. Stacey reported that the committee was discussing changing the loan to a scholarship. Questions raised included the budget feasibility, and the possibility of the endowment board funding the scholarship. At national, a scholarship is considered a more attractive member benefit than a loan. However, the association can do more loans than scholarships since a loan would replenish itself.

Nomination - Trudy encouraged individuals who are interested in being nominated or know someone who is to let her know. Laurie's report indicated nominations are needed for president-elect, secretary, treasurer, historian, editor and NW, Metro, and state council directors. The officers in secretary, treasurer, historian and editor positions are eligible to be re-elected.

Annual Meeting - Vicky reported needing members to work on the Annual Conference Banquet committee. The location for annual meeting was discussed, possibly to be at the Alumni Center.

Professional Development - Bob reported seven applications were received for the scholarship endowment fund to attend national meeting and four were selected: Fred DeLano, Laurie Chandler, Mary Sullivan, and Diane Mack.

Endowment Fund - Carl reported he will send a notice for applications and will check with the KSU Alumni board on funds.

Global Relations - Charlotte shared ideas for future topics: a curriculum on building global relationships and a group lesson Building Bridges for 2007. She also reported that she has been

in Mexico studying the transnational movement and how it impacts Extension.

Old Business:

Friend of Extension nominations should be submitted. Send to Danny Rogers.

Business meeting at Annual Conference for ESP is now scheduled for lunch on October 17, a change from the early morning schedule. The awards banquet will be Tuesday evening. The possibility of a silent auction by the endowment committee was discussed.

New Business:

Marie discussed the revisions of the constitution and bylaws to be updated and consistent with national. Members will be notified of proposed revisions 30 days prior to annual meeting.

The committee list and procedure for chair rotations were discussed. Marie will suggest some changes to make the bylaws reflect the current practices and allow some committees more members as needed.

Fred will do the audit before annual meeting.

The chapter awards will be updated to be consistent with those given at national and regional.

The next meeting will be Nov. 14, at 11:00, by conference call. Trudy asked for thoughts on conference calls for meetings.

Stacey requested council directors to follow up with members who haven't paid dues. Anna will send a letter to new people who have just become eligible to join and a different letter to those who have been eligible for awhile but haven't joined. It was also suggested to follow up on members who have received awards and dropped membership.

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Stephens,
Secretary