

EPSILON SIGMA PHI
Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter
Board Meeting, November 14, 2005
by Teleconference

The meeting was called to order by president Trudy Rice at 11:00. She explained that this meeting is in place of the organizational board meeting that is usually held at Annual Conference. Board members on the call were: Trudy Rice, Jan Stephens, Stacey Warner, Connie Hoch, Sandra Wick, Marie Blythe, Keith VanSlike, Fred DeLano, Dan Rogers, Anna Muir, Carl Garten, Les Frazier, Vicky Overly and Bob Neier.

Jan referred to the minutes of the last board meeting that were posted on the web and moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried. The minutes of the Annual Meeting will be approved at the Annual Meeting in 2006.

There was no correspondence.

Officer Reports:

Stacey Warner, treasurer, reported that the financial statements approved at Annual Meeting had been sent to board members and there had not been changes since that. Stacey said that dues notices were going out to members who have not yet paid. She also relayed that at the JCEP meeting in January there would be a session for Member Services Committee chairs (chapter award chair), and that the chapter may want to consider allowing funds to send that chair. She also suggested changing the fiscal year back to October to September to correspond with Annual Conference.

Stacey also proposed a plan to reward current member who recruit new members by waiving their Kansas membership for one year. Fred requested that Stacey put it into a proposal to review at the next meeting. Stacey and Anna will work on this.

Trudy reported that at National ESP held in Colorado Springs, Stacey was recognized as Distinguished Service recipient. Dick Wootton received the Ruby Award and Kansas delegates joined Maryland and Florida in hosting a reception for him. She reported that Kansas had 21 members attend and encouraged others to attend in the future.

There were no further reports by vice president, secretary, or treasurer. Sandra (historian) thanked Marie for taking a copy of the All Associations Awards Banquet program to Hale Library.

Marie (past president) reported that Kansas Chapter had received the Chapter of Merit Gold Standard and recognition for 10% of members participating in "Going for the Gold" Endowment Campaign at National meeting.

Trudy explained a plan for continuing leadership on committees with current chairs remaining in positions this year and chair-elects to be appointed. She felt this would allow organization in a more orderly fashion.

Committee Reports:

The question of representation by council directors was discussed. Discussion included possibilities by geographic areas, administrative areas, programming areas, and membership numbers. Trudy asked Carl to consider this with the a committee of the counsel directors and give proposed possibilities at the next board meeting. Trudy will be appointing a SW area counselor.

Fred expressed appreciation to the Alpha Rho chapter for the scholarship to attend national meeting. He reported on some of the sessions for retirees that he had attended. He has met with Lois Carlson to discussed more activities and programs for retirees and well as including pre-retiree individuals.

Dan encouraged board members to look toward award nominees for next year.

Sandra reported no applicants for the loan or travel grant this year. A title change was considered, but will continue as is for the next year with the loan (\$1500) and the travel grant (\$500).

Anna reported on new members and ordering pins.

Carl reported that awards were presented and members recognized at Annual meeting.

Fred reported a good program at the retirement event at annual meeting that 30 attended. He expressed a need for more events out in the state where retirees live and reported that Lois Carlson will be helping with this.

The nomination committee chair position had been blank. At national meeting it was suggested that this be a responsibility of the past president. Marie has agreed to do this.

Old Business:

As changes have occurred in the makeup of administrative areas of the state, the question of area counselor representation becomes confusing. Trudy asked Carl to continue communications with area counselors and bring suggestions to the board.

New Business:

National is encouraging states to expand retiree activities. Les will continue with the Annual conference activity and Lois Carlson will work with Fred to develop other activities out in the state. An effort will be made to increase involvement of retirees in Alpha Rho chapter business.

Trudy reported that the National Endowment Campaign wants to expand endowment to support professional development of members without a dues increase. Kansas has greatly benefitted from National Endowment with several scholarships to attend conferences. The campaign is to raise \$220,000 to bring the total to \$500,000 for a permanent funding stream. Members have received a letter signed by Marie and Trudy from National asking them to give to the "Going for the Gold" campaign. Trudy asked if the board wanted to have a more active policy.

Stacey reminded members that there is also a Kansas Endowment, presently at \$87,000 working toward a goal of \$100,000. She stated that they are both important.

Marie suggested that officers model to members by making pledges and encouraging members to do so. Trudy asked Marie to have Kansas Endowment Board consider coordination with National's proposal.

The All Associations Banquet at Annual Conference organized by ESP was discussed. This All Associations recognition was started in 2004 during the Micro Conference when individual associations did not have their regular recognition events. This year recognitions were often done at two events. Marie suggested that Trudy contact the presidents of other associations to determine what they would like to do. Advantages of non-ESP members attending and increased visibility of awards; and concerns of confusion over which event is which, fewer ESP members attending, and full schedules were discussed. Vicky and Trudy will report responses at the next board meeting.

Trudy explained the president selection rotation practice, that the position is rotated alternating county or area staff with state staff. Marie suggested that the rotation should be county staff alternating with area or state. There was also discussion about including retirees. Trudy asked that the nominating committee explore this issue and bring it to the next board meeting.

Trudy announced that the JCEP NC Regional meeting will be in St. Louis for the Spring meeting and that the president and president/elect normally attend. Trudy proposed that the award committee chair also go to attend the Member Services workshop. Marie moved to include the award chair-elect as a part of the JCEP delegation with budget funds for expenses. Sandra seconded and the motion passed.

Trudy will appointed a person to fill the SW Area Counselor position.

The next board meeting will be in the spring. Trudy will send e-mail to determine the best available date. It was agreed to be a teleconference meeting again.

Marie presented a bill of \$28.52 for helping host the reception for Dick Wootton at National ESP. Fred moved to allow the bill, Carl seconded, the motion passed.

Trudy declared the meeting adjourned.