

EPSILON SIGMA PHI
Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter
2006 ANNUAL MEETING
September 25, 2006
Kansas State University, Manhattan

The 2006 annual meeting of ESP was called to order by president Trudy Rice. Approximately 50 members were present. (The sign-up sheets circulated did not make it to all tables, so an accurate count is not available)

Secretary Jan Stephens reviewed minutes from the 2005 annual meeting and referred to board meeting minutes posted on the website. Bev Dunning moved to approve the minutes, it was seconded and carried. Correspondence from Diane Mack was read, thanking the organization for the scholarship to National ESP Conference.

Treasurer Stacey Warner gave the treasurer's report with a total balance of assets of \$30, 355. It was moved and seconded to accept the report.

Trudy called members' attention to the Annual Report for committee reports. She expressed appreciation for ESP as the "umbrella" association for Extension professionals in providing professional development. She urged members to apply for grants and awards of the association and to set a goal for ESP involvement.

Fred DeLano reported the audit committee had found the financial records to be in very good order. It was recommended that the excess funds be placed in an account bearing a higher interest rate.

Marie Blythe reported the Endowment Fund had 10 applications, twice that of last year. There is a \$7100 expendable balance in the account. She recommended that the board consider promoting contributions through payroll deductions. Ann Domsch reported that the primary fund raiser is the Silent Auction which has 20 items for this year.

Sandra Wick reported that the Professionalism Committee had 3 applications for the travel grant. It was awarded to Donna Martinson, Mary Sullivan and Deb Bolton who will be attending a professional development travel seminar in Mexico in February.

Trudy thanked the committee chairs for continuing to serve as chairs.

There was no old business.

New Business included the election of officers. Marie presented the slate prepared by the nominating committee:

President	Connie Hoch
Vice-President	Eric Otte
Secretary	Andrea Schmidt
Treasurer	Stacey Warner

Editor	Karen Blakeslee
Council Directors:	
NE	Angela Abts
SE	Jan Stephens
SW	Linda Walter
Retired	Lindy Lindquist
Annalist/Historian	Sandra Wick
Endowment Board	Fred DeLano

Jim Lindquist moved to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate, it was seconded and passed.

ByLaw changes that had been sent to members 30 days prior to the meeting were presented. Changes were made to match the changes in Extension areas, omitting the metropolitan area and adjusting the rotation of Council directors to 6 (4 areas + retired + state) directors, with 3 being elected each year. Dale Fjell moved to accept the ByLaw change with the correction of thirteen (13) members State Council (instead of 14). It was seconded and passed.

Stacey presented the 2007 budget with changes to reflect current practices. Amounts were increased for banquet, decreased for newsletter, decreased for committees, and increased for officer expenses. After discussion, \$50 was added to the Recognition committee and \$50 to interest income. Marie moved to accept the revision, it was seconded and carried. Jim moved to adopt the revised budget. It was seconded and carried.

United Associations Conference was discussed. ESP received \$825 from the 2006 conference, which was less previous years. The Board is committed to continue involvement in the Conference through 2007. Trudy asked the membership for discussion concerning future involvement. Sarah Maass and Mark Ploger will represent ESP on the UAC planning committee. Donna Martinson moved to refer the discussion to a committee, it was seconded and passed.

New members were recognized. The free membership was drawn, Trudy's name was drawn.

Connie announced that the next Board meeting will be Thursday, at 7:00 a.m. in Union State Room #1. Trudy announced that the ESP banquet would be in the Flint Hills Room and that 100 were registered.

Karen Blakeslee moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.