

## **Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Rho Chapter Virtual Annual Meeting and Recognition Event**

**October 26, 2020**

### **Present:**

Lisa Martin, Trudy Rice, Jim Lindquist, Jennifer Wilson, Karen Blakeslee, Erin Yelland, Jonathan Aguilar, Laurie Chandler, Patsy Maddy, Jan Steen, Jill Martinson, Doug and Linda Beech, Rebecca McFarland, Tara Markley, Ginger Kopfer, Debra Wood, Duane Hund, Sara Sawyer, Sarah Maass, Beth Hinshaw, Jeanne Falk Jones, Shad Marston, Rachael Clews, Nancy Daniels, Marlin Bates, Berny Unruh, Anissa Jepsen, Monica Thayer, Anna Muir, Lindsey Mueting, Denise Dias, Jennifer Brantley, Donna Krug, Tom Buller, Sandra Wick, Shane Potter, Shad Marston, Cassie Homan, Cindy Evans, Sharolyn Jackson, Susan Fangman, Gayle Price, Nora Rhoades, Candis Meerpohl, Clint Bain, Gary Fike, Diane Mack, Andrea Burns, Doug Jardine, Elizabeth Kiss, Stacy Warner, Chelsea Richmond

### **Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by current president, Jennifer Wilson. She wished the chapter a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and compared the commonalities of Extension work in 1930 to today with the goal of providing balanced Extension programs in every county. From 1930 to today, Extension strives to reach audiences in a variety of delivery methods as this past year stretched our abilities to serve our clients virtually.

Jennifer also recognized the chapter with having earned the Gold Level Award and Achievement in Chapter Membership.

Jennifer thanked the 2019-2020 slate of officers:

President: Jennifer Wilson

President-Elect: Marlin Bates

Secretary: Lisa Martin

Treasurer: Deb Wood

Historian: Elizabeth Kiss

Past President/Endowment Fund Chair: Erin Yelland

Council Directors

Northwest: Anna Muir

Southwest: Ethel Schneweis

Northeast: Candis Meerpohl

Southeast: Beth Hinshaw

State: Laurie Chandler

Retirees: Doug Beech

Extension Director Representative: Gregg Hadley

Jennifer provided a Thought for the Day: "Progress is made by people who dare." Gayle Vandenberg, 1982.

### **Consent Agenda**

Nancy Daniels moved; Erin Yelland seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried:

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Officer Reports as noted in the Annual Report  
Audit Report  
Proposed Budget

### **Nominations**

Erin Yelland provided the Nominating Committee Report with the following slate of Officers:

President-elect: Anissa Jepson  
Secretary: Joellyn Argabright  
Editor: Rachel Clews  
Council Director—East: Gary Fike  
Retirees/Endowment Representative: Darryl Buchholz  
JCEP Vice President (One-year unfilled term): Chuck Otte  
JCEP Representatives: Jill Martinson, Lisa Martin

Clint Bain moved that the nominations cease and to accept the slate as presented. Donna Krug seconded. Motion carried.

### **Constitution/By-Law and Procedure Changes**

Proposed changes were emailed to the membership on September 24th, 2020, in order to meet notification guidelines prior to the annual meeting.

The constitution and by-laws committee was tasked with updating our association by-laws and constitution in order to:

- 1) account for proper elected representation from the association to KS-JCEP,
- 2) of those 3 new elected positions, designate the KS-JCEP VP as a member of the executive board while the 2 association representatives serve as members of the council,
- 3) align our director positions with the new extension areas (west, central, east instead of NE, NW, SE, SW), and
- 4) clean up the executive board section of the constitution so it is not in conflict with the by-laws.

Summary of Procedural Change:

1. Clarify that President will attend the JCEP leadership conference and President-elect will attend the PILD conference instead of both attending both meetings.
2. Clean up associated language to mirror current terminology.

No questions from the floor.

Erin Yelland moved to accept the changes and Nozella Brown seconded. Motioned carried.

### **Awards Recognition**

Anissa Jepson, Awards Chair, thanked members who nominated the Awardees. She recognized the awardees with a video.

District Service Award: Beth Hinshaw

Mid-Career Service Award: Marlin Bates

Early Career Service Award: Teresa Hatfield

District Team Award: 4-H Camp Connection-- Sarah Maass, Lindsey Mueting, Candis Meerpohl,

McKenzie Smithson, Sonya Murphy, Wendy Hughes, Chelsi Myer, Tristen Cope

Friend of Extension Award: Larry Justice, Johnson County

Horizon Award: Sara Sawyer

### **Grant Awards**

Erin Yelland presented the ESP Endowment grant awards:

Marlin Bates--\$1750 travel grant for ESP National Conference

Deb Andres--\$1000 travel grant for the International Federation of Home Economics World Conference

Lindsay Mueting and Dr. Sarah Maass--\$1000 for sUAS Commercial Pilot Training

JoEllyn Argabright - \$3000 for Rock the Bike – Fender Blender Project in the Northwest Area.

Lindsey Mueting and Dr. Sarah Maass - \$1200 for Literacy, Healthy Living, and Family Time through StoryWalk. \$1,200.

Trudy Rice - \$1494 for Remote Work Initiative Leader Certification.

Tom Buller - \$1354 for Sharing K-State Research and Extension's Local Foods Successes.

### **Tenure Recognition**

Tara Markley recognized years of service:

Five Years: Nancy Daniels, Monica Thayer and Erin Yelland

10 Years: Sharon Erickson-Fryback, Chelsea Richmond, Anna Schremmer, Wade Weber

15 Years: Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena

20 Years: Elizabeth Kiss, Chiquita Miller

25 Years: Jennifer Wilson

30 Years: Cindy Evans

### **New Member Recognition**

Elizabeth Kiss recognized new members: Annual Membership—Joellyn Argabright, and two Life Memberships—Gary Gerhard and Doug Jardine.

### **Retirees**

Doug Beech recognized members who retired in the last year:

John Beckman, Scott County Agricultural Agent

Sheryl Carson, Thomas County FCS Agent

John Forshee, River Valley District Director

Carl Garten, Central Kansas District Director

Doug Jardine, Plant Pathology State Specialist

Joanne Krumm, Reno County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Fran Richmond, Frontier District Director  
Deanna Turner, River Valley District Adult Development and Aging Agent  
Pam Van Horn, 4-H Youth Development Specialist

### **Memorials**

Nora Rhodes asked for a moment of silence to honor members who passed away this year:

Florence “Flo” Biehl  
David Dunn  
Dorothy Nuefield  
Leonard Parker  
Robert Schoeff  
Doris “Katey” Walker  
Eldon Weaver  
Don Wiles

### **Installation of New Officers**

Jennifer installed and welcomed new officers:

President: Marlin Bates  
President-elect: Anissa Jepson  
Secretary: Joellyn Argabright  
Treasurer: Deb Wood  
Historian: Elizabeth Kiss  
Editor: Rachel Clews  
Council Directors:  
    Eastern Kansas--Gary Fike  
    Central Kansas—Anna Muir  
    Western Kansas—Ethel Schneweis  
    State—Laurie Chandler  
    Retirees—Darryl Buchholz  
JCEP VP: Check Otte  
JCEP Representatives—Jill Martinson and Lisa Martin

Jennifer played a video of members reciting the Extension Worker’s Creed. She thanked Nathan Leatherman, KSRE videographer, who assisted with the video recording.

### **Closing Remarks**

Clint Bain won the free membership drawing.

Marlin Bates, incoming president, thanked Jennifer for her service as outgoing president and her continuing service as regional vice president. He also thanked Erin Yelland as past president and the support that she has provided. He welcomed Anissa as president-elect. He encouraged members to

think about the service that they can provide as well as leadership, passion for our work and teamwork.  
He will be sending out a sign-up for committees in the next week.

Jennifer reminded members about

1. The Virtual JCEP Leadership Conference February 10-12, 2021
2. ESP National Meeting in Savannah Georgia October 25-28, 2021.
3. Applications for national scholarships are due December 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.