

Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Rho Chapter Executive Team Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2021 – 3:00 PM

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Call to order: Chair Marlin Bates called the meeting to order at 3:00.

Roll Call: Members present include Marlin Bates (chair), Jennifer Wilson, Shane Potter, Jo Argabright (phone), Elizabeth Kiss, Deb Wood

United Associations Conference Relationship: Marlin reported that the June ESP membership meeting participants voted to sever the ESP-UAC relationship. Marlin will draft a letter to inform the UAC.

Discussion of Annual Meeting Preparations: Intend to follow the 2019 meeting framework. Combine the business meeting and reception/recognition into one-hour block of time that will engage membership. ESP officer team needs to work with Annual Meeting committee to report to Annual Conference planning committee, Jo to broker the conversation with Crystal.

- Awards discussion: Award nominations have significantly decreased and many awards are not being applied for. ESP suffers on the National Level because award applications are not being sent beyond the state. Suggestions to increase award applications include incentivizing nominators, promoting monetary incentives to bolster award recipients, personal requests to encourage award applications. Conversations need to occur among membership to build value in award system or modify to be more inclusive to younger members not on a tenure track. Elizabeth to work with Awards committee to continue discussion.

National Meeting Attendance: Shane is unable to attend, Gary Fike scheduled to take his place. Discussion on funding of delegates: 1 voting delegate get reimbursed \$250-\$500 for attendance. Deb suggests having formal arrangement with endowment or earmark of extra money in checking account to cover meeting travel costs. \$3200 in ESP budget for meetings. Marlin to discuss with Gary who will vote at National meeting and amount of funds allotted to reimburse Gary's travel costs. Marlin to use \$1700 from foundation and \$1,000 Redinger's scholarship.

Motion: Deb moved to extend the current ESP budget through the end of calendar year 2021 and transition the ESP budget to a calendar year budget. Elizabeth seconded. Motion passed.

States' Night Out Option: Doug Jardine planned previously. 2021 has room in the schedule, Jennifer will pursue as possible.

National 2nd Vice President: Jennifer declined nomination. Discussion on possible candidates, pool on the western region is slim. Suggestion of Doug Jardine, Daryl Bucholtz or Doug Beech if retirees are allowed. Ohio may have nomination, decision made for KSRE to pass and forfeit this round. Consider asking JCEP about creating a track to encourage candidates to pursue national leadership positions.

State positions: Brainstorming on future KS ESP executive board positions. Spreadsheet in TEAMs. Suggest having someone shadow Deb for one year prior to assuming the Treasurer position.

Announcements

Adjourn

2021 ESP – Alpha Rho Council Meeting Dates:

September 16

2021 ESP – Alpha Rho Executive Board Meeting Dates:

August 19

Upcoming Dates:

[2021 KSRE Annual Conference](#) October 19-21, Manhattan, KS

[2021 Epsilon Sigma Phi National Meeting](#) October 25-28, Savannah GA