

Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Rho Chapter Council Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2021 – 3:00 PM

Call to order – 3:01 PM

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2021 Council Meeting (Otte/Procter)

Chapter Officer Reports

President – Marlin Bates – Provided an overview of involvement with committees

President Elect – Shane Potter - Absent

Secretary – JoEllyn Argabright - Absent

Treasurer – Deb Wood – Checking Account Balance = \$20,228.58, CD Account Balance = \$5,757.25, Total Assets = \$25,985.83

Annalist/Historian – Elizabeth Kiss – Will be working with Doug Jardine to secure information for the archives.

Editor – Rachael Clews - Absent

Past President/Endowment Chair – Jennifer Wilson spoke about the work of the Nominating Committee

Council Directors Reports

Western Kansas – Ethel Schneweis – Absent

Central Kansas – Anna Muir - Absent

Eastern Kansas – Gary Fike – Will be attending the ESP National Meeting in Savannah, GA.

State – Laurie Chandler – Will send a note out to the State group to encourage their renewal.

We should receive information from ESP National and then the Membership Retainment/Recruitment Committee

Retirees – Daryl Buchholz - Absent

Extension Administration – Gregg Hadley - Absent

Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Banquet – Crystal Futrell is working with the committee to plan the recognition portion of the combined annual meeting/recognition banquet. They're focusing on the 90th birthday of ESP-Alpha Rho. The committee is considering having members submit values statements to share during the event.

Constitution and Bylaws – Jaime Menon presented the proposed changes to the constitution/bylaws as follows:

- Nominating Committee - define the nominating committee as members of the Executive Board and establish as such;
- Recommend Committee Member of Standing Committee terms be 1 year in length rather than 2 years.

Endowment Auction – Jan Steen noted that there isn't time during the evening for association auctions, so the committee has been considering how to move forward in a new direction. If we decide

to forgo the opportunity to do an auction, are there other opportunities to secure funds to build the endowment (apparel sales, swag etc.)? In 2020, members were simply asked to make a donation to the Endowment at the Foundation – Laurie will seek a report. Another way to strengthen that effort is to target those individuals/teams that have secured Endowment grants in the past. How do we get members to start contributing through the payroll deduction option? Can we get someone from the Foundation to tell us how to do that at the Annual Meeting/Recognition Banquet?

Global Relations – Sandy Procter – No Report

Membership Recruitment and Retention – Beth Hinshaw – Working to get the committee together to plan activities – working to put a note in the Tuesday letter for returning and new members (particularly targeting those who have been on board for more than 3 years, but haven't joined and those who are new to the system).

Memorial – Nora Rhodes - Absent

Professional Development – Shane Potter – Absent – Although there was discussion about the need to pursue Professional Development to add value to the members. Lisa Martin suggested Cy Wakeman – Reality-Based Leadership.

Recognition – Lindsey Mueeting - Absent

Resource Development and Management – Jenni Carr – Deb Wood provided an overview of the budget that they are set to propose for the 2021-2022 year. It was discussed that the bank balance could be better invested to generate some revenue, although it wouldn't necessarily make a lot in a CD. The financial review of the organization is scheduled for early October.

Retiree – Stacey Warner – Several events planned through the Annual Conference

Tenure Recognition – Monica Thayer - Absent

ESP National Committee Reports

National Board of Directors – Jennifer Wilson, North-Central Regional Vice President gave a report on the upcoming National Conference in Savannah, GA and noted that the National Board has hired a firm (TeamTRI) to transition into the Executive Leadership for ESP National as Greg and Becky Price retire.

Old Business

None

New Business

National Conference Silent Auction - \$50 for a gift basket to be donated to the National Conference Silent Auction (Kiss/Chandler)

National Meeting Attendance

ESP Council Retreat – Discussion was held on the value of bringing the Council together to discuss the value proposition of the Association, the activities that it looks to achieve and the necessary work of the Executive Board, Council Directors and Committee Members. There would be some orientation value to such a gathering, too (though, we used to do an orientation for Council Members).

Annual Report – We need to put this together before Annual Meeting.

Announcements

Adjourn – With no further business, President Marlin Bates declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM