

Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Rho Chapter Council Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 3:00 PM

Call to order

Roll Call: Marlin Bates, Sarah Maass, Jenni Carr, Aliesa Woods, Elizabeth Brunscheen-Caragena, Jan Steen, Jennifer Wilson, Jodi Besthorn, Mary Sullivan, Michelle Beran, Rachael Clews, Nora Rhoades

Treasurer's Report

- The consolidated reports were posted in Teams. Checking account balance as of August 12, 2022 was \$19,114.61 and CD balance is \$5,762.99 as of July 21, 2022. The Treasurer's position is not up for election this year, but Deb does not plan to run for re-election in 2023. Denise Dias has agreed to shadow Deb this next year to learn the Treasurer's duties then run for Treasurer for the 2023-2025 term. Deb will be working with Denise to loop her in, and she will be attending these meetings as she is able. This came about as a recommendation from Stacey Warner to help with continuity of the position.

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee: Marlin Bates shared there is a slate of potential officers for election at the annual meeting. President Elect- Rachael Clews, Sec. Norah Rhoades, Editor Jenni Carr, Eastern Reg. Director Gary Fike, Retiree Director Daryl Bucholz, JCEP Rep #1 Cassie Homan, JCEP Rep #2 Stacey Warner, Treasurer Elect Denise Dias

Recognition Committee: Mary Sullivan shared that there are seven awards to give out at annual Conference this year. Discussion was had about the number of applications received and respecting the set deadline. However, the committee and general membership can explore barriers to why people may or may not be applying for these opportunities and consider alternative strategies to engage.

Tenure Recognition Committee: Tenure Recognition- Aliesa Woods: Thirteen awards at annual conference

Other Committee Reports:

Business

New Staff Orientation Luncheon – October 4, 2022: Brainstormed individuals to attend the lunch and promote Epsilon Sigma Phi. Sarah will reach out to some members to see if they are able to do this.

KS-JCEP President Elect Consideration: It is ESP's turn to provide a candidate for President Elect for KS JCEP.

Update of Annual Conference Preparations

- Annual Meeting – Sarah is working with various committees to get this planned and organized for Annual Conference. Sarah is working on the PowerPoint, and will send an email to membership with a reminder. Remember to sign up on the Annual Conference registration.

- Council Breakfast – Thursday, 7 a.m., Cottonwood Room: Remember to plan to attend this at Annual Conference!

National Meeting Attendance – States’ Night Out Option: Sarah is sending out an email to the membership to send out a reminder to help get a head count. Reply to Sarah’s email if you are going to National Meeting! Big Whiskey’s has been booked for States’ Night Out. The Kansas voting delegate, Sarah Maass, was submitted to the National Office. Jennifer Wilson is going to take the lead with preparing the state’s gift basket.

Officer Travel Overspending Request – Deb

- Travel expenses for the national meeting/PILD/Extension Leadership Conference came to \$280 more than was budgeted. We are under the overall budget, just slightly over in that category. Rachael Clews motioned to pay this. Second by Mary Sullivan. Passed.

Approval of Proposed 2022-2023 Budget to Present at Annual Meeting – Deb/Jennifer: Discussion was had about the proposed budget as presented into the Teams channel which will be presented at annual meeting. Thanks to the committee for thinking through the details and our financial responsibilities.

Resource Development and Management Committee Recommendation – Jennifer

- Eliminate the policy (#14 in P&P) of a free dues drawing at annual meeting for one free membership. [Reasoning – We are spending more than is coming in and it is not the incentive to join that it once was because units can now pay for memberships from non-appropriated funds so the money goes back to the unit itself rather than the member.]

Other Business

Rachael Clews developed an Extension Endowment Fund Grant Awardee Report to capture the impact of how awards were utilized. Ideas were discussed about the value of having this report and a review of the draft. It was also discussed if there is an opportunity as an agenda item at the Annual Meeting to share highlights and a thank you for the funding received to do impactful work. Adding the reporting, written and oral, expectation to the application document will be helpful.

Announcements

Adjourn