

Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Rho Chapter Council Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 3:00 PM – Zoom

Call to Order – Sarah Maass via Zoom

Roll Call: Nora Rhoades, Sarah Maass, Denise Dias, Cassie Thiessen, Debra Wood, Elizabeth Kiss, Jaime Menon, Jan Steen, Jessica Kootz, Jill Martinson, Laurie Chandler, Patsy Maddy

Officer Reports

- Kansas JCEP Report – Jill Martinson: Annual JCEP/Administrative meeting is coming up. They will be focusing on the suggested career ladder, but it has not been shared system-wide. Jill M. is struggling with how to represent ESP without bias because we have not had to gather feedback from our association regarding this document yet. Discussion was had about if we could gather feedback by some general questions that do not disclose specifics of the ladder. Discussion was also had about if strategic questions could be brought up in the meeting to represent the mission of ESP without having gathered feedback from our members. Their meeting is July 5 in Manhattan, so if you have ideas please share before then.
- Historian – Elizabeth: No report.
- Treasurer – Debra: Shared the report in the MS Teams channel. Total assets from May statement is \$24,260.64. We did receive our membership payment from National ESP, and it will be reflected on the next statement.
- Secretary – Nora: No report
- Editor – Jenny: No report
- Past-President – Marlin: not present, but provided a written report in advance.
 - 4 Grants Awarded by the Endowment Fund Board
 - Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship
 - Cassie Thiessen (\$300) to attend the International Master Gardener Conference
 - Candis Meerpohl (\$500) to attend the National ESP Conference
 - Endowment Fund
 - Professional Development Committee (\$2,000) to host a pre-conference workshop ahead of KSRE Annual Conference
 - Collaboration of Ag Agents led by Sandra Wick (\$3,000) to host a series of farm succession workshops
 - Watch for more opportunities to apply. Deb provided insight that funds are still available. Elizabeth asked about how it is handled if there is need to pivot how funds are spent and if awardees have the option to present adaptive plans if what they initially mapped out is not able to come to reality. Please share with your committees and fellow ESP members that this a great opportunity!
- President-Elect – Rachael: No report, attending NELD
- President – Sarah: Under business there is a calendar to review for ESP.

Committee Reports

- Annual Conference – Nora shared that the committee needs to set a time to meet. Nora asked if there are any other committees that have annual conference needs to share them so that we can make sure those needs are met as conference plans are made.
- Constitution and By-Laws – Jill: no report
- Global Relations – No report
- Marketing & Communications – No report
- Membership Recruitment & Retention – No report
- Professional Development – Jessica: The committee is planning a pre-annual conference professional development experience. They received some ESP dollars to support the effort, and they are meeting regularly to plan out details! Watch for more to come!
- Recognition – Laurie and Patsy: Laurie shared that the opening event will be in the west stadium at KSU. Laurie asked for feedback about the endowment auction to see if there is space and/or interest in combining efforts with all associations to have something at this opening event. Discussion about pros and cons of a silent auction. Patsy said they will work on getting a committee meeting scheduled.
- Resource Development & Management – Denise: Still looking for a chair elect for next year.
- Retiree – No report.

Business

- Review ESP Master Calendar: Sarah shared a calendar draft in MS Teams. She shared her screen during the meeting and discussion was had about the draft. Will work on improving so we can adopt it for use.
- Review survey results from committee submissions: No discussion needed

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Submitted by Nora Rhoades, Secretary