



Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter  
**Epsilon Sigma Phi**

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2007 Annual Report

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ALPHO RHO CHAPTER  
EPSILON SIGMA PHI  
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

*President's Report - Connie Hoch*

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi as President for 2007. ESP is one of the oldest and is the largest organization of Extension Professionals and its leadership is apparent when you become acquainted with the regional and national ESP officers and members. Charlotte Shoup-Olsen and I represented our chapter at the North Central JCEP Conference in St Louis, MO. The theme of the conference was "Internationalizing the U. S. Cooperative Extension System. The workshop focused on how Extension organizations and professionals can become increasingly adept at responding to global issues.

Thanks goes out to the officers, council directors, committee chairs and members for the leadership provided this past year. It is because of you that Alpha Rho received the Platinum Chapter of Merit Recognition at the National ESP Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. This is the highest recognition given to chapters. This recognition offered to chapters through the national ESP board recognizes

organization/leadership, member services recruitment and retention, professional development, public issues education, resource development, and global issues involvement in establishing this standard of excellence.

As we all know, membership is always a concern and it is important that we continue to share information with our colleagues about the benefits of ESP. It benefits are here for all Extension professionals. Alpha Rho was recognized for Increase of Chapter Membership for the 2007 Membership Year. I can only hope that this growth will continue into the 2008 membership year. Do share the word with your colleagues.

I have worked with the Endowment Fund Raising Committee as goals have been set and challenges issued to reach \$150,000 in endowed funds within the next five years and \$200,000 within ten years. What does this mean? It means that there will be more dollars available to ESP members for grants and scholarships.

2008 United Association Conference is scheduled for February 28-29, 2008 at the Sedgwick County Extension Office in Wichita. I want to thank all the ESP members that worked to make sure that 2007 break-out sessions met the interests and needs of all associations in attendance. So check out the sessions in 2008 and plan to attend.

Galaxy III Conference “Celebrating the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity, and Unique Qualities” will be held September 15-19, 2008 in Indianapolis, IN. Mark this date and make it a part of your professional development plan for 2008. Marie Blythe is serving on the Galaxy Planning Committee.

Alpha Rho continues to offer professional development opportunities to its members. Let’s continue to work together to make it one of the best chapters in the nation.

***Vice President - Eric Otte***

No Report

***Secretary - Andrea Schmidt***

Minutes of the annual and board meetings were written and placed on the web. The annual report was completed with the help of officers and committee chairs.

***Treasurer - Stacey Warner***

See inserted membership lists.

***Editor - Karen Blakeslee***

Spring and Fall newsletters were prepared and emailed to all members and mailed to retirees. The newsletters are posted on the Alpha Rho ESP website at

<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho/news/newsletter.htm>

***Annalyst/Historian - Sandra Wick***

All past and historical records at located at the KSU Hale Library. Any member with historical information or records that you would like to donate to the collection, please contact me.

***Past President & Endowment - Trudy Rice***

ESP Foundation interest available for 2008 Endowment Grants is \$-----  
. We received ---- applications requesting \$-----.

***Council Directors -***

Northwest - Keith VanSike - no report

Southeast - Jan Stephens - no report

Southwest - Linda Walter - no report

Northeast - Angela Abts - no report

Metro - Mary Lou Odle - no report

State - Danny Rogers - no report

Retirees - Lindy Lindquist - no report

***Standing Committee Reports:***

***Member Services ~***

***Awards - Danny Rogers***

Award winners will be recognized at the ESP banquet. Thank you to all who submitted nominations.

***Professionalism - Sandra Wick***

No Report

***Recognition - Mary Lou Odle***

No Report

***Memorial - Pam Van Horn***

No Report

***Retirement Equity - Dave Schafer***

Report Coming

***Public Issues Committee - Donna Martinson***

No Report

***Recruitment & Retention Committee - Anna Muir***

No Report

*Global Relations Committee - Charlotte Olsen*

No Report

*Professional Development Committee - Laurie Chandler*

The Professional Development Committee, upon direction from the Council, did not provide scholarships to attend the 2007 ESP National Meeting. Instead, it was suggested that we wait to offer scholarships to ESP members attending Galaxy III Conference in Indianapolis.

*Resource Management Committee - Pat Murphy*

No Report

*Retiree Action Committee - Les Frazier*

No Report

*Nomination Committee - Trudy Rice*

No Report

*Annual Meeting Committee - Jennifer Wilson*

No Report

*Mentoring Committee - Jim Lindquist*

No Report