



2010
ALPHO RHO CHAPTER
EPSILON SIGMA PHI
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
REPORTS

*President's Report - Laurie
Chandler*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this year. I've had the privilege of working with a great group of Extension professionals! I would like to extend my thanks to the members who took on leadership this year. The officers, council directors and committee chairs have provided great leadership to our chapter. Thanks, also, to all the annual and lifetime members for your active participation on committees.

A few highlights from the past year:

- Diane Mack and I represented the chapter at the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Workshop in Nashville, TN in February. The theme was "The Family-Friendly Workplace" – an issue of great interest for all extension professionals.
- The Alpha Rho Chapter arranged for Dr. Cholick's portrait to be placed in Umberger Hall. The portraits of Extension Directors have traditionally been an ESP project. An additional plaque was placed with the portraits to let others know about this ESP Project.
- Four members serve on national committees: Trudy Rice - Resource Development & Management, Doug Jardine - Scholarships, Grants and Recognition, Marie Blythe - Professional Development, Jim Lindquist - Public Issues.

- ESP Council members voted to contribute \$1000 to KACAA to support their efforts to host the 2011 National Association of County Agriculture Agents in Overland Park, Kansas.
- Our chapter will celebrate it's 80th anniversary this year and the committee has made plans to celebrate during the ESP Recognition and Dessert Reception at annual conference.
- Eleven members plan to attend the 2010 National ESP Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in October. The theme of the conference is "Climbing to New Heights."

Thank you for choosing ESP as part of your professional development! It is your commitment to professionalism that makes the ESP and Alpha Rho Chapter the special organization that it is.

President Elect - Diane Mack

One of the best ways to learn more about the Alpha Rho Chapter is to get involved! As President Elect, you truly get to "jump in with both feet." But you're not alone. President, Laurie Chandler, has been a great mentor, as well as others who have served in leadership roles.

Laurie and I represented the Alpha Rho Chapter at JCEP, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals, in Nashville, Tennessee. This year's theme was "The Family-Friendly Workplace." We connected with other ESP leaders as well as officers representing state associations of NACCA, NAE4-HA and NEAFCS.

I also attended the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference April 26-28, 2010 in Washington, DC. The group from Kansas

included members of the State Extension Advisory, representatives of the 4-H, Ag and FCS associations, Daryl Buchholz and Chris Onstad. I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about public policy education. As a group, we met with our members of Congress and their staff about Extension and the impact our programs have on Kansans. I was able to enhance my understanding of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and how NIFA will move Extension forward in the future. All states are currently experiencing financial challenges. Learning how other states are meeting these challenges helped me have a broader perspective and new ideas of how we can better manage in Kansas.

I look forward to serving as your President to champion the mission of ESP by fostering the standards of excellence in the Extension System and to develop the Extension Profession and Professional. Next time someone asks you to get involved say, yes. You'll be glad you did.

Secretary – Andrea Feldkamp

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

Receipts for the year totaled \$8,131.21. Expenses were \$10,634.37. The chapter has a balance of \$13,918.02 in the checking account and \$5,615.58 in a CD. See attached 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.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho>. Annual Recognition Event program was also prepared and will be available at Annual Conference. Duties of the Editor were also updated to reflect current responsibilities.

Annalyst/Historian – Jennifer Wilson

As ESP Historian, it is my responsibility to keep the history of the organization. Significant information about the organization was collected throughout the year and is on file in the University Archives. University Archivist Tony Crawford can assist any member who would like to peruse the archives. The Alpha Rho chapter celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2010. A committee consisting of Jennifer Wilson, Linda Beech, Steve Fisher, Ann Domsch, Carl Garten, Crystal Coffman and Kathy Tharman planned celebratory activities in conjunction with annual conference.

Past President & Endowment – Margaret Phillips

Endowment Fund Grants awarded to:

- *Gayle Price - \$1200 - "Aging with Attitude - A Regional Expo"
- *Tranda Watts - \$1000 - "Breakfast 101"
- *Mary Meck Higgins - \$1150 - "Trends and safe practices in home food preservation"
- *Jamie Hancock - \$2500 - "Greenhouse/Education Center"

Scholarships awarded to:

- *Andrea Feldkamp - Connie Hoch Leadership Scholarship

Council Directors –

- Northeast – Dale Fjell – no report
- Northwest – David Dunn – no report
- Southeast – Linda Mirt – no report
- Southwest – Andrea Burns – no report
- State – Dan Rogers – no report
- Retirees – Dave Schafer – no report
- Administration – Daryl Buchholz – no report

Standing Committee Reports:

Annual Banquet Committee – Kathy Tharman

The committee met to make plans for the recognition event. It was determined to hold a dessert reception following the Poster Session on Monday, October 20. I worked with Debbie Hagenmaier in the Conference Office to select a menu, set a price (\$10), and included the information on the conference registration site.

Chartwells catered the event. They provided tea, coffee, water and a variety of desserts. They also provided the mirrors, globes and bowls for the tables. Steve Fisher provided decoration accents.

It was determined the best time for the Silent Auction would be during the Poster Session.

Awards – Linda Beech

The first duty of the Awards committee this year was to encourage 2009 recognition recipients in national award categories to submit their online applications for national recognition. One Kansas member did so, but was not selected as a regional or national honoree.

To promote the 2010 recognition opportunities including four new recognition categories this year- articles were prepared for two issues of the Kansas Epsilon Sigma Phi newsletter and awards announcements were placed in the Tuesday Letter three times before the application deadline.

The awards committee received nine applications for 2010 recognition. Many thanks to sub-committee members Gayle Price, Nadine Sigle, Andrea Feldkamp and Sarah Maas who volunteered to serve as the awards screening committee. Thanks, also, to chair-elect Nozella Brown who facilitated the award selection process. Eight chapter recognitions will be presented at the ESP-Alpha Rho recognition event on October 18th.

Committee member Nancy Peterson prepared written summaries for each of the recognition recipients for the 2010 ESP Recognition program booklet. Members receiving recognition were notified and presenters were confirmed for the recognition event. Framed certificates and \$20 gift certificates will be presented to individual honorees and printed certificates and one \$20 gift certificate will be presented for each team at the Chapter recognition event.

Budget & Audit Committee – Pat Murphy

No report.

Constitution & Bylaws – Doug Jardine

The constitution and by-laws were reviewed by the committee. An amendment will be proposed during the upcoming year that will allow for the occurrence of the annual business meeting should the Annual Conference be cancelled. No other changes currently need to be made to either document.

Global Relations Committee – Deryl Waldren

Epsilon Sigma Phi is very supportive of members who want to participate in international travel and global opportunities. ESP has travel grants to help defray out-of-pocket expenses for ESP members participating in professional development international experiences based on an October 1 - September 30 year. Applications are due to Robin Eubank, Professionalism Committee Chair, reubank@ksu.edu, by August 15 and February 15 each year. Robin will announce the recipients at the KSRE Annual Conference. During 2009-10, two articles were printed in the ESP Newsletter announcing the grant process.

The application details (there is no actual application) for travel grants may be downloaded from the ESP website:

<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho>.

For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, ESP Global Relations Committee Chair, dwaldren@ksu.edu or call 785-462-6281.

Membership Recruitment & Retention Committee – Beth Hinshaw

Invitation letters were sent out to all KSRE employees that have joined our system in the past several years; several employees that committee members suggested targeting and a few others that had expressed an interest in the past year. Approximately 93 invitation letters were sent to non-members employed by KSRE. A general invitation was placed in the Tuesday letter for several weeks as well.

As of September 3, twelve new members have responded to the invitation and are listed below. New members will be introduced and initiated during the awards reception at Annual Extension Conference.

Associate Members

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Family & Consumer Sciences, Sedgwick County
Holly Dickman, Horticulture, Ellis County
Sharon Erickson, Family & Consumer Sciences, Gray County
Kandace Metcalf, Family & Consumer Sciences, Rolling Prairie District
Katie Morris, Local Government, Agriculture Economics
Corinne Patterson, 4-H Youth Development, Lyon County
Chelsea Richmond, Family & Consumer Sciences, Flint Hills District
Bernadette Trieb, Family & Consumer Sciences, Wabunsee County

Annual Members

Sheryl Carson, Family Consumer Science, Kearny County
John Forshee, Director, River Valley Extension District
Becky O’Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services
Sandy Procter, Human Nutrition

Memorial – Nancy Nelson

Since we last met we have lost four former Extension professionals. They were: Jean Clarkson-Frisbie, Eugene Francis Sr., Dr. John Dunbar and Richard “Dick” Jepson. Condolences were sent to the families. These individuals will be listed in the ESP Annual Recognition Program booklet at Annual Conference with a short synopsis of their Extension careers. Copies of the Annual Conference program will be mailed to the appropriate family members.

Nomination Committee – Margaret Phillips

Nominations were received for the following offices:

President-elect - Sandra Wick
Secretary - Deb Sellers
Editor - Jennifer Smith
NE Council Director- Chuck Otte
SE Council Director – Diane Burnett
Retiree Council Director – Dick Wootton
Endowment Trustee – Nozella Brown
Northeast Council Director – Dale Fjell
Southeast Council Director – Linda Mirt
State Council Director – Emily Nolting

Professionalism – Robin Eubank

The Professionalism Committee voted to award 2 Travel Grants for the 2010-2011 Grant Year.

Nozella Brown is awarded \$325 to attend and present at the 59th Annual American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference in Clearwater, FL. Her travel will be in October 2010. This was the full amount of her request.

Linda Beech is awarded \$500 to attend the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Session in Albuquerque, NM. Her travel will be in September 2011. This was the full amount of her request.

These recipients will be recognized during Annual Conference. The travel grant budget will have \$175 that will be unspent this year. These were the only 2 requests received this year.

Retiree – Crystal Coffman

Special events were added during Annual Conference 2010 for retirees and spouses. We will travel the Konza Prairie with a tour of the Bison Loop on Monday. After the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, members will visit the new Leadership Center.

During our meeting, we will meet with incoming President, Diane Mack and other special people from KSRE Administration. Our goal is to keep retired members informed and active. We continue to explore new opportunities next year with incoming chair, Ann Domsch.

Tenure Recognition – Jim Adams

The following K-State Research & Extension professionals will be recognized at the 2010 Annual Epsilon Sigma Phi Awards night for years of service:

5 Years

Lisa Friesen, Sedgwick County
Debra Bolton, Southwest Area

10 Years

Andrea Burns, 2000-2004, Kingman County and 2004-present, Ford County
Karen Blakeslee, Animal Sciences and Industry

15 Years

Marie Blythe, Planning, Reporting & Evaluation
Jennifer Wilson, Riley County
Martha Flanagan, Cherokee County
Christen Onstad, 1995-2001, Montana State University; 2001-2006, South Dakota State University; 2006-present; Northwest Area
Fred Cholick, 1995-2004, South Dakota State University; 2004-2010, Dean's Office
Rebecca McFarland, 1994-1996, University of Arkansas; 1996-2010, Franklin County; 2010-present, Frontier District

20 Years

Paula Peters, 1990-2000, Human Nutrition; 2000-present, Administration

25 Years

Duane Hund, Agriculture Economics
Laurie Chandler, 1985-1993, University of Missouri; 1993-present, Shawnee County

30 Years

Carol Fink, 1980-2001, Pottawatomie County; 2001-present, 4-H Youth Development
Mark Schwarzentraub, Farm Management Association, SC
Daryl Buchholz, 1980-1992, University of Missouri; 1992-2004, Agriculture and Natural Resources; 2004-present, Administration
Jodi Besthorn, 1980-1998, Smith County; 1998-present, Sedgwick County

35 Years

Elizabeth Curry, 1975-1993, Cheyenne County; 1993-present, Northwest Area
Mary Richmond, 1975-2010, Osage County; 2010-present, Frontier District