

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER
EPSILON SIGMA PHI
WINTER BOARD MEETING
SALINE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Present: Daryl Buchholz, Carl Garten, Trudy Rice, Stacey Warner, Marie Blythe, Charlotte Olson, Karen Blakeslee, Jim Lindquist and Alan Ladd.

President Buchholz called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Introductions were made by everyone present.

The minutes from October 24, 2002 were approved as presented. The minutes from the 2002 Annual meeting were presented for the board members information.

Officer Reports:

President Buchholz reported that Stacey Warner, Carl Garten, Jim Lindquist and himself attended the JCEP meeting in Kansas City. Daryl shared that several states use the JCEP model on the state level for an umbrella association. This could be a model in Kansas if EPSI was part of KCEAA. The 75th anniversary of EPSI is this year and there is a merit recognition program as a chapter based on goals. Stacey Warner has been re-appointed to a national committee. Doug Jardine is interested in being nominated for a national committee and possibly a national office.

Carl Garten reported that we need to research the date that our Kansas chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi was organized.

Trudy Rice reported that the minutes of the last ten years have been presented to reviewers and they are being researched to develop a list of proposed policies and procedures.

Stacey Warner gave a membership report. She reported on the consolidated statements with the following account information as of February 12, 2003: Savings account-\$13,210.68; Checking Account-\$5,066.99; Outstanding Loans-\$6,382.98; Continuing Education/2001 banquet meal-\$1864.68 and Continuing Education/2002 Banquet meal-\$240.00 . She reported that all loans are current with two coming due in June. Also, we are now requiring two signatures on all checks.

Sandra Wick had sent word that all history is current in the archives at the Kansas State University Ferrell Library.

Marie Blythe reported that information for the spring newsletter is due the end of March.

Charlotte Olson reported that a letter had been sent to 20 state staff reminding them to pay their dues. She received two positive responses.

Denise Dias sent a question about the timing of the award applications with a later Annual

Conference and Annual Meeting. This will be discussed at the June board meeting.

Carl Garten reported that we need to clarify the date of cut off for years of service and make sure that we are consistent with this date.

Dave Schafer sent word that a note had been sent to Dean Marc Johnson about the retirement equity issue. It has been left off the agenda for this legislative session.

Karen Blakeslee reported on the annual meeting. She reported that numbers have been down and we need to revisit the policy to add \$2.00 to every meal-is this enough? It was suggested to have a handout listing the award to handout at the awards luncheon or other forum. The silent auction and punch reception were well received. They will be exploring ways to celebrate the 75th anniversary. It was suggested that she check into the alumni center if we could hold the cost to about \$20.00 a person.

Endowment Fund-It was reported that our State Endowment Fund balance may be below principal.

Old Business:

Joint Professional Development Meeting-There was a discussion about what to do with the accumulated money from this workshop that we have held in our account for a number of years. Trudy Rice moved that the \$2,268.72 be moved to our endowment fund. Carl Garten seconded. Discussion followed. The October 18, 2001 minutes were referred to. Motion passed. Marie Blythe suggested that we check in to the agreement with the KSU Foundation on investments.

Mentoring-Alan Ladd reported on a workshop that he had presented at the National meeting. Daryl invited Alan to present the options to our board based on his National work. Everyone agreed that this is an important topic to increase retention. Research suggests that it is a benefit to all involved. This will continue to be a priority of the National Board. EPSI could take the leadership on our state level to facilitate this process. Administration is supportive of this model. It was decided that a small committee, appointed by Daryl, will develop a proposal to take to administration and bring back to the board.

National Endowment Board Initiative-Jim Lindquist reported on this initiative. Jim represents Kansas on this initiative and serves as chair of the Development Fund Campaign Committee. They are working to establish a \$500,000.00 Endowment on the National Level. This will be a 5 year campaign through 2007. For the 75th anniversary they are promoting an individual donation of \$75.00 in which the donor will receive a commemorative pin.

Jim asked Kansas to have our own campaign to help national and ask for suggestions on strategies and key individuals to be identified. Stacey asked if EPSI could be a part of the College of Agriculture campaign fund. Daryl suggested that Jim promote the \$75.00 commemorative pin program through individual contacts. The board also encouraged Jim to work with the EPSI Endowment Committee.

Charlotte Olson asked if the EPSI board was interested in a discussion about our Extension System. It was suggested that this be addressed through the Public Affairs Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 p.m.