

EPSILON SIGMA PHI
Alpha Rho – Kansas Chapter
Board Meeting, April 3, 2006
By Teleconference call

The meeting was called to order by President Trudy Rice at 11:00 a.m. Board members on the call were: Trudy Rice, Stacey Warner, Connie Hoch, Karen Blakeslee, Marie Blythe, Crystal Coffman, Mahbub Alam, Mary Lou Odle, Dan Rogers, Anna Muir, Carl Garten, Laurie Chandler, Roger Terry, Les Frazier, Vicky Overley, Jim Lindquist, and Charlotte Olsen.

Trudy announced that Connie Hoch would be taking minutes in the absence of Secretary Jan Stephens. Dan Rogers moved to accept the minutes from the November 14, 2005 board meeting as posted on the web and Mahbub Alam seconded. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Officer Reports:

Stacey Warner, treasurer, reported total receipts of \$6,899.48 and expenditures of \$5,558.98 for the reporting period of October 1, 2005 to March 13, 2006. Stacey explained that the larger than usual miscellaneous line item was the result of money raised for Hurricane Katrina fund. Dan Rogers moved to accept the treasurer report as given Mahbub Alam seconded and Motion carried.

Trudy reported on JCEP meeting in St Louis. Trudy and Connie Hoch represented ESP at the meeting. Trudy thanked Marie Blythe and Daryl Buchholz for making the arrangements for use of a state van for transportation to St. Louis. She stated that JCEP provided a better understanding of how ESP worked in other states and that the push was to promote ESP as a professional development organization. This along with the member benefits might be the best way to promote ESP to new members.

Stacey suggested that Trudy visit with Margaret Phillips to see how ESP could fit in with professional development.

Connie Hoch thanked the board for the opportunity to attend JCEP and to meet and representatives from other states.

Karen Blakeslee reported that the Spring Newsletter is posted on the web. She thanked all that submitted articles for the newsletter. The next newsletter will be printed around August 1.

Marie Blythe did not have a report.

Committee Reports

Crystal Coffman- did not have a report but would like a copy of Mahbub Alam recruitment letter. Trudy stated that she would forward a copy to Council Directors.

No Report from Mary Lou Odle or Dan Rogers

Carl reported that he will be getting with Stacey to establish which individuals are eligible to receive service year awards.

Laurie Chandler chair of the professional development committee stated that the information was in the spring newsletter. She encouraged individuals to apply for scholarships to attend National Conference.

Les Frazier reported on retiree session for upcoming annual conference. He was concerned with when the retiree's luncheon was scheduled and Stacey suggested that he talk to Paul Hartman, annual conference chair.

Marie Blythe and Vickie Overley reports will discussed under new business.

Charlotte Olsen did not have a new report, but Trudy that she had ideas to share for the global relations that were brought back from JCEP.

Old Business

First item under old business was representation on the ESP board. Carl reported that he thought it was easier to have representation from each area, but one other suggestion was to have one representative for each 20 members to even out representation if that was a concern. If the board did not feel that it was a concern it could continue as is. Either way a by-law change would be necessary. Jim clarified that it stated have one representative for each of the four program areas rather than administrative area. For clarification it was suggested that the words geographic program area be used. It was suggested that a recommendation be made at the summer board meeting with Trudy, Carl and Jim working on the By-law change.

Marie discussed the president/v. president rotation. She suggested that it be county/district one year and area/state the next. Trudy asked that Marie be ready to submit a policy change to the next meeting.

After discussion and checking the annual conference schedule it was decided that ESP should go back the hosting ESP Awards Banquet as they have in the past. It was suggested that it be held on the Tuesday night of annual conference. Stacey moved that an ESP banquet be held on Tuesday of Annual Conference, Karen seconded. Motion Carried.

Vickie Overley will go forward with making the necessary arrangements. It was also suggested that we market the banquet to all ESP members and retirees through newsletter, flyers on e-mail and Tuesday Letter.

New Business

Stacey reported that committee meeting for organizations would be held Monday morning of annual conference with ESP Business Meeting scheduled from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Box lunches would be available for purchase for the ease of attendees. Trudy suggested that an ESP board meeting be built into the annual conference schedule.

Marie reported on the United Association Meeting. She stated that attendance has changed over time, with the majority of attendee being teachers. ESP board meeting was not possible this year due to the conflict with JCEP. Really would like to continue to be a part as it is a way to raise money for ESP. Trudy suggested that we try this one more year and then re-evaluate. Laurie suggested that perhaps we work to provide more opportunities for sessions at the meeting. Jim suggested we re-visit the reason that ESP involvement to see if it is still relevant. Trudy appointed Laurie, Connie, Marie, and Margaret to meet and discuss the concerns.

Laurie reported on ESP conference scholarship and recommended that those who apply that they should be committed to full conference and that preference be given to first time attendees.

Discussion was held on recruitment and retention of ESP members. Stacey suggested that a reduction in dues be given to anyone that recruits a new member or former member that has not paid dues during the past year. Stacey moved that a current member recruits a new or former member receive a \$20 reduction in current dues. Vickie seconded motion carried.

It was decided that the summer board meeting will be a telephone conference.

Vickie moved for adjournment, Anna seconded and motion carried.