

EPSILON SIGMA PHI
Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter
2007 Annual Meeting
October 15, 2007
Kansas State University, Manhattan

The 2007 annual meeting of Epsilon Sigma Phi was called to order by President Connie Hoch. Sign in sheets were distributed to members. Approximately 60 were in attendance. Connie thanked Andrea for completing the annual report.

Connie stated that minutes were included in the annual report. Ann Domsch moved and Eric Otte seconded that we dispense from reading the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Andrea did not have any correspondence. Stacey gave the treasurer's report. Assets amounted to about \$1,100 more than last year. Commerce Bank checking account balance of \$24,607.86 was reported. The CD account balance reported was \$5,277.38. The loans receivable balance was reported as \$1,585.80. Connie requested that the report be filed for audit.

Pat Murphy gave a report on the audit from Fred Delano. The financial records reviewed were found to be in balance. All practices followed were precise and accurate.

Connie then thanked Treasurer, Stacey Warner for her excellent work.

Trudy Rice gave a report on Endowment Fund. The awards will be announced tomorrow night at the banquet. \$5,000 will be awarded in grants at that time.

Sandra Wick gave a report on the Professional Committee. She thanked her committee for going through the applications. One application was received for the Travel Grant. Loan applications were not submitted this year. This program will be discontinued next year. Chuck Otte was presented the travel grant to attend the Galaxy Conference in 2008. Chuck plans to utilize the dollars to help encourage other Agriculture Agents to attend.

There was not any old business.

Under new business, Stacey came forward to discuss a dues increase. Last fall the national board voted on a dues increase to take effect this year. Stacey Warner moved that annual member dues be increased from \$50 to \$60 and life member dues be increased from \$250 to \$300 and associate member dues remain at \$20. The motion was seconded by Jim Lindquist. The motion carried.

Jim Lindquist then talked about fundraising for the Endowment Fund. It began in 1992. The interest funded the \$5,000 in grants awarded this year. The goal was to raise \$100,000. As of today we have reached \$113,000. A five year goal was proposed to raise that Endowment to

\$150,000. The ten year goal is \$250,000 for the Endowment Fund. Jim also encouraged members to consider payroll deduction. Jim pledged a \$25,000 memorial contribution to Epsilon Sigma Phi on behalf of his late wife Mary Lindquist. Dave Schafer came later and agreed to contact retirees to re-engage them in this initiative.

Trudy Rice presented the slate of officers for 2007-2008. Vice President, Margaret Phillips; Secretary, Andrea Schmidt; Treasurer, Stacey Warner; Annalist/Historian, Sandra Wick; Editor, Karen Blakeslee; Northwest Council Director, Carla Morrical-Frederking; Southwest Council Director, Belinda Oldham; State Staff Council Director, Dale Fjell; and Endowment Board, Carol Fink. Jennifer Wilson moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Pat Murphy. The motion carried.

Stacey presented the 2008 budget. The proposed amount is \$10,500. The loan program was eliminated (\$1,500). Applications were last received for this program in 2002. \$1,000 of this line item was added to officer travel and \$500 was added to the travel grant line item. Connie asked for any questions. Chuck moved and Jim seconded that the budget be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

Stacey came forward to conduct a drawing for a free one year membership. Beth Drescher was the winner for this year. Connie thanked everyone for providing support to attend the national meeting with Margaret Phillips. Connie also encouraged all to participate in Galaxy. Connie stated that the Alpha Rho Chapter was named a Platinum Chapter, the highest honor a state can achieve. An award was also presented for an increase in chapter membership for 2007. Kansas is one of the larger chapters in the nation. The Chapter received a certificate of appreciation for 10% who gave to the national fund.

Eric announced that he will be working on the agenda for the board meeting. The board meeting will be held on Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Daryl Buchholz announced that Raymond Cloyd was a new Epsilon Sigma Phi member for Kansas. He is a new Extension specialist in Entomology. He achieved the National Early Career award at the National Epsilon Sigma Phi meeting, held in September. Jim announced that an excellent mentoring workshop will be held by Stacey Warner and Margaret Phillips later this fall. He encouraged all to attend and participate. Les announced that the Retiree Luncheon will be at noon on Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 1:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Andrea L. Schmidt
Alpha Rho Secretary