

Epsilon Sigma Phi Board Meeting
October 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Otte at 7:15 a.m. Eric started first with introductions.

Those in attendance included Beth Drescher, Crystal Coffman, Belinda Oldham, Linda Walter, Karen Blakeslee, Mark Ploger, Connie Hoch, Stacey Warner, Dale Fjell, Andrea Schmidt, Jan Stephens, Eric Otte, Carla Morrival-Frederking and Carl Garten.

Eric stated that minutes were sent following the August conference call. Minutes were approved as sent.

Eric stated that Vice Chairs were moved into the Chair positions within ESP committees. Eric encouraged all to check with their previous chairs regarding committee functions. Andrea announced that minutes are on the website. Stacey reported that she will check to see who has paid dues. She will send a list to area counselors and a statement to those who have not paid. Stacey also reported that there is stationary on the website and listservs. Stacey said that she and Margaret will take the lead on updating the website this year. Karen reported that the newsletters are posted on the website as well. Retirees and members receive the newsletter twice a year. Please send her items when requested.

Council Directors Carla, Belinda, Jan and Dale did not have a report. Connie encouraged counselors to recruit new agents to join. She commended the committee for doing a great job this year. Connie stated that scholarship money was received from a donor, which will be utilized as an associate member transitions into a regular member. A process needs to be created to make people aware of this option. Carla asked if there was a way to know who falls into this category. Stacey suggested that we can look at the membership to determine which members qualify. Stacey will review the list and contact area counselors regarding who qualifies.

Eric, Connie and Margaret will meet to finalize committee lists. The lists will be distributed to the committee chairs. Beth asked how long the chair position will last. Connie stated that the vice chairs are selected and then move into the chair position for one year.

Linda did not have a report for Awards. Carl did not have a report for Public Issues. Beth stated that there were not a lot of applicants for scholarships. She wants to encourage people to apply. Crystal reported that she will get information from Mary Lou and will work with Stacey. Mark reported that Pam passed on the information for Memorial. Eric stated that Marcia McFarland has several items she is working on for

Retiree Action. Connie stated that she did not have any nominations at this time. Carla stated that Glenda Keller did not have a report for Retirement Equity.

There was no old business.

The group moved into new business. The first item was expenses for endowment fundraising. Stacey reported that there will be some postage and paper expenses for this. She also stated that Jim Lindquist requested that the Endowment money not be spent for fundraising. Stacey asked the board if they would approve spending up to \$500 for this need. Stacey stated that the checking account is substantial enough to cover this. Carla asked what the dollar amount of dues was for national. Stacey stated that national dues are \$40 and local are \$20. Crystal asked if \$500 would be adequate. Connie replied that she believed it would be adequate. Carl moved and Crystal seconded that up to \$500 be spent for promotional expenses on the fundraising campaign. The motion carried.

Connie shared a list that indicated who already gave to the Endowment. Connie also shared that extra brochures are available for those who need them. Crystal and Stacey requested that the Resource Management committee look into moving some of the checking account money into the endowment fund. Crystal stated that the committee could make a recommendation to the board regarding transfer of this money. Eric will share this request with Phil Sloderbeck.

Beth asked when conference calls are scheduled. Eric stated he would select the dates and times and send them out. The group requested that he offer three options, and then choose the one that works for the majority.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Schmidt
Alpha Rho Secretary