

## Epsilon Sigma Phi – Annual Meeting October 20, 2008; 11:45 a.m.

The 2008 Annual Meeting of Epsilon Sigma Phi was called to order by President Eric Otte. Sign in sheets were distributed to members. Approximately 60 members were in attendance.

Eric stated that minutes were included in the annual report. Minutes were moved to be approved by Jennifer Wilson and seconded by Mark Ploger as written.

**Officer reports were conducted next.** President, Eric stated that he enjoyed the year and appreciated the support of the officer team. President Elect, Margaret Phillips expressed thanks to all who helped her this year. Committee appointments were available on each table. Margaret shared three special awards, accepted at Galaxy, with the association. Margaret shared the new website for Alpha Rho ([www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho)). Stacey Warner, Martha Monihen, Margaret and Marie Blythe worked on the site. The first chapter council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, at 7:15 a.m.

Andrea provided a Secretary's report. She shared three correspondence items; thank you notes from Gayle Price, Beth Hinshaw and Diane Mack.

Stacey provided the Treasurer's report. She announced that dues were to be turned in today, to be included in a special drawing that will be conducted at the end of the meeting. As of September 10, 2008, the balance of our checking, savings and loans receivable accounts was \$33,171.78. This is an increase of \$1,715.74 over the September 2007 balance. The budget shows that \$10,000 should be transferred to the Endowment.

Historian, Sandra Wick did not have a report. Newsletter Editor, Karen Blakeslee is willing to share information in the newsletter. She encouraged all to send items her way. Eric stated that Endowment awards would be presented tomorrow night at the banquet. Daryl Buchholz, Extension Director stated that he did not have a report. Dale Fjell, NE Area Counselor, challenged all areas to recruit young professional members. Carla Morrical-Frederking, NW Area Counselor, Jan Stephens, SE Area Counselor, and Belinda Oldham, SW Area Counselors did not have a report.

**Committee reports were conducted next.** Evelyn Neier provided an Annual Banquet report. The event will take place Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alumni Center. Auction donations should be given to Ann Domsch. Gayle Price, Awards Committee, stated that 21 applications were received for awards this year. She thanked all for submitting nominations. Gayle announced that the national committee's name changed to Scholarships, Grants and Recognition.

Jim Lindquist provided a report on Endowment fundraising. Jim noted that a fundraising brochure was on the table and an Endowment Fund report was also placed on the table. The Epsilon Sigma Phi Endowment fund is included in the Unity and Pride university campaign. Dave Schafer stated that on behalf of Connie Hoch, memorial money can be designated towards her name. Contributions to the Connie Hoch Leadership Memorial Scholarship will be utilized towards members attending the National Epsilon Sigma Phi meeting.

Mary Sullivan, Global Relations Committee asked all to read her report. The Mexico trip is coming up again. Debra Bolton, Donna Martinson and Mary Sullivan attended the trip this past year. Mary encouraged others to participate. Mark Ploger, asked all to refer to the Annual Report for Memorial Committee information.

Eric offered the Nomination Report. Nominees included: President-Elect, Laurie Chandler; Secretary, Andrea Schmidt; Treasurer, Stacey Warner; Historian, Jennifer Wilson; Newsletter Editor Karen Blakeslee; Northeast Council Director, Dale Fjell; Southeast Council Director, Linda Mirt; State Council Director, Emily Nolting and Retiree Council Director, Dave Schafer.

Professionalism Report was offered by Beth Drescher. Beth reported that no applications were received for travel grants. Beth also encouraged all to attend the United Association Meeting. A Public Issues report was offered by Carl Garten. Minor changes were made in the Constitution and Bylaws. Recommendations will be voted on later. A Recognition report was provided by Crystal Coffman. We will be recognizing 16 of the members for Tenure Awards on October 21.

A Recruitment and Retention report was given by Sharolyn Flaming-Jackson. Seven new associate members; Gina Aurand, Rebecca Bandli, Jennifer Smith, Rhonda Gordon, Joy Purkeypile, Tandalayo Kidd, and Doug Shoup were added to the chapter. Four new annual members; Rebecca McFarland, Brian Olson, Aliesa Woods and Nancy Pihl were added to the chapter. Three members; Jana Beckman, Sarah Taylor and Kris Boone joined after January 2008.

Phil Sloderback, Resource Management, deferred his report to new business. Marcia McFarland provided a Retiree Action Report. The committee has been looking for ways to involve more retirees. A survey will be given at the luncheon on Wednesday, to determine retiree interests and needs. Glenda Keller was not present to report on Retirement Equity. Stacey stated that Martha Monihen is the webmaster for the chapter website.

There was not any old business.

**New Business was next.** Phil provided information on Resource Management/ Budget and Audit. Phil moved that \$10,000 be transferred from the checking account to the Endowment Fund. The motion was seconded by Chuck Otte. The motion was carried. Phil moved that the chapter keep one year's operating expenses, beyond the current year, in the checking account and another year's expenses in an account that earns higher interest. Motion seconded by Carl. The motion carried.

Carl asked for comments or questions from the floor regarding Public Issues/Constitution and Bylaws. Chuck Otte moved that all changes be approved as presented, and Ann Domsch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Budget approval was discussed next. Stacey moved that we accept the budget, and the motion was seconded by Diane Burnett. The motion carried.

Gayle called the group's attention to the national award guidelines. Gayle would like the organization to apply for the distinguished Ruby Award. The chapter was asked to provide support for the diamond in the award pin. Gayle requested the association's approval on this. The chapter approved this expense.

Officer elections occurred next. Eric asked for nominations from the floor. Carl moved that the slate of delegates be approved, and a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion was seconded by Ann Domsch. The motion carried.

Stacey conducted the drawing for the free membership. Denise Dias was the winner.

Eric asked if there were any announcements. Anna Muir moved and Rod Buchele seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Andrea Schmidt  
Epsilon Sigma Phi Secretary