

**Alpha Rho Chapter - Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 9, 2018 - 1:30 pm**  
<http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/>

**Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by president John Forshee via Zoom teleconference at 1:32 pm.

**Roll Call-** Those participating in the call included John Forshee, Linda Beech, Sarah Maass, Doug Jardine, Jennifer Wilson, Erin Yelland, Doug Beech, Marie Blythe and Nadine Sigle.

**Minutes** from March 14, 2018: The minutes of the last council meeting were posted on the chapter website at <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/minutes/> With no additions or corrections, John declared the minutes approved as posted.

### **Chapter Officer Reports**

President - John Forshee- National meeting planning continues. John will check to be sure links from national ESP professional development opportunities are shared with chapter members. Kansas JCEP meeting with Administrators will be July 17,18, or 19; but with fair conflicts, John will need a substitute– Erin and Jennifer volunteered and will represent ESP on the poll to select the meeting date.

President Elect - Erin Yelland- Thanked the chapter for the opportunity to attend PILD. ESP Night Out was fun and valuable networking opportunity. Erin received some membership recruitment and retention ideas from other states and suggested perhaps a panel discussion about membership at a future national meeting. Erin is also representing ESP on the Annual Conference planning committee; she reported the theme will focus on Extension core competencies. Call for presentation proposals must address at least one of the core competencies. Ideas are welcome for keynote and capnote speakers; email Erin by May 30 if you have suggestions.

Secretary - Linda Beech- Linda reported this will be her last Council meeting as an active member before she retires on May 31. She will continue in the role of secretary to finish the year since she plans to become a life member. She announced that officer and committee chairman reports are due to her by September 14 for the 2018 Annual Report. Reports can continue to be emailed to her [lbeech@ksu.edu](mailto:lbeech@ksu.edu) address.

Treasurer - Jennifer Wilson- \$20,440.04 total assets to date. Membership- 113 annual members + 13 associate members. This is significantly more than was planned in the budget, so we have a stronger income than anticipated. John accepted the treasurers report as presented.

Annalist/Historian - Doug Jardine- No report for Annalist/Historian. However, Doug mentioned that the North Central Region breakout might be a place for a membership recruitment/retention panel at this year's ESP National Conference if desired.

Editor - Sarah Maass- Sarah thanked Erin for her great “elevator speech” at PILD, contact Erin to hear her speech. Sarah was delayed in sending a winter newsletter due to family health issues, she is planning to do a summer and fall issue instead. Sarah will review some of the items she had already received for timeliness. Erin added congratulations are in order to Sarah for successfully defending her dissertation.

Past President/Endowment Chair - Nadine Sigle- Deadline for endowment grants was

extended two weeks due to limited publicity prior to the deadline. She has received one application to date. Nadine suggested reviewing the deadline when the grant and scholarship applications are due. Sarah added that May 1 is a deadline for many Extension and 4-H things, so May 15<sup>th</sup> may be easier for members to accomplish.

### **Council Directors Reports**

NW Director - Wayne Moore- unable to attend, no report

NE Director - Rhonda Gordon- unable to attend, no report

SW Director - Sharon Erickson-Fryback- unable to attend, no report

SE Director - Chuckie Hessong- unable to attend, no report

State Director - Stacey Warner- unable to attend, but sent the report that there have been no state hires recently, so no action has been taken

Retirees - Marie Blythe- no report

Extension Administration - Gregg Hadley- unable to attend, no report

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Annual Recognition Event - Jennifer Carr- not able to attend, but submitted this report in advance– I have started checking on prices and catering options for the recognition event at Annual Conference.

Budget and Audit - Gina Aurand- unable to attend, no report. John reported that Gina has taken another position and will be leaving Extension later this month. John will contact vice-chair Marty Draper and ask him to move up in leadership for this committee.

Constitution and Bylaws - Jill Martinson- unable to attend, but reported that the committee has work to do on Kansas JCEP and Associate member status.

Endowment Auction Committee - Jodi Besthorn- unable to attend, no report. John mentioned he is also a member of this committee and that their work happens in the fall closer to Annual Conference.

Global Relations - Charlotte Shoup-Olsen- unable to attend, no report

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Stacey Warner- unable to attend, but submitted this report in advance– the committee met on March 30 to review the committee's responsibilities for the year. The group will meet again on May 10. The primary topic of discussion will be to develop a proposal to keep or modify the current associate membership category. The “Achievement in Chapter Membership” application was submitted by May 1 to the national ESP office.

Memorial - Jeanne Falk Jones- unable to attend, no report

Nominations - Nadine Sigle- has started working on nominees for next year. She reported Jennifer Wilson has agreed to the President-Elect position on the ballot, so the Treasurer’s position will be open for this year. Nadine and the committee are open to suggestions for other officer nominees.

Professionalism - Susie Latta- unable to attend, no report

Recognition - Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena- unable to attend, but submitted a report to John. She reported the Recognition Committee is working very hard on award nominees and casting our chapter vote for regional and national office openings. Her committee has been divided into groups to tackle the duties they are responsible for and are diligently working to meet their deadline.

Retiree - Doug Beech- He will touch base with previous chairman Jim Lindquist for guidance on Annual Conference retiree activities. Doug will respond to Erin with suggestions and/or requests for the Annual Conference committee. Doug reported he also has been assisting the national Resource Development & Management Committee with tax information on the Charitable IRA Rollover provision. He wrote an article for the national ESP newsletter and will visit with Nadine about sending something similar to state retirees and life members to remind them of this opportunity for charitable giving to the ESP Endowment Fund.

Tenure Recognition - Aliesa Woods- unable to attend, no report. She is working half-time after recovering from a farm livestock accident.

2018 National Conference Planning - Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- Jennifer reported they are working on finalizing the budget for the conference. Jennifer reported the national conference registration fee will be \$450. Twenty scholarships (some \$400 and some \$200) were awarded to our chapter members to attend national conference; she hopes that will boost attendance. Greg Price is transitioning into leadership for conference planning in his role as the new ESP National Executive Director.

### **Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members**

Membership Recruitment & Retention - Doug Jardine- Doug is promoting the Kansas national conference as he travels around in his role of NC Regional Director. His committee has been reviewing the membership section of the national bylaws.

Chapter Relations - Doug Jardine- Main activity of the committee is to fill national committees with state representatives. Doug Beech is a nominee for the national Resource Development & Management committee; Susie Latta and Debra Bolton are eligible for another term on their national committees, Laurie is rotating off her committee. Doug reported Tanda Kidd has submitted a proposal for a poster at the national meeting; he encouraged our president or state director to extend a membership invitation to Tanda to join our chapter.

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition - Laurie Chandler- unable to attend, no report

Public Issues - Debra Bolton- unable to attend, no report

Professionalism - Susie Latta- unable to attend, no report

### **Old Business**

2018 National Conference - Report from Jennifer Wilson and Stacey Warner- nothing additional at this time.

### **New Business**

KS JCEP Council Meeting - Our chapter representatives are Erin and Nadine; the KS JCEP committee has not met since our last meeting.

Other new business- none

### **Announcements**

Reminder of article for summer newsletter- submit to Sarah Maass by June 1.

New Agent Orientations -August 8, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Location TBD.

Innovative Programming Grant Applications due August 15, 2018.

Annual Report- Officer and committee chair reports to Linda Beech by September 14, 2018.

2018 ESP National Meeting, October 1-4, 2018, Manhattan, KS

KSRE Annual Conference - October 16-19, 2018  
2019 ESP National Conference - October 14-17, 2019, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
2020 ESP National Conference- New York, specific location unknown at this time.

**Council Meeting Dates:**

Council Meeting                      Wednesday, August 15th, 2018              1:30 p.m.  
Council Meeting                      Wednesday, September 12th, 2018      1:30 p.m.

**Goals for 2017-18:**

- Reaching out to younger colleagues to get involved in ESP- explore how we can be relevant to younger colleagues and meet their needs.
- Review Associate membership in light of new national guidelines for immediate eligibility.
- Reach out to increase membership among specialists
- ESP Area Directors assign ESP mentors for new colleagues
- Kansas award applicants in all recognition categories
- Professionalism Committee offer professional development opportunities for members

Respectfully submitted,



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