

**Alpha Rho Chapter – Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – 11:00 am**  
**<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/7550172399>**  
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**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. Present: Jennifer Wilson, Deb Woods, Cindy Evans, Denise Dias, Erin Yelland, Jill Martinson, Laurie Chandler, Doug Beech, Marlin Bates, Donna Drug, Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Marie Blythe and Lisa Martin

Minutes from January Council Meeting were approved as submitted.

**Chapter Officer Reports**

**President – Jennifer Wilson:** Jennifer reported attending the JCEP leadership meeting and they are planning on offering webinars on resilience, stress management and self-care. She is also applying for the North Central Vice President position and is asking for a letter of support. Marlin will do the letter and Erin will cosign it. Jennifer also submitted the chapter report to the national office.

**President Elect – Marlin Bates:** Marlin reported that he appreciated the executive committee meeting on March 3, 2020 as the group did some strategic thinking. He also submitted a presentation for the National Conference and will receive a \$450 stipend.

**Secretary – Lisa Martin:** No report

**Treasurer – Deb Wood:** Deb reported \$527.94 in expenses but there are still some JCEP expenses that may be outstanding. Endowment is \$161549.16 with \$3513.29 earned so far. She anticipated \$6400 for May and August grants.

**Annalist/Historian – Elizabeth Kiss:** No report.

**Editor – Denise Dias:** Denise also thanked the group for the executive committee meeting and will work on her job description as the needs of her role have changed with the changes in the annual meeting at Annual Conference

**Past President/Endowment Chair – Erin Yelland:** Erin will send out an email for endowment grants. She noted the \$1000 in Professional Development grants was not used as the conference was cancelled.

**Council Directors Reports**

**NW Director – Anna Muir:** No Report

**NE Director – Candis Meerpohl:** No Report

**SW Director – Ethel Schneweis:** No Report

**SE Director – Beth Hinshaw:** No Report

**State Director – Laurie Chandler:** No Report

**Retirees – Doug Beech:** Doug reported that the retirees would also provide a letter for Jennifer for the North Central position.

Extension Administration –Gregg Hadley: No Report

### **Standing Committee's Reports**

Annual Recognition Reception –Wendy Hughes: No Report

Resource Development & Mgmt—Cindy Evans: Cindy reported that she will visit with Deb in the summer.

Constitution and Bylaws –Jill Martinson: No Report

Endowment Auction –Laurie Chandler: Laurie reported that she is waiting to hear on plans for Annual Conference.

Global Relations –Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena: Liz reported that she contacted Sandy Procter to see if Sandy would share about her trip to Ethiopia. She is also contacting the group who went to the Philippines. She is planning on offering a webinar on April 15, 2020. Otherwise the presentations may be offered at Annual Conference.

Membership Recruitment and Retention –Donna Krug: Donna reported that she is sending information to new hires and may offer a virtual lunch as meetings can't take place in person.

Memorial – Nora Rhoades: No Report

Nomination –Erin Yelland: No Report

Professional Development– Chris Petty: No Report

Recognition–Anissa Jepsen: No Report

Retiree –Marie Blythe: No Report

Tenure Recognition –Tara Markley: No Report

Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members: No Report

Jennifer Wilson—Public Issues: Jennifer submitted a proposal for a webinar which Trudy Rice will present.

Doug Beech—Resource Development and Management: Doug reported that National has unspent money that needs to be spent so they will increase stipends to \$450 to attend national conference.

### **Old Business: None**

### **New Business**

Face to face Council Meeting for Strategic Planning: Jennifer reported that the executive committee had planned on having a face to fact meeting in May but now this is not an option. She did encourage everyone to think about what benefits we have to offer to member and that we need to update officer responsibilities such the editor position. To be a Chapter of Merit, we need to send at least one newsletter that aligns with the national organization.

Officer Travel: Jennifer reported that we send people to JCEP and PILD and that it is hard to budget. Currently, we may be over the budgeted amount as we have spent \$2700 for PILD and \$750 for JCEP. We are required to have send two voting delegates to national meeting. PILD is an opportunity for the President Elect and it has been moved to a virtual meeting. Erin moved that we approve to pay the extra expenses and Denise seconded. Motion carried.

**Other new business: None**

**Announcement(s):**

Next Chapter Council Conference Call: Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00 am

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Upcoming Dates:

Alpha Rho Chapter:

May 1—Deadline for professional development grants and Lindquist scholarship

National:

April 1 – Deadline for submission for national committees

April 5-8 – PILD – Public Issues Leadership Development Conference

May 1 – Deadline for National ESP Scholarships

October 5-8 – National ESP Conference in Rochester, NY