

Retirees – Daryl Buchholz: Made personal contacts with retirees to renew.
Extension Administration – Gregg Hadley: No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Banquet – Crystal Futrell: Looking to move banquet forward and open to any ideas!

Constitution and Bylaws – Jaime Menon: Currently working to review and provide updates as necessary.

Endowment Auction – Jan Steen: Possibility of online auction and accepting credit cards.

Global Relations – Sandy Procter: Zoom scheduled for next month. Feb. 19th begins international coffee hour. Sandy to submit to Rachael for newsletter. <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/coffee-hour.html>

Membership Recruitment and Retention – Beth Hinshaw: No meeting of committee at this point. Needs new chair-elect. Invitation letter on website needs to be updated.

Memorial – Nora Rhodes: No report.

Professional Development – Shane Potter: No committee meeting yet. Scheduling soon. United Associations conference coming up.

Recognition – Lindsey Muetting: Awards submitted to national in past week.

Resource Development and Management – Clint Bain: No report.

Retiree – Stacey Warner: The ESP Retiree Committee will meet via Zoom on February 25 to review their responsibilities and discuss some strategies to continue to engage retirees with KSRE and the ESP organization.

Tenure Recognition – Monica Thayer: No report.

ESP National Committee Reports

National Board of Directors – Jennifer Wilson, North-Central Regional Vice President: ELC is set to be in Kansas City 2021.

Other: Marlin involved in Urban and Culturally diverse affinity group – discussion on what our national assoc. can do to build intercultural development opportunities for extension professionals.

Old Business

United Associations Conference Relationship: Prior conversation on the “fit” of ESP within UAC. ESP was one of the founding entities. Recent shift of focus in conference to FCS content. Suggestion to ESP membership to potentially step up to leadership/planning roles to increase topics related to leadership, etc. Shane Potter to discuss further with the professional development committee and report back with suggestions.

New Business

Financial Report - Jill Martinson moved to accept as posted, Anna Muir seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Financial Audit – Last year’s posted in TEAMS. Conducted between Annual Meeting and first of the year.

Treasurer's Bond – Currently \$10,000. Expires in May. Deb suggests increasing the next bond to \$25,000.00. Question whether to renew bond for larger amount now or wait until bond expiration in May. Jill Martinson moved to renew bond at \$25,000, seconded by Elizabeth Kiss. Discussion: Deb to contact issuer and decide on timeline. Motion passed.

KSRE Annual Conference Representative: Position open. Jill Martinson nominated Crystal Futrell, seconded by Rachael Clews. Motion passed.

Consideration of submission of a [Rita T. Wood Grant](#) proposal: May 1 deadline. \$1,250 grant. Marlin made a call for submissions.

Consideration of accepting electronic payments: Concerns on ESP Chapter's filed non-profit status. Item moved to Executive Board agenda for investigation. Additional item for Exec. Board – what verbiage/agreement/etc. exists (or needs to exist) to link varying professional membership associations and limit the number of applications, etc. Discussion on various credit card platforms, associated fees. Further action: continuing to look into various platforms. Investigate annual conference plan and whether ESP will have its own auction or combine again.

Announcements

Updates to the [ESP – Alpha Rho website](#) should be sent to Mary Hellmer (copy Jennifer Wilson).

ESP-National is conducting a search for a [new Executive Director](#) until May 1, 2021

New ESP-National website: <https://espnational.org/>

Adjourn

2021 ESP – Alpha Rho Council Meeting Dates:

April 15, June 17, September 16

Upcoming Dates:

[2021 Public Issues Leadership Development \(PILD\) Conference](#) April 12-14, 2021 (Virtual)

[2021 Epsilon Sigma Phi National Meeting](#) October 25-28, Savannah GA

[Call for Proposals](#) accepted through March 8, 2021