

# Epsilon Sigma Phi

## *Pi Chapter*

### Annual Meeting Minutes

**MINNESOTA "PI" Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi**  
**Monday, October 3, 2011**  
Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America

ESP President Toni Smith called the Minnesota Pi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi to order at 11:45 am on October 3, 2011 at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America. There were 43 annual members and 4 life members present.

Past President Marcia Woeste added committee sign up to the agenda. A signup sheet was circulated among members to indicate a commitment to serve on a committee.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jerry Tesmer, ESP Treasurer. For the fiscal year through August 31, 2011 there was total income of \$5,083.00 and total expenses of \$3,603.25. The balance in the checking account was \$2,278.80; savings account balance was \$3,855.96, and CD balance was \$5,360.38. Treasurer Tesmer presented the Budget Overview for 2011/2012. Marcia Woeste moved to accept the proposed budget and Kim Asche seconds the motion. The motion passed.

The previous year's budget was reviewed by the Audit Committee of Kay Lovett, Chuck Schwartau, and LuAnn Hiniker. Chuck directed members to the audit report printed in the handout materials distributed at the meeting. He moved to accept the audit report. No second was needed. The motion passed

Secretary Sara Croymans directed members to the minutes from the October 4, 2010 Annual Meeting printed in the packet of materials. She moved to accept the minutes as printed. Phyllis Onstad second the motion. The motion passed.

Membership committee co-chair, Eric Vogel reported the organization had several new members including Eleanor Burkett, Connie Burns, Brad Carlson, Jennifer Garbow, Becky Hagen Jokela, Eli Sager, Jim Salfer, and Deb Zak. Those that have paid their life membership dues include Kathleen Olson, Dorothy Rosemeier, Toni Smith, with several others indicating their intention to pay life membership dues as a result of upcoming retirements.

Past President Marcia Woeste introduced the slate of officers including Holli Arp for President Elect, Suzanne Driessen for Secretary, and Tom Hovde for Director for Retirees. Toni Smith thanked those that will be leaving the board.

As a candidate for president elect Holli Arp said a few words about herself. Cindy Bigger moved to close nominations for president elect & cast a unanimous ballot. Nancy Hegland seconds the motion. The motion passed.

As a candidate for secretary Suzanne Driessen said a few words about herself. Cindy Bigger moved to cease nominations for the office of secretary and cast a unanimous ballot. Cindy Petersen seconds the motion. The motion passed.

President Toni Smith asked for additional nominations for the office of Director for Retirees. Cindy Petersen moved to cease nominations for this office and cast a unanimous ballot. Chuck Schwartau seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Using hand held voting devices President Elect Kia Harries engaged those in attendance in an exercise which highlighted committee work and ideas for future ESP program emphasis. Topics included awards and previous award winners, MEWS Scholarship, retirees, fund raising, upcoming fall staff development event, marketing, membership, and ESP goals. Using the voting machines those in attendance indicated that membership was a top priority goal for 2011/2012.

Becky Harrington spoke on behalf of the Fundraising Committee and Phyllis Onstad spoke for the Scholarship Committee. From the Professional Improvement Committee Bob Mugaas directed everyone's attention to the flyer for the **Extra Special** Fall Event scheduled for October 21, 2011 at the U of MN Landscape Arboretum. Registrations are due October 7.

President Elect Kia Harries challenged ESP members to have Enthusiasm, to Speculate on the possibilities, and to Pursue opportunities.  
Toni recognized the outgoing board members.

Gwen Gmeinder, Retiree/Life Member Committee Chair, recognized those who passed away this past year, including John Edward Becker, Evelyn M. Falkoski, Leonard B. Hertz, Kathleen M. Mangum, Stanley R. Meinen, Verna Mikesh, and Clara "Pat" Pogalz.

President Toni Smith recognized the individuals who have worked on the proposed changes of Extension membership organizations this past year, including committee chairs Kay Lovett and Jeanne Markell and the committee members.

ESP Past President Marcia Woeste conducted the installation of officers:

- Past president – Toni Smith
- President- Kia Harries
- President Elect – Holly Arp
- Treasurer – Jerry Tesmer
- Secretary - Suzanne Driessen
- Director for Active Members – Kim Asche
- Director for Retired Members - Tom Hovde

Toni Smith shared a few words thanking the membership for the opportunity to serve as President this past year. She turned the meeting back over to the new President Kia Harries

Tamie Bremseth invited people to the joint MAEE/ESP awards banquet this evening. Kim Asche thanked Neil Broadwater, "the newsletter man," for all of his work on the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kia Harries.

Minutes by Sara Croymans, Secretary

(as of Oct 5, 2011)

## 2011 ESP Officers

### President:

**Kia Harries**

4-H Youth Development Educator & MN Operation:  
Military Kids State Liaison

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### President-Elect:

**Holli Arp**

Regional Director

[arpxx001@umn.edu](mailto:arpxx001@umn.edu)

### Secretary:

**Suzanne Driessen** (2012 – 2013)

Extension Educator, Food Science

[driessen@umn.edu](mailto:driessen@umn.edu)

### Treasurer:

Jerry Tesmer

Extension Educator, Ag Production - Fillmore County

[tesme001@umn.edu](mailto:tesme001@umn.edu)

### Past-President:

Toni Smith

Extension Field Operations Outreach Director & Liaison  
to AMC

[tonis@umn.edu](mailto:tonis@umn.edu)

### Directors:

Annual Membership Director

**Kim Asche** (2011 – 2012)

Extension Educator, YD Educational Design

[asche008@umn.edu](mailto:asche008@umn.edu)

Lifetime Membership Director

**Tom Hovde** (2012 -2013)

Retiree

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## 2010 ESP Committee Chairs

### Awards and Recognition:

**Tamie Bremseth**

[brems002@umn.edu](mailto:brems002@umn.edu)

**Members:**

Marcia Woeste

### Fundraising:

**Becky Harrington**

[willi107@umn.edu](mailto:willi107@umn.edu)

**Members:**

Ellie McCann

Kim Asche

### Global Relations:

**Chuck Schwartau**

[cschwart@umn.edu](mailto:cschwart@umn.edu)

### History & Archives:

**None at this time**

### Legislative:

**Jeanne Markel**

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### Membership:

**Eric Vogel**

[vogel007@umn.edu](mailto:vogel007@umn.edu)

**Members:**

Janet Beyer

Nancy Hegland

### Professional Improvement:

**None at this time**

### Retiree/Life Member:

**Gwen Gmeinder**

[g-gmei@umn.edu](mailto:g-gmei@umn.edu)

**Member:**

Shirley Anderson Porisch

### Scholarship:

**Rosi Heins**

[heins002@umn.edu](mailto:heins002@umn.edu)

**Members:**

Eric Vogel

Colleen Gengler

Margo Herman

### Internal Committees

#### Nominating:

**Toni Smith**

[tonis@umn.edu](mailto:tonis@umn.edu)

#### Audit:

Three members not on Executive Committee

#### Pi Chapter Newsletter / Website Editor:

**Neil Broadwater**

Extension Educator – Dairy [broad007@umn.edu](mailto:broad007@umn.edu)