

Epsilon Sigma Phi

Pi Chapter

Board Minutes

Monday, March 26, 2012

Phone conference, 9 – 9:28 AM

Roll Call: Kia Harries, Holli Arp, Eric Vogel, Jerry Tesmer, Gwen Gmeinder, Kim Asche, Suzanne Driessen, Becky Harrington,

1. Kia Harries, President

- a. Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM
- b. Review of the agenda
- c. No additions to the agenda

2. Secretary's Report

- a. January 30, 2012 minutes sent via email prior to this meeting.
- b. *Action:* Motion to accept minutes by Gwen Gmeinder, second by Holli Arp. Motion carried.
- c. Eric Vogel reported there is a provision in Robert Rules of Order regarding conducting meetings via technology like conference calls. Minutes, treasurer's reports, etc do not need to be approved via a motion. The President can ask for if there is a common consensus amongst the group.

3. Treasurer's report – Jerry Tesmer

- a. Report sent to board via email prior to meeting
- b. Gained 1 life member and 1 new member since last meeting
- c. Paid dues, paid ESP delegate expenses since last meeting
- d. As of 3-26-12: Checking account balance is \$ 3,714.61
- e. *Action:* Common consensus; File and subject to audit, second by Holli Arp. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

Committee Reports

- a. *Awards & Recognition* – Tamie Bremseth (via written report)
 - i. The ESP-Pi chapter award winners from this past fall were submitted to ESP for consideration for regional awards.
 - ii. Reviewing award applications categories and requirements from national ESP
 - iii. A notice for awards applications will be sent to membership
- b. *Fundraising* – Becky Harrington
 - i. Plan to continue silent auction fundraiser at Extension annual conference. Details yet to come about annual conference. A suggestion was made to have the silent auction open to all attendees.
 - ii. Promote in retiree newsletter to engage retirees in items for the silent auction.

- c. **Global Relations & Professional Improvement** – Chuck Schwartau & Toni Smith - No report
- d. **History/Archives** – No chairperson
 - i. Announcement made in last newsletter
- e. **Legislative** – Jeanne Markell - No report
- f. **Membership** – Eric Vogel
 - i. 48 annual members
 - ii. 147 life members
- g. **Retirees** – Gwen Gmeinder
 - i. 52 Retirees in 2011 and first month of 2012
 - ii. May retiree eNewsletter; will send copy to ESP board meetings
 - iii. Dean’s retiree luncheon – send Gwen ideas for program topics
- h. **Scholarships** – Rosi Heins (via email)
 - 1. MEWS scholarship funds - \$500 supported JCEP delegate

5. New Business

- a. **JCEP Meeting** - Holli Arp
 - i. Holli represented Minnesota ESP at JCEP, in San Antonio, Texas, February, 2012.
 - ii. Lot of discussion around membership in states. Membership recruitment is a challenge across the nation due to budget cuts and retirements.
- b. **PILD** (Public Issues Leadership Development conference)
 - i. Jerry will be attending as Minnesota ESP delegate. Gwen is attending as Extension government relations representative.
 - 1. Gwen reported that seven delegates are going from Minnesota Extension
 - 2. The theme is ‘Relevance of Cooperative Extension in 2012 and Beyond’
- c. **MNCEP Update - Kia**
 - i. Kia reported the board meets in April
 - ii. Board will work on ESP and the section’s annual meeting arrangements at Extension annual session
 - iii. Recognition ideas: Suggestions included: recognition is important; support for public recognition at a larger event depending on scheduling
 - iv. No ESP member is on the Extension annual session; Kia will follow-up with Extension Administration regarding scheduling annual meeting and recognition.
- d. **ESP Newsletter & Membership Memo timelines**
 - i. May – Membership memos
 - ii. July – Membership memos
 - iii. September – Newsletter – hard copy is sent to those that do not have email. About 62 retirees receive a hard copy of the newsletter.
- e. **ESP national Meeting: Oct 7-10, 2012; Mobile, AL**
 - i. RFP’s extended to April 1st for presentations & posters
 - ii. \$250 stipend if you present
- f. **Conference call/meeting dates**
 - i. Thursday, May 10 (9-11 am conference call)
 - ii. Monday, July 30, 10-2, Coffey Hall

9:28 AM: Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Driessen, Secretary; Reviewed by Kia Harries, President

