



**Epsilon Sigma Phi: Alpha Sigma Wisconsin Chapter
82nd Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn, – 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI
April 12, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ESP President Joan LeFebvre at 11:05a.m.

Extension Professional's Creed: Said by all.

Review and Adopt Agenda: LeFebvre reviewed the agenda, requesting additions or changes. Motion by Jeanne Baum/Sherry Daniels to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried. LeFebvre appointed Edie Felts-Podoll as Parliamentarian.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Cara Carper/Faden Fulleylove-Krause to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. LeFebvre appointed Barb Haynes and Karen Joos to review the April 12, 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Financial Report: Jeanne Baum, Treasurer reviewed the financial report for 2011-2012 highlighting changes from previous year. Revenue was up due to a grant received through the Humanities Council. Expenses were down from year previous. Baum presented the proposed 2012-2013 budget highlighting the grant/financial resources received from the Humanities Council.

LeFebvre appointed Kathi Vos, Linda Kustka, and Daniel Malacara to the Audit Committee. They will meet face-to-face with Baum to review the 2011-2012 records.

Election of Officers: Paul Roback, Past President presented the slate of candidates for offices.

- President Elect- Patrick Nehring, Community Development Educator in Waushara County
- Treasurer- Melanie Miller, retired 4-H Youth Development Specialist
- State Director- Tom Schmitz, Central Region Director
- County-Based Director- Barb Haynes, Family Living Educator and WNEP Coordinator in Price County
- Retiree Director- Kay Buelke Schroeder, retired 4-H Youth Development Educator in Ozaukee County

Motion by Dianne Weber/Donna Menart to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for candidates. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports: NOTE: complete reports were distributed to those in attendance and are posted on the ESP Website

- Awards: Joan Wimme recognized the committee and shared that the committee met via WisLine this past year completing their responsibilities. Award applications were reviewed with recognition occurring at the All Association Luncheon. Applications will be forwarded on to the national level. The committee is seeking additional members.

- Benefits Review: Dwayne Rohweder reviewed the purpose and history of the committee and gave a charge for additional committee members.
- Grants: Mahlon Peterson referenced the printed report provided. A total of \$14,500 was distributed from the grants committee. He recognized the members of the Grants Committee. Peterson reminded the members that there are two grant cycles: August 1 and February 1.
- Global Relations: Mary Ann Schilling reported on the re-formation of this committee. They are seeking a new committee chair and encouraged members to visit their poster display later in the afternoon.
- Membership: Edie Felts-Podoll provided an up-date and overview on membership. She announced that Faye Malek will be the new Membership Committee Chair.
- Nominations: Paul Roback reported on Nominations Committee and shared the success of developing a committee to complete the work of the committee. Roback thanked the committee for their work.
- Retiree: Paul Roback also thanked the Retiree committee for their work and shared the success of having an email retiree list to keep communication open between current issues and the retirees.
- Resource Development and Management: Peg Reedy reviewed the charge of the committee and thanked them for their work. Reedy also shared the history of the Wisconsin ESP Endowment that was started by Henry Algren. Reedy shared an email from Henry Algren's daughter that highlighted her father's work.

Motion to place reports on file as printed by Barb Haynes/Gail Huycke. Motion carried.

Members were reminded to complete and return committee application forms.

Newsletter Update: René Mehlberg, newsletter editor explained that the newsletter is produced 3 times a year: July 1, November 1, March 1. The newsletter is posted electronically via support from the Dean's office with hard copies sent to life members who do not have email access. The next newsletter deadline is June 15th 2012.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- Standing Committee Policies and Procedures: LeFebvre referred people to the document that was distributed. This is standard information for all committees. It is a living document that members will need to keep updated. The goal is to help members know the background and expectations of committee work and committee membership.
- Historian Report: Linda Kustka, ESP Historian, shared that she brought the Wisconsin ESP original charter with her to the meeting. She also shared that the Humanities Grant written to help celebrate Cooperative Extension's Centennial funded the "Guess the Gadget" event at the Leadership Forum and the Jerry Apps workshop which preceded JCEP. A total of 27 people attended the workshop. The long-term goal is to have lots of Extension stories shared.
- Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD): LeFebvre announced the two ESP delegates to the conference are René Mehlberg and Patrick Nehring. Sue Buck is serving as the Wisconsin PILD delegation coordinator.



New Business

- Adopt Proposed Budget 2012-2013: Motion by Peggy Compton/Chris Kniep to approve the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Initiation of New Members and Recognition of New Life Members: Felts-Podoll recognized and welcomed the following new life and annual members:
 - New Life Members**: Jim Hovland, Barb Hug, Bob Kaiser, Joan LeFebvre, Melanie Miller, Rosanne Schleif, John Wedberg.
 - New Members**: Ted Bay, Aerica Bjurstrom, Jennifer Blazek, Kristi Cutts, Sarah Hawks, Beth Johnson, Betsy Olson, Richard Toebe, Karen Vermillion,
- President's Comments and Recognition of Outgoing Officers: LeFebvre thanked the 2011-2012 Board for their contributions acknowledging the team effort and many accomplishment of the year.
- Induction of New Officers: Paul Roback installed the 2012-2013 Board
 - President: Peggy Compton
 - President-Elect: Patrick Nehring
 - Past President: Joan LeFebvre
 - Treasurer: Melanie Miller
 - Secretary: René Mehlberg
 - Directors – County: Cara Carper and Barb Haynes
 - Directors – Retirees: Mary Mennes and Kay Buelke Schroeder
 - Directors – State Staff: Ann Keim and Tom Schmitz
- Presentation of Gavel: President Joan LeFebvre presented the 2012-2013 ESP President's gavel to Peggy Compton.

Upcoming Meetings: President Peggy Compton highlighted the following events and dates:

- Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD), Alexandria, VA – April 14-18, 2012
- ESP Picnic – August 21, 2012 at Lakeside Park, Middleton
- ESP National Conference, Mobile, AL – October 7-10, 2012
- Galaxy IV Conference, Pittsburg, PA – September 15-19, 2013
- Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD), Alexandria, VA – April 21-24, 2013

Adjourn: Compton adjourned the meeting at 12:01p.m.