



Epsilon Sigma Phi: Alpha Sigma Wisconsin Chapter
83rd Annual Meeting
Glacier Canyon Lodge – 45 Hillman Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI
April 18, 2013, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ESP President Peggy Compton at 11:02a.m.

Review and Adopt Agenda: Compton reviewed the agenda, requesting additions or changes. Motion by Tom Schmitz/Marv Beatty to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried. Compton appointed Chris Kniep as Parliamentarian.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Joan LeFebvre/Dan Wilson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Faye Malek/Dan Wilson to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. Compton appointed Aerica Bjurstrom and Jeanne Baum to review the April 18, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Financial Report: Melanie Miller, Treasurer reviewed the financial report for 2012-2013 highlighting changes from previous year. Did mention it was a shortfall budget, which happened, but in no danger. Discussion followed. The fiscal year ends February 28. Many memberships have come in after the fiscal year so chapter is financially better than report shows. The report will be placed on file subject to audit.

Miller presented the proposed 2013-2014 budget highlighting the changes that were made.

Compton appointed Jeanne Baum, Linda Kustka, and Daniel Malacara to the Audit Committee. They will meet face-to-face with Miller to review the 2012-2013 records.

Election of Officers: Joan LeFebvre, Past President presented the slate of candidates for offices.

- President Elect- Mary Novak, retired Family Living Educator, Kewaunee County
- Secretary- Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent, Kewaunee County
- State Director- Patrick Robinson, Co-director of Environmental Resources Center
- County-Based Director- Mike Koles, Community Resource Development Educator, Waupaca County
- Retiree Director- Marilyn Herman, retired Family Living Educator, Waupaca County

Motion by Marty Havlovic/Dan Wilson 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. Wimme highlight the committee discussion on how to encourage more members to apply for awards. Are there ways to

streamline the process with other associations' applications and how can we all work together. How can we encourage people to apply?

- Benefits Review: Report is on page 14 of Annual Report Packet provided by chair, Dwayne Rohweder. If you have questions, contact Dwayne.
- Grants: Patrick Nehring reported that over \$10,000 were spent in grants since last year's ESP meeting. Nehring highlighted the award receipts listed in the report.
- Global Relations: Mary Ann Schilling reported on the International Workshop they co-hosted. They hope to offer the program again. This past year the committee was re-established to explore ways to partner with the UWEX International Team.
- Membership: Faye Malek provided an up-date and overview on membership. She highlighted the work done to reach out to potential new, retiree, and life members. She announced that Kristi Cutts will be the new Membership Committee Chair.
- Nominations: Joan LeFebvre recognized the committee members, reported on the work done, and shared the success of developing a committee to complete the work of the committee.
- Resource Development and Management: Peg Reedy reported as interim chair and shared that a new committee chair is needed and she is willing to work with someone to take on this leadership role. Reedy also shared the history of the Wisconsin ESP Endowment started by Henry Algren. Reedy encouraged to check-out the leaves at the Pyle Center especially the leaves names that recognize the named grants.
- Retiree: Paul Roback 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. The committee also puts forth a nomination for the Retiree Award. Many committee members and retirees were part of the 100 CES Centennial Celebration.

Motion to place reports on file as printed by Marty Havlovic/Mary Ann Schilling. Motion carried.

Newsletter Update: René Mehlberg, newsletter editor explained 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 2013.

Mehlberg is looking for an ESP member to take over the role as Newsletter Editor. She will help anyone with the transition. Anyone interested should contact Mehlberg.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- Historian Report: Linda Kustka, ESP Historian, shared that the recent National ESP Connection highlighted the Wisconsin's CES Centennial. Kustka shared the vision of updating the ESP Room at the Pyle Center and it looking for feedback.
- Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD): Compton announced the two ESP delegates to the conference are Mary Ann Schilling and herself. Judy Knudsen is serving as the Wisconsin PILD delegation coordinator.

New Business

- Adopt Proposed Budget 2013-2014: Melanie Miller shared that ESP received a substantial memorial from the George Oncken family to go for professional development. Motion by Jeanne Baum/Joan Wimme to approve the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.



- Initiation of New Members and Recognition of New Life Members: Faye Malek recognized and welcomed the following new life and annual members:

New Life Members: Marilyn Herman, Mary Novak, Marma McIntee, Linda Olsen, Kay Stanek.

New Members: Cynthia Bourget, Carol Bralich, Erica Brewster, Jason Hausler, Neil Klemme, Rachael Loucks, Christian Malsatxki, Jay Moynihan, Steve Okonek, Erin Peot, Katie Pfeiffer, Leonard Polzin, Nathan Sandwick, Heather Schlessner, Chris Stark, Ryan Sterry.

All members recited the Extension Professional's Creed.

- President's Comments and Recognition of Outgoing Officers: Compton shared highlights of her experience as the ESP President and thanked the chapter for their support. She then thanked the 2012-2013 Board for their contributions.

Compton encouraged people to be involved and reminded people to complete and return committee application forms.

- Induction of New Officers: Joan LeFebvre installed the 2013-2014 Board
 - President: Patrick Nehring
 - President-Elect: Mary Novak
 - Past President: Peggy Compton
 - Treasurer: Melanie Miller
 - Secretary: Aerica Bjurstrom
 - Directors – County: Mike Koles and Barb Haynes
 - Directors – Retirees: Marilyn Hermann and Kay Buelke Schroeder
 - Directors – State Staff: Patrick Robinson and Tom Schmitz
- Presentation of Gavel: President Peggy Compton presented the 2013-2014 ESP President's gavel to Patrick Nehring.

Upcoming Meetings: President Patrick Nehring highlighted the following events and dates:

- Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD), Alexandria, VA – April 21-24, 2013
- ESP Picnic – August 20, 2013 at Lakeside Park, Middleton
- Galaxy IV Conference, Pittsburg, PA – September 15-19, 2013
- National ESP Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, October 2014

Adjourn: Motion by Marty Hovlovic/Tom Schmitz to adjourn the meeting at 12:22p.m.