



## EPSILON SIGMA PHI- ALPHA SIGMA WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Board of Directors Meeting – Epsilon Sigma Phi Room Pyle Center/Wisline

August 21, 2012

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Peggy Compton at 11:05a.m.

Present: Peggy Compton, René Mehlberg, Cara Carper, Linda Kustka, Kay Buelke Schroeder, Patrick Nehring

On-line: Paul Roback, Joan Wimme, Faye Malek, Dwayne Rohweder, Melanie Miller, Mary Ann Schilling

Not Attending: Joan LeFebvre, Barb Haynes, Tom Schmitz, Ann Keim, Mary Mennes, Yvonne Horton, Gail Huycke

Review and Adopt Agenda: Any additional or reordered items. Motion by Carper/Nehring to adopt the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Review of February 14, 2012 meeting minutes and June 18, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion by Miller/Schilling to accept the February 14, 2012 as printed. Motion carried. Motion by Carper/Buelke Schroeder to accept the June 18, 2012 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Melanie Miller

Treasurer's report was provided via email. Miller highlighted transactions to date, which have been minimal. Miller recently received a bill for the July newsletter \$468.55 (printing of July newsletter and postage). Mehlberg asked the number of newsletters copied, which Miller will report back. Motion by Buelke Schroeder/Malek to place the report on file subject to audit. Motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Awards: Joan Wimme

Six members are currently on the committee, but heavy with 4-H Youth Development representation. Wimme is looking for representation from the CRD and Ag program areas.

Wimme gave a recap of last year's number of awards, which totaled 8. Committee is looking for ways to encourage more award applications. Committee will begin work in October/November to prep for award recruitment.

Benefits Review: Dwayne Rohweder

Rohweder contacted Kathy Eisenmann and Rosanne Schleif for future leadership. Neither are able to commit to the role. Larry Bundy will be transitioning into the role. Rohweder shared that the role is difficult to fill due to the time commitment needed, even from local retirees.

Grants: Gail Huycke – not able to attend

Nehring reported. One application was received for the August deadline. The committee has not met yet. There are currently 2 open positions on the committee. Ideally, would like to have someone from the Ag program area and a retiree. Buelke Schroeder agreed to move to the grants committee. Mehlberg has agreed to serve as the Board Liaison for the awards committee.

Global Relations: MaryAnn Schilling

Schilling shared the list of committee membership. A committee wisline is scheduled for the following week to discuss with Arlen Albrecht and Julie Keown-Bomar from the UWEX International Committee to see how the various groups can support each other.

Membership: Faye Malek

Malek shared the list of committee membership. The committee is looking to have a retiree on the committee to help answer life member questions. The annual membership drive will be between November and February. Committee will meet in September to make annual membership plans in which Malek shared various strategies for annual and/or life membership recruitment.

Malek said that the idea of paying membership fees by credit cards is being considered. Discussion followed including what are costs for doing this securely, it would be easy for individuals and counties to do, what are options for an online payment system. Miller will check with UW Credit Union (current bank where ESP accounts are) about possible options.

Malek shared a comment she received about the high price of Life Time Membership of \$400. Does the amount of Life Membership need to be clarified of what you get and where the money goes to, etc.? The membership committee will be looking into this issue to follow-up with. Compton asked Miller if she knew if \$200 was sent to Nationals for Life Time Members. Miller will follow-up with past-Treasurer Baum. Compton will put on a future agenda regarding Life Time Membership cost.

Nominations: Joan LeFebvre - excused

Compton reported on committee membership. Currently no update as the committee has not met.

Resource Development: Cara Carper

Carper is in transition into the chair role as she is waiting to receive the chair materials from Peg Reedy. Committee is in need of membership, especially visionary people of how to grow the endowment.

Retiree: Paul Roback

Roback shared committee membership and is looking for one more member. Committee has worked on updating policy and procedures, recruiting members, communications to retiree email list, newsletter article topics, and involvement in 2013 JCEP conference. Roback shared there may be a good connection to retirees with the 2013 JCEP conference being held in Wisconsin Dells. Committee will meet again October/November. Buelke Schroeder shared her appreciation with the emails sent to retirees from Roback.

**Board Member Reports**

Historian: Linda Kustka

Kustka reported on the following events.

- 1) Lambeau Field Reception in conjunction with state WACEC. Many great stories were recorded that are being transcribed. About 180 people attended.
- 2) Farm Technology Days – display of women’s clothing; not a good venue to capture stories

- 3) State Fair UW-Madison Days – great presence there, but no collection of stories. Trivia games were played for prizes.

Story gathering coming up: HCE state conference, program area conferences, ESP picnic. Hope to have CES Centennial on the Board of Regents agenda, but logistics are being worked out.

As part of the National ESP grant received a poster session needs to be done to share the impact of the grant. Kustka is looking for help with designing and printing of the poster display. Ideas of where this poster display would be done include the 2012 National ESP meeting. Pamela Seelman is also considering using the display for a professional conference association she is connected with.

Newsletter: René Mehlberg

There are 3 per year – July, November, March. Carper and Compton shared positive feedback on the July newsletter. The next newsletter article deadline is October 15. A reminder will be sent September 15 with deadline being October 15 for November 1 publication. Articles can be sent in early.

Mehlberg announced that she will be looking for a new newsletter editor over the course of the year as she would like to transition out of the role.

Administration Representative: Yvonne Horton – not able to attend

Retiree Representation: Kay Buelke Schroeder

Buelke Schroeder asked Roback of the structure with the Retiree Committee and her role with the retiree representatives. Roback shared that the retiree representation on the board is to make sure that the retiree perspective is there.

County Representation: Cara Carper

No report

State Representation: Ann Keim & Tom Schmitz – not able to attend

Past President: Joan LeFebvre – excused

No report

President: Peggy Compton

National ESP Conference registration is currently open. Registration fee increases after September 15. Carper, Compton, and Nehring will be attending.

Compton shared that through looking at the National website, she discovered that Wisconsin's committees parallel National ESP committees. Each National committee has a document similar to a plan of work to share goals and objectives. Compton encourages committee chairs to visit the National ESP website for ideas at <http://www.espnational.org/2012-committees.html>

President-elect: Patrick Nehring

No updates to the Memorial list since the July 2012 newsletter publication.

**Unfinished/On-going Business**

Website Update: Paul Roback/Peggy Compton

Compton encourages us to visit the new ESP website. Roback shared that the website is a work in progress with some tweaks to be made. Please share updates with Roback. Mehlberg requested a newsletter article to encourage people to go visit the new and improved website. Compton and Roback will coordinate this effort.

Compton requested Mehlberg to send approved missing minutes to Roback to update the website.

#### ESP member on JCEP Planning Committee

Compton shared that Marty Havlovic agreed to serve in the role.

#### JCEP Conference: Mary Ann Schilling

Schilling shared that JCEP will be at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells, April 17 -18. Nehring also shared that JCEP is looking to host Wisconsin JCEP at the same place 2-years in a row.

#### PILD

Compton shared that Barb Haynes expressed interest to her in attending PILD representing ESP. Compton asked if anyone else was interested. Discussion followed including comments of sharing the opportunity to attend to more people beyond the elected board members; having various representation throughout Wisconsin (rural-urban; Congressional districts). Roback also shared that JCEP identifies the PILD coordinator. Compton will be in contact with the JCEP chair for logistics.

#### **New Business**

##### National JCEP Leadership Conference: Peggy Compton

Delegate(s ) are being finalized for the National JCEP Leadership Conference, February 12-14, 2013 in Memphis, TN. Compton shared that the tradition is for the President and President-Elect to attend. Nehring is planning to attend. Compton is checking her schedule and will keep the board posted if another ESP representative is needed to attend.

##### Potential historical perspective project for the ESP Room at the Pyle Center: Linda Kustka

Kustka shared her vision of decorating the ESP room in the Pyle Center with historical ESP documents. She also shared what is currently on the walls for those online. Kustka shared she is interested in getting a group together (those with a sense of history and design) to put forth a proposal to decorate the walls. Compton is in favor to pursue decorating the room to help tell the story of ESP. Kustka will talk with Pyle Center management on the feasibility of this project. Kustka will keep us posted on project status. Kustka does have the original ESP charter that could be placed in the room.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Board Meetings
  - Friday, November 9 from 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. via wisline
  - March 2013 will be scheduled soon
- National ESP Meeting – October 7-10, 2012, Mobile, AL
- National JCEP Leadership Conference – February 12-14, 2013, Memphis, TN
- Wisconsin's JCEP Conference – April 17-18, 2013, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- PILD – April 21-24, 2013, Alexandria, VA
- Galaxy IV Conference – September 16-20, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA

Compton adjourned the meeting at 1:14p.m.