

**Epsilon Sigma Phi
Alpha Omicron Chapter
Annual meeting November 11, 2003
Days Inn, State College**

The meeting was called to order by President, Duane Stevenson at 10:30 a.m. A moment of silence was given to recognize those who are in active service in Iraq.

President Stevenson introduced Dr. Daney Jackson, Associate Director, Penn State Cooperative Extension. Daney indicated that he was the “new Diane Brown” – He has transferred his ESP membership from OSU. He feels ESP is important as it ties all program areas together around extension education and houses the body of knowledge on extension organization as a system. Dr. Jackson also indicated that an important aspect of the ESP professional association is service scholarship and the need to build on this body of knowledge. He acknowledged that for some Extension Educators, this is the only outlet for outreach scholarship. Additionally, other professional associations need to engage in ESP to support the whole. Dr. Jackson suggested that each member should look for an opportunity to serve on committees and determine what we can give back to our professions. Encourage your colleagues to get involved.

Secretary’s Report

The answers to the trivia game on the history of ESP were provided along with prizes, ESP clocks.

Joan Thomson moved and Roland Freund seconded, that the annual report minutes be approved as printed. Meeting minutes of executive committee are posted on the web site.

Treasurer’s Report

Printed copy was provided of current budget. The Treasurer Report was approved by Bill Shuffstall and Nancy Crago. A proposed budget was provided. The rationale for increases in membership committee and professional development line items were provided. Discussion on budget proposal was held around support for officer costs to attend national meeting. This is to be addressed through professional development increases. Funds are also needed to support those who are to be recognized at national meeting.

Mary Jo Depp-Nestlerode moved, Diane Brown seconded for discussion that we increase the professional development fund to \$4,000. Discussion on motion. New member initiation fee also discussed. The motion was defeated. Debra Gregory moved that under proposed budget that new members must pay all dues to national and the meal costs. Seconded by Fay Strickler. Beth Raney, Membership Chair, spoke to the proposal. Hand count vote indicated 20 YES, 22 NO. Motion not carried. Christy Kohler proposed that the Chapter pay the initiation fee only. Nancy Wallace seconded. Daney Jackson amend the motion that the ESP chapter waive the \$20 state fee and pay \$7 initiative fee. New member would pay national dues and individual pay full membership in ensuing year. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Fred Davis moved, Ken Green seconded that we approve the budget as amended. Voice vote approval. A corrected copy will be posted on the website.

President's Report-Duane Stevenson

President's remarks were in the newsletter. Duane thanked the present officers and past President for their support. Congratulations to Nancy Crago elected to 2nd Vice President of the National Chapter.

Vice President Report – Amy Gregor

The role of VP is focused on committee work. Current committee members were thanked. Two ad hoc committees added: historical and website. Each committee chair is asked to serve two years with a co-chair as well and then be prepared to step into the chair position. Sign up for committee membership was solicited by a sheet provided on the table as well as sign up at registration for the annual meeting.

Committee Reports

Audit Finance – Shirley Bixby reported that the audit was completed fall. All accounts were current and correct.

Annual Meeting – Nancy Wallace

Thanks were expressed to Nancy for her leadership for the annual meeting.

Chapter and Career Award – Joan Thomson recognized members for four awards. Multiple nominees were received for each award. College listserv provided opportunity for members to rejoin and get to know organization. Guidelines need to follow national and the committee hopes to clarify guidelines and criteria for future years.

Constitution and By-Laws – Ed Horning requested to change Extension Secretary Award to Extension Staff Assistant. This will need to be implemented by next year's committee. Co-chair is needed for committee.

Friend of Extension and Secretary Award- Fred Davis will be present these at the joint award banquet this evening.

Global Relations – Michael Martin provided state and national report in print. Mary Alice Gettings is on the national committee. Mary Alice encouraged anyone with interest in international work to go to national website.

Historical – report later as part of program.

Membership and Initiation – Beth Raney – printed report with 40- new potential members contacted.

Endowment Award – Jim Welshans indicated that Guy Temple will serve as co-chair. Fourteen members have given to the endowment. The approach is \$75 dollars for 75th anniversary. Goal for this year is 20 additional donors. Auction dollars will go toward endowment. \$902 provided in 2003.

Nomination Committee Sam Crossley's report was postponed until election.

Professional Development – Natalie Furry sent a survey to all county and faculty but only received eight replies. This number is not reflective of the membership. A survey was provided today to request input for committee direction.

Website Committee – Peg and Bill Shuffstall demonstrated new ESP Chapter website. A review of other chapter state websites was done. Officers provided input. ESP Alpha Omicron Website URL: <http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/casprof/esp> Appreciation was expressed for Peg and Bill's development of web site

Chapter and Career Awards

- Rookie of the Year Nominator – Nancy Stevens, Montgomery County presented award winner – Andrew Frankenfeld, Montgomery County Ag Educator
- Early Career – Lee Miller nominator presented Mary Alice Gettings, Nutrition and Health Educator
- State Visionary Leadership Award – Fred Davis presented Dr. Ted Alter. Presentation noted acknowledged Dr. Alter's Vision for Outreach and Extension, the CED Leadership Institute, NELD support, and PA Extension focused on future direction.
- Diane Brown presented Fay Strickler Distinguished Service Award – served as National President for ESP. Works in Food Safety, Diet Nutrition and Health as well as support for EFNEP program. VP Professional Development NEAFCS Distinguished Service, Cont. Excellence, ESP National Diversity Statement, Mentoring Program, Campaign for the Endowment. Excellence in Extension Program and Service to the Profession

Scholarship & Loans – Sandy Hall

Jan Scholl received from national a \$500 award for a video production of F&CS history
\$400 Forgivable Loan presented to Carolyn Wisenbach for her professional education

Nomination Report – Claudia Mincemoyer

A slate of officers was presented

President – Amy Gregory

Vice President – Michelle Rodgers

Secretary – Ken Green

Treasurer – Debra Bryant

Phyllis Wright moved and Joan Thomson seconded to close the nominations

Nancy Wallace made a motion and Kathy Hostettler seconded that the Secretary should pass an unanimous ballot. Voice vote approval of motion.

Initiation of Officers was conducted by Duane Stevenson

Initiation of new members conducted by Beth Raney

4 transfer members recognized

12 news members initiated

Recognition of Retirement – recognize Duane Duncan, Roland Freund

Deb Gregory led a memorial moment for those members who have passed from this life in the last year.

The business meeting was adjourned for lunch which included a presentation of historical committee work by Guy Temple.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle S. Rodgers
Secretary