

2018 Epsilon Sigma Phi

Alpha Kappa Chapter

Annual Meeting Minutes

Embassy Suites by Hilton Lexington Green

Lexington, KY

March 20, 2018

Prior to the meeting's call to order, registration, networking and silent auction bidding began at 10:30am. The Retirees and Lifetime members met at 10:45am, with the Retirees and Lifetime member's committee chair, Jeanne Davis. New member orientation was held at 11:00am with Dana Anderson, Membership Recruitment and Retention Chair.

The membership of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Lexington Green for the 84th annual meeting. President Annette Heisdorffer called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

The thought for the day was given by Linda Combs, President-elect. Lunch was provided and the meeting began shortly after.

Greetings were brought to the membership by:

Dean Nancy Cox, Dean of the College of Food, Agriculture and Environment brought greetings from the College of Food, Agriculture and Environment. She stated how important to our system, program organizations and especially ESP. She stated that it was good to get feedback from the organizations for the extension review. She also mentioned that we have a new Provost, David Blackwell. The Grain Center for Excellence ribbon cutting was held in Princeton and President Capiluto attended along with many others. A Philanthropist has been hired for Extension, David Kessler. She thanked everyone for their hard work, dedication and optimism.

Dr. Gary Palmer brought greetings to us from UK Cooperative Extension. He is currently serving as Interim Director for UK Cooperative Extension. Dr. Palmer said he met with Retirees and recognized how important they are to us. He mentioned that the Dean stepped in and helped us with the budget cut so that we did not lose jobs. He stated that not everyone can be an agent, it takes a service mentality. The Needs Assessment/Community Assessment is moving forward, it is a more comprehensive plan for us to use for Plan of Works.

Dr. Jeff Young, Director of County Operations. Dr. Young brought greetings to the group. He mentioned that according to our guidelines, we are allowed two out of state trips and the 3rd is the national ESP meeting. Law of the Lid (John Maxwell) leadership development is important

to all of us. ESP brings all program groups together and that is important to Extension, all working together to make extension stronger.

Dr. Courtney Owens, Kentucky State University Interim Assistant Extension Administration Specialist. Dr. Owens brought greetings on behalf of Kentucky State University. He mentioned that KSU has been adding professionals to their system. He also stated how important value added is and how important it is for us to continue to let our constituents know what Extension is doing and how important our partnership is between UK and KSU.

Dr. Annette Heisdorffer, Events Chair, JCEP – Joint Council of Extension Professionals – she stated that JCEP was a part of the extension review.

Linda McClanahan, President-Elect – KACAA - Linda McClanahan brought greetings on behalf of the 131 members of KACAA. She stated how important the involvement in the program associations has been for her and colleagues for friendships, networking and getting the voices heard for their association during the review process. She stated how excited she is that 92% of Agriculture and Horticulture agents as members of KACAA.

Julie Brown, President – KAE4HA – Julie brought greetings on behalf of 134 members of KAE4HA. Lena Mallory just finished her term as national President for KAE4HA. The state meeting is being hosted in Owensboro this year.

Amanda Hardy, Treasurer – KEAFCS – Amanda Hardy brought greetings on behalf of 108 members of KEAFCS. Jill Harris sends her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. Janet Johnson was honored as National Extension Educator of the Year at the past NEAFCS meeting. Lora Lee Howard was installed as National President for NEAFCS. A marketing committee was formed to market FCS and Extension.

Brooke Jenkins-Howard, Board member – KASEP – Brooke brought greetings on behalf of Kentucky Association of State Extension Professionals. UK Extension and KSU \Professionals are part of KASEP. They had a meeting in June on transitions in extension. A meeting being hosted by KSU in April is being planned.

Henry Duncan, President – Central Kentucky Chapter NARFE was not able to attend. Martha Nall brought greetings in his place. National Active and Retired Federal Employees – NARFE. She explained what NARFE is and who is a part of it. She also discussed the magazine they receive that has information for everyone and she encouraged everyone who may know federal employees to encourage them to join NARFE.

Initiation of New Members

Dana Anderson gave a brief history of ESP, before initiation. Epsilon = Extension, Sigma = Service, Phi = Veteran. The Creed was led by Lynnette Allen, Co-Chair and other members throughout the group stood up and read a part of the creed.

Dana Anderson, Chair for the Membership, Recruitment and Retention committee initiated twenty-four (24) new members; Rob Ambergey, Melanie Bealmear, Allie Brasher, Tiffany Calvert, Edwin Chavous, Terence Clemons, Ryan Farley, Raven Ford, Elizabeth Gollub, Melissa Goodman, Kristopher Grimes, Willie Howard, Jeremiah Johnson, Andrea Johnson, Katherine Jury, Lacy May, Whitney Morrow, Kendriana Price, Kendyl Redding, Crystal Smith, Rebecca Stahler, Sara Talbot, Elijah Wilson, Daniel Wilson.

New members were presented a certificate and copy of the Creed.

2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2017 Annual Meeting minutes were submitted by Katie Alexander, Secretary of Alpha Kappa Chapter. Paula Jerrell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jennifer Bridge second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Donna Fryman, Treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Chapter, gave the financial report. Expenses increased due to moving money into a different account for retirees. Diana Reed made motion to approve treasurer's report as presented, Nanette Banks second, motion passed.

Audit Report, Sally Mineer, Audit Committee (Lyndall Harned, Peggy Powell), met on Feb 26 to review books, everything was in outstanding order. Motion made by committee, motion passed.

Committee Reports

Membership, Recruitment and Retention, Dana Anderson reported that Lynnette Allen will be the incoming chair.

Professional Development, Amanda Hardy – she reported that we have a great speaker for tomorrow's in-service, Juli Burney. Anyone interested in attending the in-service but has not registered can still attend. She gave a special thanks to the committee members for their help in planning the annual meeting and in-service.

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition, Julie Brown reported that several applications for awards had been submitted.

Marketing, Sally Mineer reported that the marketing committee decided to have a shirt for ESP members. She received a call yesterday that the shirts were ruined in production, but we will still receive those and a polo tomorrow at the in-service.

Resource Development, Dora Webb reminded everyone about the silent auction and to bid. The proceeds go towards award winners attending National ESP meeting.

Public Issues, Tyrone Gentry reported that the PILD conference is coming up and it is a great conference to attend.

Chapter Relations, Nanette Banks thanked everyone for sending information. The booklet has been updated and will be sent to have posted on our ESP website.

Global Relations, Steven Musen showed the map he displayed that had pushpins placed in places where extension professionals have visited, lived or represented Extension in to show our impact across the world. He explained ESP's partnership with Feed the Future countries. Steve will email out information about this project.

Retirees and Lifetime members, Jeanne Davis stated that Charlene Jacobs will be the new Retiree and Lifetime members Committee Chair. The Scholarship fund was set up as an endowment and they met and exceeded their goal of \$25,000. No scholarship will be presented this year but will resume next year. The information is on the ESP website and College of Agriculture website for applying. When students apply thru this process they will be eligible for all scholarships thru the College of Agriculture that they qualify for.

Newsletter, Deborah Shepherd stated how important it is to get information to her in a timely manner for the newsletter.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

In Memorial, Nanette Banks, Chapter Relations Chair. This memorial honors the contributions of members no longer with us. A moment of silence was observed to remember them.

Ellis Bishop – Retired Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent – Cumberland County

Tom Curtsinger – Retired Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent – Daviess County

Bob Howard – Retired Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent – Wolfe County

Kay Kennedy – Retired Family & Consumer Sciences Agent – Washington County

James Irvin “Jim” Phelps – Retired 4-H Youth Development Agent – Knott County

J.W. Poe – Retired Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent – Gallatin County

Randolf Richards – Retired Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent – Allen County

Helen Stevens – Retired University of Kentucky State Specialist in Family Economics and Home Management

Dr. Alan Utz – Retired Northern Kentucky Area Director

2018 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2018 was presented by Donna Fryman, Chapter Treasurer. The proposed budget was printed in the program. Dues were increased for this year, but there is still not enough money for a balanced budget, but there is more money coming in due to more members this year. A motion was made by Jennifer Bridge to accept the budget with the five (\$5) dollar increase on dues, Dana Anderson second, motion passed.

Southern Region Vice President opening, Dr. Annette Heisdorffer stated that Jennifer Bridge has expressed interest in this position. Lyndall Harned moved that the chapter as a whole express their support for Jennifer Bridge in this position, Paula Jerrell second, motion passed.

Awards and Recognition

Julie Brown, Chair of the Scholarship, Grants and Recognition committee reported:

Service Recognition Awards

Early Career (1-10 years) – Courtney Jenkins, Magoffin County Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent

Mid-Career (11-20 years) – Amanda Hardy, Henderson County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Distinguished Service Award – Myron Evans

Report to the People recognition:

Bluegrass – Madison County

Fort Harrod – Anderson County

Green River – Henderson County

Lake Cumberland – Green County

Licking River – Mason County

Lincoln Trail – Washington County

Louisville – Oldham County

Mammoth Cave – Warren County

Northern Kentucky – Boone County

Northeast – Lawrence County

Pennyrile – Crittenden County

Purchase – Marshall County

Quicksand – Owsley County

Wilderness Trail – Knox County

Member Recognition

Dana Anderson, Membership, Recruitment and Retention Chair, recognized the following members for years of service:

30 years – Paula Jerrell

40 years – Paula Tarry

One new lifetime member was recognized; Debbie Temple.

Retiree Awards

Jeanne Davis, Retiree & Life Members Chair presented the Outstanding Service Award to Martha Nall.

5 minute break for Final Silent Auction Bidding

Recognition of Officers, Board Members & National Committee Members: President Annette Heisdorffer recognized the area representatives, with a small gift of a letter opener with the ESP logo printed on it.

Committee Chairmen were recognized and provided a small gift of an ink pen from RCARS center.

Officers were recognized with a small gift of a wooden ESP pen/pencil holder.

Officer Elections

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Paula Jerrell (Natasha Lucas, Chuck Stamper – members).

The slate of officers for nomination were presented for 2018-2019:

Past President – Annette Heisdorffer

President – Linda Combs

President-Elect – Sally Mineer

Treasurer – Tyrone Gentry (finishing Donna's term)

Secretary – Amanda Hardy

A motion was made by the nominating committee to accept this slate of officers presented, motion passed.

Installation of Officers

Officers were installed by Paula Jerrell with a key theme related to the ESP logo.

Area Directors were all recognized and presented a “key.”

Committee Chairs were recognized and presented a “key.”

New Officers were given a “key” by the outgoing officers.

President Annette Heisdorffer passed the gavel to the new President Linda Combs.

Closing Remarks

Linda Combs gave some closing remarks and thanked Annette for her hard work as President. She presented her with a gift of a wooden Kentucky ESP with a gavel that was made by RCARS in Quicksand area.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Linda Combs at 3:28pm.

Dora Webb presented the final winners from silent auction.