



EPSILON SIGMA PHI

Michigan Alpha Psi Chapter

Alpha Psi Annual Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Brian Klatt

BOARD MEETING MEMBERS ATTENDING

Fran Adelaja, Julia Darnton, Brian Klatt, Kara Lynch, Michelle Neff, Gwyn Shelle, Dixie Sandborn, Phil Tocco.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & REFLECTION (BRIAN KLATT)

The Michigan ESP chapter had virtual all new board member officers in 2020. Due to this, there was a loss of institutional knowledge. One project that Brian Klatt developed was an officer handbook – the handbook will be available at the end of 2020. ESP National is developing a chapter handbook as well. Other activities have been offered throughout the year. ESP has had members attend the JCEP and PILD conferences. Scholarships opportunities for members to attend meetings throughout the year will be sent out to members in the upcoming weeks. The Jim Crow museum trip was a great event and highly attended. The board may offer this event again if COVID restrictions allow in 2021. The trip to Belize trip was held just before COVID restrictions were implemented. More information on the trip will be available later in the agenda. The ESP National conference will be held in October. The past year has been challenging due to restrictions because of COVID. Even so, we have seen creativity in our programming and in some cases an increase of participation. The ESP Michigan membership has also been growing over the past several years which speaks to the dedication of our staff to professional development. Diversity, equity, and inclusion will continue to be a focus of ESP in regard to professional development and membership. All ESP programs are also available to retirees.

TREASURERS REPORT (KARA LYNCH)

ESP has four different accounts. As required by our bylaws the accounts were audited by Joe

Lasard, Bob Krusky, and Shari Spoelman. Joe Bixler moved to accept the treasurers report. It was seconded.

Checking Account:

- Beginning balance on 10/1/2019 was \$1,618.06
- Deposits of \$17,951.25 were made including \$16,511.25 for Belize trip (ESP was acting fiduciary) and \$1,440.00 for dues
- Eleven checks were written totaling \$16,838.25, including \$16,511.25 for Belize trip; \$327.00 as a donation to Ferris State University for tour of Jim Crow Museum; Postage, MCEA dues, and registration fee for three members to attend the 2020 virtual National ESP conference
- Ending balance was \$2,731.06

Money Market

- Beginning balance was \$6,442.71
- \$34.92 in dividends
- Ending balance was \$6,477.63

CD

- Beginning balance was \$5,165.00
- \$80.48 in dividends
- Ending balance was \$5,245.48

Spartan Saver

- \$5.25 (no transactions, no change in balance)

HISTORIAN REPORT (PHIL TOCCO)

Several Extension professionals were remembered during the memorial service.

- David Anderson of Iron Mountain. He was the Schoolcraft County Extension Director for 17 years.
- Aune Nelson of Ironwood, MI. She was an Extension home economist.
- Larry Stebbins of Spring Lake, MI. He served as County Extension Director for Van Buren, Oceana, and Ottawa counties.

RECOGNITION OF LIFE MEMBERS (GWYN SHELLE)

- There are many benefits for life membership within ESP such as staying in contact with other Extension colleagues and friends, communication (both national and state), opportunities to serve on committees, discounts on national conferences, and

opportunities for professional development. More information can be found on the Michigan ESP website. Lifetime members in attendance included Robert Jones, Terri Clark-Jones, and Brenda Reau.

GLOBAL RELATIONS (DIXIE SANDBORN AND FRAN ADELAGA)

There were 19 individuals attend the Belize trip including non-ESP members and spouses. Thank you to MSU Extension Director's office for supporting this trip. ESP will need input from members in order to develop new opportunities for our members in 2021 and beyond. In 2021 we will be focusing on domestic programs. In 2022, we hope to focus on international travel. Please contact Dixie Sandborn and Fran Adelaga for ideas of future destinations. Suggestions from membership for upcoming international trips included South Africa, Ecuador, Italy, Brazil, Ireland, Norway, New Mexico, Alaska and Columbia.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (JULIE DARNTON)

Scholarships from ESP are for conferences or professional development. A number of individuals took advantage of scholarships for the Belize trip as well. Scholarships will be due on December 1st 2020. The objective of ESP is to encourage professional development and ESP is part of a network across the country. There are three conferences which are great opportunities for staff including the ESP National conference, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals, and the PILD conference. Additional professional development opportunities will be available in 2021 and we look forward to suggestions from our members. Ideas for future programs include learning more about the population of our state and especially the diversity of our state. Reach out to Julie Darnton and Brian Klatt with your ideas or if you would like to join an ESP committee around professional development.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (BRIAN KLATT)

The slate of officers included Phil Tocco as historian, Gwyn Shelle as secretary, Kara Lynch as Treasurer, and Bindu Bhakta as President-Elect. There were no nominations from the floor. Joe Bixler moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate provided. Seconded.

AWARDS PRESENTATION (MICHELLE NEFF)

Awards were presented by Michelle Neff. The awards committee included Bindu Bhakta, Barb Duvall, Julia Darnton, and Brian Klatt. Michigan chapter awards included:

- Early Career Service Award: Kara Lynch, Food Safety Educator
- Mid-Career Service Award: Deanna East, Associate Director, Health and Nutrition Institute
- Diversity Award: Kylie Rymanowicz, Early Childhood Education

- Distinguished Service Award: Beverly Przystas: Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
- Visionary Leadership: Mary Wilson, State Coordinator MSU Extension Master Gardener Program
- Meritorious Program Support: Holly Lacina, Fiscal Officer – Children and Youth Institute

Congratulations to all 2020 Michigan ESP award winners.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 2020 new members include:

- Katie Courtade, Supervising and Staff Development Educator for Districts 8 & 13
- Erin Carter, Director for District 2
- Christi Demitz, Extension Educator – Health Work Team
- Ritchie Harrison, Co-Director Great Lakes Leadership Academy
- Christine Heverly, CYI Volunteer Excellence Support Team
- Yu Man Lee, Conservation Scientist & Herpetologist MNFI
- James Kelly, Director for District 5
- Erin Moore Director for District 7

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Michelle is the new President, and the President-Elect is Bindu Bhakta. The historian, secretary and treasurer positions remain the same.

EXTENSION CREED

The Extension Creed was read by members.

PASSING OF GAVEL & ADJOURNMENT

Remember that information on dues will be sent out in October. Phil Tocco moved to close the meeting. Seconded.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Note that some attendees did not have a last name listed.

Beth Clawson
 Bethany
 Betsy Braid
 Bev
 Bindu Bhakta
 Brenda Reau
 Brian Klatt

Carrie Shrier
Catherine A Courtade
Cheryl Eschbach
Christi Demitz
Christine M Heverly
D'Ann Rohrer
Dawn A Contreras
Dawn Sarah Earnesty
Deanna Lynn East
Dixie Lynn Sandborn
Dorothy Munn
Emily C Proctor
Erin Carter
Erin Claire Moore
Erin Moore
Fran Adelaja
Garrett Ziegler (he/him)
Gwyn Shelle
Heather Triezenberg
Holly Lacina
James Kelly
Jennifer Weichel
Jinnifer Ortquist
Jodi Schulz
Joe Bixler
Julie Darnton (she/her)
Julie Pioch
Kara Lynch
Karen L Fifield
Kathy
Kea Norrell-Aitch
Laura Anderson
Lisa Treiber
Marie A Ruemenapp
Mary A Wilson
Matthew T Shane
Melissa Elischer
Michael J Monfils
Michelle Elizabeth Neff
Patrick I Cudney
Phil Tocco
Rebecca Leigh Rogers
Richard Wooten

Ritchie H. Harrison
Robert Jones
Ronald O Bates
Ryan Coffey Hoag
Saneya Renee Moore
Shari J Spoelman
Terry L Gibb
Yu Man Lee