

**Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Psi Chapter  
Annual Meeting  
October 14, 2015  
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University**

***Call to order – President Cheryl Eschbach at 7:00 am***

***President's Report – Cheryl Eschbach***

Welcomed all attending the **2015 Epsilon Sigma Phi** annual meeting – **Michigan's Alpha Psi Chapter**

**2015 ESP (Michigan Alpha Psi) Chapter Highlights**

- In 2015, we had 51 active members and 107 life members.
- ESP chapter officers held four Zoom meetings to conduct official business. This year we created an email group in Outlook for active members and have begun the process of tracking down all ESP life members so that we can maintain a more active outreach to our valued retirees that have opted to continue as life members in the chapter. The National office no longer tracks life members as it had in the past, so our chapter is finding ways to keep connected. Find our ESP member list on our local website, [http://esp.msue.msu.edu/esp\\_members/](http://esp.msue.msu.edu/esp_members/)
- ESP enthusiastically supports the viability of the Extension system as it faces the future. One way we support leadership development to achieve that goal is to send representation to key conferences. In 2015, Deanna East represented our chapter at J-CEP (the Joint Council of Extension Professionals) and Ann Chastain was our ESP chapter representative at the PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) conference. Our voting delegates for the chapter at the national meeting were Bethany Prykucki and Bonnie Zoia.
- In April, ESP was part of the MSU Extension Retiree Luncheon event. Kathy Forester, Bev Przystas, and Matt Shane interacted with about 85 retirees.
- In May 2015, nine travelers actively participated in an international study trip to Peru. Six were ESP members (Larry Olsen – also the study trip coordinator, Georgia Peterson, Marie Ruemenapp, Cheryl Eschbach, Emily Proctor, and Bonnie Zoia), two were trip companions and one was an out-of-state ESP Life member. It was an outstanding international study trip with historic sightseeing, socio-political and cultural exposure, dialogue on social change and community development with volunteers, schools and farms, plus exposure to ancient cultures and ruins. Our Global Relations committee has been busy this year working to enhance future international study trips by proposing a set of guidelines for trip coordinators. A special thank you to committee chair Jan Brinn, and fellow committee members Barb Duvall, Kay Cummings, Jan Hartough, Bethany Prykucki and Ann Chastain.
- Patrick Cudney agreed to serve as our 2015 ESP financial auditor. A non-officer reviews our chapter's financials annually to be sure we are compliant in fiscal management.
- ESP establishes opportunities to support professionalism in Extension. This year, the ESP chapter provided a pre-Fall Extension conference workshop on Adult Learning Styles and Transformative Education by MSU Professor Dr. John Dirkx, Dept. of Educational Administration, at the MSU Credit Union. There were approximately 35 attendees. A special

thank you to the planning committee of Shari Spoelman, Joe Bixler, Ann Chastain and Bethany Prykucki for pursuing the idea of a professional development event and for organizing the event. It was a great success.

- This year the Awards committee was chaired by President Elect Bethany Prykucki, and included two ESP members Julia Darnton and Jennifer Weichel, plus myself. In 2015, we had seven nominations receive awards. In addition to receiving the chapter award, Julie Chapin received the ESP National award for Administrative Leadership.

### **Treasurer's Report – Deanna East**

The main activity performed as Treasurer was monthly management of the checking, savings and money market account(s), managing dues paid through renewals and new memberships, maintaining membership lists.

**2014/2015 Membership:** 6 new members and 45 renewing members.

**In FY 14/15, expenses totaled \$2,765.91 and income totaled \$3,031.34.**

#### **Income:**

Dues	\$ 3,025.00
Money Market Dividend	<u>\$ 6.34</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$ 3,031.34</u>

#### **Expenses:**

National Dues	\$ 2,070.00
MCEA Dues	\$ 52.00
Awards & Scholarship	\$ 500.00
Meetings and Supplies	<u>\$ 143.91</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 2,765.91</u>

**Operating Balance:** \$ 265.43

Thanks very much to our 2015 volunteer financial auditor: Patrick Cudney

### **President-Elect Report – Bethany Prykucki**

Last week, I attended the **ESP National Conference** in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. ESP members Bonnie Zoia and Julie Chapin also attended. Julie was recognized and received the National ESP Award for Administrative Leadership.

The major responsibility of the President Elect is to manage the awards process. As President-Elect, I served on the awards selection committee along with Jennifer Weichel, Cheryl Eschbach, and Julia Darnton. The Awards Presentation will be noted in a following agenda item.

### **Past President Report – Matt Shane**

It has been a privilege to serve on the ESP board for the last three years. During this time the board has accomplished several key objectives such as updating the website and bylaws, increasing membership, and providing professional development opportunities to our members. I am excited about the new board and know that ESP has solid leadership for the future.

Part of the Past President's role is to chair the Nominating Committee. This year there were more changes than usual among the officers, as both the Historian and Life Member Committee chairs decided to step down. Thank you both, Elaine Bush and Kathy Foerster for your dedicated service to ESP in your respective roles.

Ann Hinsdale-Knisel, former Lenawee County CED, graciously agreed to serve as the Life Member Committee chair for the next two years. National ESP has decided to discontinue life member services and tracking, so this is an important role for state ESP chapters to continue.

The ESP board discussed the importance of allowing the membership to decide the officers, and so tasked the nominating committee to have multiple candidates for as many officer positions as possible. Thank you to Jeannie Nichols, Shari Spoelman, Ann Chastain, Deanna East, Emily Proctor, and Julia Darnton for agreeing to run for ESP offices!

### **Historian Report (In Memoriam) – Elaine Bush**

Sympathy cards were sent by ESP Historian Elaine Bush to the families of two lifetime members who passed away during 2015. They were remembered during this portion of the annual meeting.

- **Jeanne Converse**, passed away July 5, 2015 at age 98  
Received both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from MSU  
Served as Home Economics agent in Branch County where she started their Foster Grandparent program  
Published a well-known home economics newspaper column that helped generations of families better manage their households.
- **Judith M. Marks**, passed away September 12, 2015 at age 70  
Received both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from MSU  
Served 26 years as an Extension Home Economist including 4 years in Sanilac County, 8 years in Port Huron County, and the last 14 years in Kalamazoo County  
She received recognition from the National Association of Home Economists.

### **Recognition of ESP Life Members attending – Cheryl Eschbach, President**

Thanks to everyone who traveled at such an early hour, with special notice to Mary Andrew, Ann Hinsdale-Knisel and Larry Olsen for continued service to the organization.

### **New Member Induction Ceremony – Bev Przystas**

The following new Michigan ESP members were inducted:

Rebecca Rogers  
Katie Ockert  
Lisa Bottomly  
Shannon Linqvist  
Lynn Krahn  
Ed Scott  
Kelly Hiemstra  
Karen Fifield

### **Proposed MI ESP Bylaw Changes – Ann Chastain, Secretary**

Highlights of proposed bylaw revisions, solely intended for clarity and simpler language, were presented to the ESP general membership through PowerPoint presentation. Copies of proposed bylaw revisions were available for those interested on each table. Each change was explained for basis of change and desired intent to achieve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed bylaw revisions. A majority voice vote carried the motion.

Attached are the Alpha Psi Chapter Epsilon Sigma Phi Bylaws as accepted, as well as the descriptive PowerPoint presentation.

### **Election of New Officers – Matt Shane, Past President**

Elections were held and these nominated members were elected:

**President** – Bethany Prykucki  
**President Elect** – Jeannie Nichols  
**Secretary** – Ann Chastain  
**Treasurer** – Deanna East  
**Historian** – Emily Proctor

### **ESP Awards Presentation – Bethany Prykucki, President-Elect**

The 2015 ESP award winners are as follows:

✓ **Administrative Leadership recognition – Julie Chapin, Director, Children Youth Institute**

This award is designed to recognize Extension professionals whose accomplishments have resulted in noteworthy administrative performance during 10 or more years of county, regional, state, program, departmental and/or national leadership.

✓ **Diversity – Eileen Haraminac, Extension Educator, HNI**

This award is designed to recognize Extension professionals whose significant accomplishments have resulted in innovative programming that reinforces the organization's commitment to reaching diverse audiences.

✓ **International Service Larry Olsen, ESP Life Member,**

This state award is designed to pay tribute to an Extension professional who has contributed to Extension in other countries through state and/or overseas work.

✓ **Meritorious Program Support staff award – Katie Frye Nicpon (Director’s office support)**

The meritorious support staff award has two winners this year. This state award is designed to pay tribute to the many staff members in our system that, over time, have shown support for the mission, program and professional staff of MSU Extension. Such persons include program associates, secretaries, office managers, print shop operators, distribution clerks, budget analysts, and others.

✓ **Mid-Career Service – Joe Bixler – District 10 Coordinator and Kendra Wills – Extension Educator in GMI**

The mid-career service award has two winners this year, and is designed to recognize experienced Extension professionals (with 10-20 years of service) that have exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in State Extension program planning, delivery, and evaluation in program and/or administrative duties.

✓ **State Team – Food Safety**

This award is designed to recognize outstanding efforts on the part of a team of Extension staff members in responding to and incorporating into a specific educational program, one or more of the National Initiatives identified by the Cooperative Extension System. The program must have been conducted and/or completed after Sept. of last year. The members of this team include Jeannie Nichols, Lisa Treiber, Eileen Haraminac, Cheryl Eschbach, Karen Fifield, Jennifer Berkey, Jane Hart, Michelle Jarvie, Joyce McGarry, Laurie Messing, Christine Venema, Beth Waitrovich, and Rita Klavinski.

**Recognition of Outgoing ESP Board Officers – Cheryl Eschbach**

President – Cheryl Eschbach  
Past President – Matt Shane  
Historian – Elaine Bush

**Installation of New Officers – Matt Shane**

Past President Matt Shane provided a meaningful installation ceremony for the 2016 ESP officers:  
President – Bethany Prykucki  
President Elect – Jeannie Nichols  
Secretary – Ann Chastain  
Treasurer – Deanna East  
Historian – Emily Proctor  
Past President – Cheryl Peters

**Extension Creed – Ann Chastain**

Approximately 56 members ended the meeting by reciting the Extension Creed.

**Adjourn**

The 2015 annual meeting was adjourned at 7:58am.