



EPSILON SIGMA PHI

Michigan Alpha Psi Chapter

Alpha Psi Annual Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Bindu Bhakta

BOARD MEETING MEMBERS ATTENDING

Fran Adelaja, Bindu Bhakta, Kara Lynch, Michelle Neff, Gwyn Shelle, Dixie Sandborn, Phil Tocco, Jennifer Weichel.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & REFLECTION (BINDU BHAKTA)

Julia Darnton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 2021 ESP Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

The Michigan ESP Chapter was represented at two national conferences including PILD (Bindu Bhakta) and the Extension Leadership Conference (Gwyn Shelle).

This past year our board focused on rebuilding our membership. Currently we have 37 paid members. Looking forward, we will be discussing ways for our organization to be more inclusive regarding our membership. Currently members are required to be an Extension employee for one year, in addition to having a faculty member or academic staff role. We are hoping to propose a change to our bylaws in 2023 regarding membership requirements which would open our membership requirements to additional staff roles.

There is a strong interest in international study tours. In the past trips have been made to areas such as Belize, Peru, and South Africa. More will be shared later in the meeting regarding future trips.

Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of a committee such as the Life Member Committee or the Auditing Committee.

TREASURER REPORT (KARA LYNCH)

The Michigan ESP chapter has four different accounts which are described below.

Checking Account:

- Beginning balance on 10/1/2021 was \$3,537.31
- Deposits of \$1,940.00 were made including \$400.00 for MEAFCS reimbursement and \$1,540.00 for dues
- One check was written totaling \$57.00 for MCEA payment
- Ending balance was \$5,420.31

Money Market

- Beginning balance was \$6,485.18
- \$11.17 in dividends
- Ending balance was \$6,495.80

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- Beginning balance was \$5,277.94
- \$23.20 in dividends
- Ending balance was \$5,299.80

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

Account Totals: \$17,221.16

PRESENTATION FROM NATIONAL ESP

A presentation was given by Patricia Dawson, ESP Gamma Chapter - Oregon State University Extension Services, regarding the benefits of being an ESP member including networking, recognition programs, peer reviewed scholarships, professional development, conferences, and global outreach.

HISTORIAN REPORT (PHIL TOCCO)

Several Extension professionals were remembered during the memorial service.

- Cindy Brock
- Dolores Hayden
- Rita F. Hodgins
- Jim LeCureux
- Julia Micheal

- James Mulvany
- David D. Olson
- Edwin Raven
- Stephen Stewart
- Richard Strong
- Paul Thompson
- Robert Van Klompenberg
- Peggy Vuylsteke
- James Wiesing
- Joan Witter

Additional MSU Extension staff were remembered including:

- Vada Kennedy
- Michael Doyle
- John “Jake” Ferris
- Maxine Ferris

RECOGNITION OF LIFE MEMBERS (GWYN SHELLE)

Membership information for ESP can be found on the Michigan ESP website at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/esp/>. The membership dues are \$75 which includes \$50 for national dues and \$25 for Michigan dues.

For anyone close to retirement, 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 <https://www.canr.msu.edu/esp/>.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (MARY WILSON AND BEVERLY PRZYSTAS)

Mary Wilson and Beverly Przystas are active members of the life member committee and provided leadership in planning a celebration of recent retirees. The event was held on August 8th, 2022 to honor those who retired from July 1, 2019 – July 1, 2022. Over 100 retirees, family members, and staff attended the event. It was a great opportunity to see colleagues in person.

GLOBAL RELATIONS (DIXIE SANDBORN AND TOM SMITH)

A trip to Guam and Saipan has been proposed as an ESP study tour. For more information contact Tom Smith at smith48@msu.edu.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MICHELLE NEFF)

As a reminder there are scholarships available each year to attend various conferences including JCEP, PILD, ESP National Conference, and an International Study Tour. For more information visit: https://www.canr.msu.edu/esp/esp_scholarship.

AWARDS PRESENTATION (JENNIFER WEICHEL)

Awards were presented by Jennifer Weichel. Michigan chapter awards included:

- Mid-Career Service Award: Christine Heverly, Extension Educator

In addition, Matthew Shane and Mary Wilson are the newest members to join the ESP Clock Club for 25 years of service to MSU.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (MICHELLE NEFF)

Jennifer Weichel will serve as president in 2023 and Bindu Bhakta will move to Past-President. Gwyn Shelle will continue as Secretary, Kara Lynch will continue as Treasurer, and Phil Tocco will continue as Historian. There were no new nominations from the floor. Kristi Evans was elected to the position of President Elect.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (BINDU BHAKTA)

Eric Karbowki (sponsored by Cheryl Eschbach) and Kai Gritter (sponsored by Dawn Earnesty) were introduced as new ESP members.

EXTENSION CREED

The Extension Creed was read by members.

PASSING OF GAVEL & ADJOURNMENT

Bindu Bhakta adjourned the meeting.