



# EPSILON SIGMA PHI

## Michigan Alpha Psi Chapter

### Alpha Psi Annual Meeting Minutes

**October 5, 2021**

#### CALL TO ORDER

Michelle Neff

#### BOARD MEETING MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT & REFLECTION (BRIAN KLATT)

This past year was challenging however, we have been able to pivot as an organization and offer high quality programming virtually over the past eighteen months. We are looking forward to transitioning back to in-person programming for those in our local communities. The ESP Board officers have kept ESP moving forward through virtual events. Michelle attended the National ESP virtual conference and it was great to see fellow colleagues from MSU Extension who also attended that conference. Michelle has reached out to Life ESP members to attend our programs and we are looking for someone to be our connection to this group. Invoices did go out for ESP membership and please be sure to renew your membership. Dues are due by December 15, 2021. If you have any questions please reach out to Michelle Neff or Kara Lynch. Membership does allow you to be eligible for awards.

Michelle is a member of MCEA as a result of her role with ESP. They have been discussing employee retention and are looking for thoughts and ideas for this area from our membership. Michelle is also on the College Advisory Council for CANR. This past year this group focused on the Dean Search process. Looking forward, we need to strive to increase our ESP membership.

#### TREASURER REPORT (KARA LYNCH)

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

##### Checking Account:

- Beginning balance on 10/1/2020 was \$2,894.06
- Deposits of \$1,408.75 were made including \$148.75 for Belize trip and \$1,260.00 for

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- Seven checks were written totaling \$765.50, including \$148.75 for Belize trip (late payment); \$100 for ESP conference fee from 2020; \$400 to MCEAFCS to offset expenses for NEAFCS; \$116.75 (stamp, postage and MCEA payment)
- Ending balance was \$3,573.31

#### Money Market

- Beginning balance was \$6,478.16
- \$6.47 in dividends
- Ending balance was \$6,484.63

#### CD

- Beginning balance was \$5,165.00
- \$28.11 in dividends
- Ending balance was \$5,276.60

#### Spartan Saver

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

Account Totals: \$15,339.79

#### HISTORIAN REPORT (PHIL TOCCO)

Several Extension professionals were remembered during the memorial service.

- Goerge Atkeson – was a Diary Agent for 24 years and in retirement was a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Team.
- Charles Cooper – served as a County Agricultural Agent and worked post-retirement in agricultural development overseas.
- Gail Edwards – was the Emmet County Extension Director and was active with Emmet county 4-H.
- Harold Ferris – served 32 years in Monroe, Ogemaw, Muskegon, and Saginaw Counties as County Extension Director.
- Fred Henningson – served 32 years in Van Buren County and St. Joseph County and was active in retirement in local leadership.
- Barb Koski – served as an Extension Home Economist in the Western Upper Peninsula for 25 years and worked to open a museum for the US life Saving Service (Coast Guard).
- Edward Poole – served 30 years as a 4-H Youth Educator in Isabella, Washtenaw, and Van Buren Counties and was an avid woodworker and gardener.
- Giles Roehl – worked as a County Extension Agent for 20 years in Minnesota and

Michigan and helped start a five-county vocational program.

Additional MSU Extension staff were remembered including:

- Delores Muhammad
- Elizabeth Ciavattone
- Gloria J. Ellerhorst
- Sherry Landon
- Geraldine Dangerfield

#### 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. Beverly Przystas became a new Life Member in 2021. Recent retirees include Joe Bixler, Betty Blasé, Terry Gibb, Mark Longstroth, Terry McLean, Larry Olsen, Beth Waitrovich, and Mary Wilson.

#### GLOBAL RELATIONS (DIXIE SANDBORN AND FRAN ADELAJA)

The Guam trip is on hold but it is still being planned as a future ESP study trip.

The 2021 World Cooking Series was a virtual educational cooking series in collaboration with chefs at the MSU Kellogg Center and Health4u. In June, the cooking series focused on Asia. The chefs took the attendees step-by-step throughout the cooking process including an appetizer, main dish, and dessert.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (BRIAN KLATT)

Many conferences were offered virtually this past year. As a reminder there are scholarships available each year to attend various conferences including JCEP, PILD, ESP National Conference, and the International Study Tour. For more information visit:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/esp/esp\\_scholarship](https://www.canr.msu.edu/esp/esp_scholarship).

#### AWARDS PRESENTATION (MICHELLE NEFF)

Awards were presented by Bindu Bhakta. The award committee consisted of Beverly Przystas, Saneya Moore, Tracy D'Augustino, Joe Bixler, Terry Gibb, and Rebecca Finneran. Michigan chapter awards included:

- Distinguished Service Award: Jennifer Weichel, Volunteer Specialist
- Early Career Service Award: Kristi Evans, Nutrition & Physical Activity Supervising Educator

- International Service Award: Dixie Sandborn, 4-H Specialist
- Retiree Service Award: Dr. Steve Lovejoy, Professor Emeritus
- Administrative Leadership: Dr. Ronald Bates, institute Director, Agriculture & Agribusiness and CANR Assistant Dean of Agricultural Outreach and Extension
- Distinguished Team: Volunteer Excellence Support Team (VEST): Lisa Bottomley, Jennifer Weichel, Amber Joseph, Christine Heverly, Jodi Schulz, Frank Cox, Joe Hammontree, Mary Wilson, and Bindu Bhakta.
- Friend of Extension: Mike Hanson, MDARD State Apiarist & Plant health West Field Supervisor.

Congratulations to all 2020 Michigan ESP award winners.

In addition, Patrick Cudney and Dr. Ronald Bates are the newest members to join the ESP Clock Club for 25 years of service to MSU.

#### ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (BRIAN KLATT)

Bindu Bhakta will serve as president in 2022 and Michelle Neff 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. Jennifer Weichel was elected to the position of President Elect.

#### EXTENSION CREED

The Extension Creed was read by members.

#### PASSING OF GAVEL & ADJOURNMENT

Michelle Neff adjourned the meeting.