



Epsilon Sigma Phi

Alpha Alpha Chapter - Louisiana

ESP Annual Meeting
LSU AgCenter Annual Conference
December 11, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by ESP Vice President, Margo Castro.

Attendees (9): Beth Gambel, Sandra May, Kylee Brown, Margo Castro, Robin Landry, Christine Bergeron, Christine Navarre, Neely Walker

Old business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: Membership numbers and participation have been low in recent years and ideas for recruiting new members was discussed. Many Extension professionals eligible to be members of ESP do not know it exists, or its purpose. Ways to increase awareness and membership of ESP were discussed, including:

Increasing awareness of ESP by social media and website presence, emails, and Annual Conference.

Extension Administration, Regional Directors, and Regional Coordinators could present information on ESP and the benefits of membership and leaders in the association.

Coordinate with the LSU Internal Leadership Class to AgLeadership Training or to serve as the continuing education piece of the AgLeadership Program.

A book club would be a way to gain interest and use leadership and assign books to discuss Extension-related topics.

Benefits of membership include state and national awards, attendance at national Conference, and Scholarship Opportunities.

Moved that a conversation happen with Bobby Fletcher to request his assistance in recruiting potential members through the Internal Leadership class and possibly pay for first years' dues.

Election of Officers: Margo Castro

President- Dr. Charles Overstreet
Vice-President- Christine Navarre
Secretary- Kylee Brown
Treasurer-
Past president-
Webmaster- Kylee Brown
Historian-

Beth Gambel moved to accept the nominations of board members as named. Robin Landry seconded the motion.



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Committee Chairs positions will need to be filled.
Member Services-
Global Relations-
Social Media-
Public Policy-
Resource Development- (VP)-
Scholarship-
Initiation-
Memorial-
Awards and Recognition-
Professional Development-
National Committee Members-

Awards and Recognition/ Scholarship report: Sandra May

We would like to recognize and congratulate the following members on receiving service awards.

Early Career Award: Kylee Brown
Mid-Career Award: Dr. Christine Navarre
Distinguished Service Award: Mark Shirley
Continued Excellence Award: Beth Gambel

Dues (\$50) can be paid online or by sending payment to the Treasurer. Membership application and more information can be found on our website at lsuagcenter.com/esp.

National 2018 ESP National Conference will be in Colorado, Springs, CO October 14-17, 2019.

This year's theme: "Vast Prairies- Endless Possibilities"

Dates for abstract submissions can be found on the national website at espnational.org

JCEP Leadership Conference will be held in San Antonio, TX February 6-7, 2019.

PILD National Conference will be held in Arlington, VA on April 14-17, 2019.

There was no other new business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by ESP Secretary, Kylee Brown