



Epsilon Sigma Phi

NATIONAL HONORARY EXTENSION FRATERNITY

IOTA CHAPTER

EPSILON SIGMA PHI IOTA CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING December 13, 1995

Minutes

The Annual meeting began at 12:40 PM with a "Bring Your Own Lunch" activity on December 13th in the Colony Room West of the Student Center on USU Campus. The meeting was held during Annual Extension Conference. It was called to order by Brent Gledhill, President with 52 members and spouses in attendance. Gerald Olsen honored two Emeriti Couples, Ben and Kathleen Lindsey and Ronda and Bill Farnsworth.

Minutes of the October 18, 1994 meeting were presented by Marilyn K. Albertson, read and approved by Teresa Hunsaker and seconded by Marilyn Noyes.

The Financial report was presented by Marilyn K. Albertson, read and accepted by Howard Deer and seconded by Lee Sherry. Following the acceptance of the financial report the question was asked - Why did the Emeriti picnic cost more than was taken in? Marilyn indicated that the gratuity and expenses were more than anticipated and that they had several non-paying special guests.

A report was given on the Emeriti Picnic by Bill Farnsworth. The suggestion was made to charge more next year to cover expenses. The Emeriti Picnic will be held in 1996 at the Vineyard Park again and Paul Grimshaw and Gordon Beckstrand will be the Co-Chairs for that picnic.

Brent then conducted some business and provided a report on Epsilon Sigma Phi membership. The question was asked whether Lifespan Learning Faculty would be eligible to join in the future. John Paul Murphy indicated they would like to be invited to join.

Brent then told the group that there is grant money available to attend National Annual Epsilon Sigma Phi Conferences. Participating in the national association and the conferences can be very beneficial. Awards can be received, scholarships applied for and loans available to members for more study, etc. This is also a chance to honor Friends of Extension.

Jean Alder attended the National Epsilon Sigma Phi meeting and provided a report. She indicated that there were several Professional Development sessions that were very helpful. One session discussed that we need to use the past as an aid to the future. "A turkey that sits on it's feathers is just another peacock," was a name of a presentation on marketing Extension. One idea shared was creating stationary with impact statements. The presenter, a County Director, did marketing with weekly news packet - arranged for a toll free number for his office

for use of all those in county that had to call long distance to reach the county office. Jean has a slide presentation and script from this class to share with anyone interested.

Ronda Olsen also attended the meeting. She was very impressed with the quality of programs there. She indicated that there are educational loans available for members up to \$2000 for further educational study. The recipient does not need to pay it back until after he/she is through with the schooling and the payback- is at a reasonable interest rate. Scholarships of \$5000 can be applied for. Money for this is funded through a raffle. Utah donated a \$325.00 Utah Ski package to the fund.

The election of new officers was held. Nominees for President Elect were: Shawn Olsen and Tom Reeves. Ballots were distributed.

Awards were then presented:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Early Career	Dean Miner	Steve Cox
Mid Career	Teresa Hunsaker	Marilyn Noyes
Meritorious Service	Jim Belliston	Scott McKendrick
Distinguished Service	Norris Stenquist	James Barnhill
Retiree Award	Ben Lindsay	Bill Farnsworth

Ben Lindsay gave a few remarks about working with the Legislature this past year. Louis Jensen gave a thank you to the county agents saying "No one works harder than the county agents".

Election Results: Ronda Olsen moves to President and newly elected **Shawn Olsen** will be President Elect.

Marilyn Albertson stated that dues may be paid today. The meeting was then turned over to the new President, Ronda Olsen. She stated that the National newsletter had been increased from 3 to 5 to better communicate with members. The meeting was adjourned by Ronda at 1:38 PM.

Marilyn K. Albertson - Secretary

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