

Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Meeting
October 13, 2005
Seawell's Restaurant,
Columbia, S.C.

President Kristi Schlegel called the meeting to order. Agenda and minutes were distributed. Howard moved that the agenda be accepted. Davis seconded. The agenda was accepted.

Report from Fran Wolak

- Fran Wolak gave an update on hiring in Extension Positions. 4-H agent positions will be provided based on the 50/50 system. Every 4-H position will be 50% Clemson paid and 50% paid by the local government in that county. Four positions have already been accepted on the 50/50 system.
- \$800,000 has been secured for the Ag and Horticulture positions in Spartanburg, Lexington, Chester, Pee Dee and Williamsburg counties.
- Clemson have received \$2.7 million in recurring monies from the Legislature.
- Several people have been hired in State Level Positions at Sandhill and Edisto.
- In the process of advertising for other positions: Water Quality and Soil.
- Dr. James Walker from South Carolina State University passed away.
- Fran Wolak attended the Retiree Association Meeting.
- The Advisory Committee will work with local advisory committees to sell our programs for us.
- Fran explained the 5 year plan for the 4-H agents' positions. Clemson wants to see that every 4-H agent position is secured under the 50/50 plan.
- Fran stressed that we need to keep up with in-kind donations to get credit for external funding. Agents can get a letter of support from their donors to show their contributions.
- The Sunbelt Ag Expo will be held next week.
- Travel is up to the agent's discretion. Excessive travel is discouraged. However, it is up to the agents to decide. Meeting with the public is important.
- Fran is pulling the plug on the Extension website. The current website is out of date. Teresa Kelley will keep the site up to speed.
- Home and Gardening calls should be routed to HGIC.
- Counties are turning in their postage meters to save monies. The Post Office has a system where the counties can send email documents to them and they will send out the letters at the minimum cost.

Treasurer's Report

Deon Legette passed out the treasurer's report.

Checking	
Beginning Balance as of October 6, 2004	\$918.43
Payments	\$1,789.00
Deposits	\$2,973.61
Checking Balance as of October 12, 2005	\$2,103.04
Certificate of Deposit	\$21,682.84
Term 13 month with 1.14% yield	
Maturity date 12/01/05	

Foundation (supports speakers for continuing education conferences and annual meetings)

Balance

\$8,505.05

Committee Reports

Membership

Latosia Gibson - We have 30 members.

Retirees

Attended spring meeting with retirees.

Nominating

The following names have been placed in nomination for 2005 - 2006 Alpha Phi Chapter officers and leadership:

Officers are:

- President: Howard van Dijk
- President-elect: Latosia Gibson
- Vice President: Jesse Adams
- Secretary: Terri Sumpter

Directors are:

- Nancy Harrison: Central District
- Bob Bett: Coastal District
- Peggy Culler-Hair: Life Membership
- Kellye Rembert: Administration

Member Services

Deborah Thomason - no report.

President's Report

Kristi Schlegel stated that the ESP National website provides good information. The Board pledged to give to the ESP National campaign. As an organization, we can improve on the things that we are doing. She encourages everyone to contribute to the Alpha Phi Star Fund. Funds are used to go to different meetings.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- Nancy gave a report on the new officers.
- Della made a motion to accept the slate of new officers. Deborah Thomason seconded the motion. The vote was accepted.
- Della Baker installed the new officers:
 - President: Howard van Dijk
 - President-elect: Latosia Gibson
 - Vice President: Jesse Adams
 - Secretary: Terri Sumpter

- Initiation of new members: Deborah Thomason initiated Christine Patrick into the organization.
- The National Meeting is being held on November 9 - 12 in Colorado Springs.

Awards

Award Presentation: The award presentations will be held during lunch due to time restraints.

Professionalism Award:

-----	Early Career
-----	(SCACES)
Latosia Gibson	(SCAE4-HA)
-----	(ESP)
-----	(SCAEFCS)

Della Baker presented the President Award to Russell Duncan from last year. Russell presented the President Award to Kristi for this year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri B. Sumpter, Secretary