Meeting Notes

Attendance: Reau, Bush, Peters, Pioch, Shane, East, and Przystas

Call to order
Approval of agenda
Minutes from last meeting- approved

Officer Reports:

Treasurer
No new members since last meeting. All current membership information turned into national. Increased fiduciary activity with ESP India Study Trip. Finance exchanges for ESP study trips need guidelines in written documentation for consistency and clear expectations of Treasurer and Tour Manager. It’s possible the study trips would be better handled under MSUE Events Management. Reviewed ESP website member listing for accuracy and sent 2013 edits to webmaster. Current account balances: Total assets = $14,975. Liabilities = $8,805 (India trip). Total equity = $6,170.08.

President
Reminders and notice of national deadlines. Galaxy registration by July 15th for early bird. Discussion of conference logistics with multiple hotels and locations of meetings. National is proposing bylaw changes such as rotating positions and moving toward electronic ballot. There will be a vote at the membership meeting at galaxy. Our chapter received two delegate spots.

Secretary
Website changes for links to awards and deadlines of awards. Officer list updated.

President Elect – no report
Past President – no report
Historian – no report (no death announcements, list is being sent from Director’s office)

Committee Reports & Chair Assignment

- Life Member/Retiree Service: Foerster not present for report

- Professional Development: Peters (Przystas & Pioch also helping on committee)
  Discussion with officers on offering an event or opportunity, connected to Fall Extension Conference. Reau mentioned the national deadline of August 1st for $1,000 mini grants to chapters for professional development events. Agreement to pursue a speaker at our FEC breakfast that possibly relates to theme of the conference or has a general message about changing world. Plan to offer honorium speaker fee to join us. Also considering asking the keynote that is in attendance if they are interested, depends when that information is available and speaker availability. Lew Dotterer was suggested as another possibility because of recent connection to MSUE admin team and the strategic planning session and the MSUE administration retreat. Director’s office would have contact information.

Goals for 2013
1. Actively engage with membership
2. Support members in accessing professional development opportunities
Awards and Recognition: Shane
Changes were proposed, reviewed and considered over email related to deadline adjustments on ESP awards. Deadlines for the Hannah award and Friend of Extension award were changed to August 16th for the Director's office purpose of identifying winners well in advance of Fall Extension Conference. Also, state award deadlines were proposed to be changed to November 1st. (previously all awards were due July 15th). The deadline changes allow the chapter to promote application for the awards around the time of Fall Extension Conference. The change in deadlines also means there will be one year (2013) when awards are not presented in-person during the breakfast meeting; however, this possibly makes our chapter more competitive for national awards. Motion by Shane, Second by Pioch, carried and motion passed. Pioch will look into if a change in the bylaws is needed as a result of the deadline changes. Idea to celebrate past award winners at this year’s breakfast and fill in gaps of information about past recipients that are not captured on current lists on the website. Another idea to modify the application process for state awards including offering a tip sheet to make awards more competitive nationally. Notified T. Coon did not get the Ruby award this year, but the application may be re-submitted. Reau will contact Lovejoy to know if a re-application will be completed this next year.

- Membership Committee: Przystas – no report
- Global Relations: Dignum - not present for report
- National Public Affairs: Bixler - not present for report

Unfinished Business
Audit: still not completed. Higher volume of transactions happening because of the study trip. Need to have audit completed soon. Reau working with member Chapin. This year, at annual meeting we will have financials ready to turn over to member volunteer at the breakfast meeting.

ESP Study Tour Management: covered under Treasurer's report.

New Business
September call will include new officer nominations (Pioch to lead as nomination committee, past president role)

Galaxy – September 16-20, Pittsburgh, PA – voting delegates due August 1st. Shane and Peters will serve as two voting delegates at the membership meeting. Shane registered names. Regional meeting is Tuesday – Shane will attend. Reau working on newsletter in August to membership that will include an announcement of conference support funds for membership. Pioch made motion, East seconded, carried and motion passed. To spend $1,700 on galaxy conference registrations, $300 each board member and up to five, $100 for first five ESP members to respond with interest. Discussion about the auction requests from national ESP office.

Adjourn 11:15am

Future meeting dates
September 3 – 1 PM – 2 PM