



**ETA CHAPTER
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, unapproved
Online meeting
14 December 2020**

- I. President Gretchen Gasvoda called the meeting to order at 1:30pm with welcome and introductions.
- II. **Present** - Gretchen Gasvoda (President), David Keto (VP), Cole Ehmke (secretary and treasurer), Mary Martin, Scott Cotton, Vicki Hayman, Megan Brittingham, Stacy Buccholz, Mary Evans, Emily Swinyer, Celeste Robinson, and Kellynne Doyle.
- III. **Minutes.** Motion by Scott with second by Megan to approve minutes of the last meeting. Passed.
- IV. **Reports**
 - **Treasurer's report** – Cole Ehmke. The total current balance of the accounts at UniWyo: \$3,591.60. One of the CDs will mature in 2021.

A motion to authorize Cole to renew the CD was made and approved.
 - **President's Report.** Gretchen was pleased to report that Tara Kuipers (a facilitator and former UW Extension Community Development educator) has been engaged to facilitate a conversation in January about Extension issues that ESP will host as the first part of an effort to gauge UWE professional development needs.
 - **Recognition report** – David Keto. David issued a call for nominations. Nominations should be made by Jan. 15 at <https://espnational.org/Recognition>. Any active member can be nominated. Self nominations are allowed. After nominations are made, he will form a committee to review them. Nominations for national awards are due to National by March 1. Some awards are just for the chapter. The complete list and criteria are at the website.
 - **National Meeting Report.** Cole Ehmke attended the 2020 (online) meeting and provided a brief summary. The sessions are available at the national website: <https://espnational.org/2020-ESP-National-Conference>
- V. **Educational Offerings.** Discussion and brainstorming of ideas for a monthly professional development series hosted by ESP for all UWE. Ideas included
 - Checking with UWE administration for noted needs, as with 4H, both of which offer programming for peers, so as to reduce redundancy
 - State agency speakers may be available (Scott has contacts)

- Software recommendations such as for browsers and applications
- Mary M. offered her Golden Oldies presentation (about the cyclical nature of extension programming)
- Building professional networks
- Managing professional relationships – in the office, on a team, with county administrators and elected officials
- Thinking strategically about budgets (cuts) at the county level
- Developing novel programming
- Having ‘what if’ discussions – which might be especially good for addressing big issues with a mix of expertise as UWE refocuses programming to county-based.

Send further ideas to Gretty.

VI. Date for mid-year meeting. May 11, 2021 at 9:30am.

VII. New Member Induction Ceremony for Mary Evans

VIII. Adjournment. Motion proposed by Vicki and passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

IX. Upcoming Events (to attend)

- **Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP)** – all of the associations are part of JCEP – it represents the collective voice of over 10,000 professionals connecting Extension. February 10-11-12, 2021 (online). <https://www.jcep.org/home>
- **Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD)** April 11-14 • Arlington, VA <https://www.jcep.org/pild>
- **2021 ESP National Conference**, 10/25/2021 • Savannah, Georgia, <https://espnational.org/>
- **2022 ESP National Conference**, 09/26/2022 • Branson MO

X. Addendum: List of Active Members (as of December 2020)

Megan Brittingham
 Stacy Buchholz
 Scott Cotton
 Cole Ehmke
 Mary Evans
 Gretchen Gasvoda
 Vicki Hayman
 David Keto
 Amanda Marney
 Mary Martin