

**VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL ESA  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
March 20, 1993**

The regular Spring meeting of the Virginia State Council for 1992-93 was held at the Sheraton Airport Inn, Roanoke, and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Margaret (P-Nut) Schools. The voting delegates were seated in designated seating. President P-Nut asked everyone to stand and join her in the Opening Ritual.

Eleanor Oliver will assume the duties of Chaplain due to the resignation of Fran Boyd. However, Eleanor could not be with us today; therefore, Pam Blevins read a poem entitled "*Eternal Spring*".

Gaynell Harless, Convention Co-Chairman, welcomed everyone to Roanoke. P-Nut thanked Gaynell and the members of Beta Delta and Delta Kappa for hosting today's meeting.

Lisa Files (Alpha Chi) and Jane Harris (Beta Omicron) were appointed to approve the minutes of today's meeting.

President P-Nut introduced those seated at the head table (a/k/a as the "Guiding Lights"): Pam Blevins sitting in for Chaplain Eleanor Oliver, Corr. Secretary Mindy Boyd, Rec. Secretary Sharon Blankenship, 2nd Vice President Gayle Meeks, 1st Vice President Doris Hood, and Parliamentarian Beverly Scott.

President P-Nut asked the 10 Past State Presidents (a/k/a "The Golden Girls") in attendance to stand. She began with the oldest (not in age, but in terms of the year she served as President). Also asked to stand for recognition were members attending their first State Council meeting (1), Chapter Presidents (9), and District Council Presidents (1). President P-Nut thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

President P-Nut then introduced special guests and they included four new members of Eta Omega chapter in Lewisburg, West Virginia. This chapter of 15 members will be chartered on March 21. In addition to P-Nut, Gayle Meeks, Beverley Wright, and Betty Cason will travel to Lewisburg to perform the chartering and pledge ceremonies and install the newly-elected officers. This chapter will be invited to join the VSC.

PRESENTATION OF SERC AWARDS - P-Nut Schools

**First place - Jean Freeman "Happiness Is" Philanthropic Award** was presented to 1991-92 Philanthropic Director Sharon Blankenship and 1992-93 Philanthropic Director Marie LaDuke. Virginia had an average of 58.56 hours/member and has received First place four out of the seven times this award has been presented. **First place - Educational Reporting Award** was presented to 1991-92 Educational Director Betty Cason and 1992-93 Educational Director Debbie Frazier. Virginia had 18 out of 22 chapters reporting (81%). **First place - Thelma Waggoner ESA Foundation Award** was presented to 1990-92 ESA Foundation Counselor Marcelle Niday and 1992-94 ESA Foundation Counselor Nancy Reece. Virginia reported a donation of \$5,198.81 or \$17.98/member. **Third place (three-way tie) - Joan Mason St. Jude Award** was presented to 1991-93 Circle of Life Coordinator Catherine Gorham. Virginia had 100% reporting. **First place (calligraphy) and Second place (literature) - Eloise Collins Association of the Arts Awards** were presented to Lisa Files. **Second place (folk art, miscellaneous) - Eloise Collins Association of the Arts Award** was presented to Joyce Taylor. **Honorable Mention (folk art, needlework) - Eloise Collins Association of the Arts Award** was presented to Catherine Gorham. Mary Wright accepted an **Honorable Mention (visual arts) -**

**Eloise Collins Association of the Arts Award** in the absence of Susannah Godlove. Fran Lanning received **Third place (literature) - Eloise Collins Association of the Arts Award**. In the absence of Gail Lanning, Fran Lanning accepted **Third place (folk art, needlework) - Eloise Collins Association of the Arts Award**.

CREDENTIALS - Betty Cason

On Roll: 27 chapters, 359 members (per HQ printout)  
Active: ~~37~~ 21 chapters, 256 members  
Present: 52 members, 6 officers, 0 MALs, 0 Collegiate, 1 DESAs, 4 guests.  
Total 63.  
Votes: 6 officers, 24 delegates. Total 30.

According to our bylaws, a quorum shall consist of representatives of five Virginia chapters and one officer. There being a quorum present, all business voted upon shall constitute effective action. The rules of this meeting are a part of our standing rules and as such do not need to be read at each meeting.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 1992 GENERAL BOARD MEETING - Flora Burns

Flora stated that corrections were noted and forwarded to the Recording Secretary. P-Nut dismissed this committee.

CORRESPONDENCE - Mindy Boyd

Phone calls of excuse for this meeting was received from Jean Bowman, Jr. Past President; Sonja Alexander, Publicity Director; Theresa Seay, News Bulletin Chairman; and Sandra West, Point of Light Chairman. The following correspondence (including letters, newsletters, and news bulletins) was received: **ESA HEADQUARTERS:** B.J. Clark, Executive Director. **ESA FOUNDATION:** "Wing Spread" Newsletter from Joyce Robyn and Bonnie Kendell. **IC:** Mary Frost, President; Martha Beshears, Jr. Past President; Charlotte Garrett, Treasurer; Virginia Clagett, Workshop Coordinator; St. Jude and Easter Seals Coordinators; and Barbara Floyd, State Presidents' Chairman. **SERC:** Judy Tomlinson, President; Betty Stegall, 1st Vice President; Bertha Warner, 2nd Vice President; Karla Jordan, Treasurer; and Lisa Files, State Presidents Chairman. **CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS:** Alpha Omega, Beta Delta, Beta Sigma, and Theta Lambda. **STATE NEWSLETTERS:** Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, New Mexico, and Oregon.

A letter was read in its entirety from B.J. Clark announcing the resignation of Ginifer Maceau from Headquarters staff. For those who want to wish her the best in her new endeavors, her address is: Ginifer Maceau, 1705 Heatheridge Road, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. A note from Joan Bourn, IC Parliamentarian, was read thanking Virginia for its hospitality at the SERC Conference in Baltimore. An excerpt from Judy Tomlinson's, SERC President, newsletter was read announcing that Frankie Poore, Conference Chairman, has become a MAL and resigned as Conference Chairman. Judy Pinner has assumed her Conference Chairman responsibilities.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1992-93 TREASURER

In the absence of the Treasurer, there is no report available. A financial report will be mailed to the Executive Board and Chapter Presidents as soon as possible. Also, a copy will be attached to these minutes.

**REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICERS (a/k/a "The Guiding Lights")**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT - Doris Hood\*

Since the Fall VSC meeting, I have written three articles for The Lamplighter. I have met with the Nominating Committee and attended Alpha Xi's Prayer Breakfast

and an Executive Board meeting. Special thanks to those that responded to my request to serve on the 1993-94 General Board.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Gayle Meeks\*

Forms for the First Pearl and Rushing awards were placed in chapter folders. The Spring membership campaign allows chapters to send in two new pledges at the regular price and #3 is absolutely free. This campaign ends May 31. The new chapter campaign (20 new pledges for \$500) ends April 1. In addition to Gayle, P-Nut, Beverley Wright, and Betty Cason will travel to Lewisburg, West Virginia to perform Eta Omega's chartering, pledge ceremony, and installation of their newly-elected officers. This chapter will be invited to join the VSC. Eta Omega is also chartering a DESA chapter. A small token of appreciation was presented to new pledges and sponsors.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Sharon Blankenship

Sharon moved that the minutes of the October 4, 1992 General Board meeting be approved as corrected. Nancy Reece seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

The minutes from the October General Board meeting were prepared and distributed through a cooperative effort, namely P-Nut. Postage costs were saved because many copies were distributed at the SERC Conference. Since the last meeting, I have written two Lamplighter articles and attended an Executive Board meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Mindy Boyd\*

Judges have been secured from the Richmond Optimist Club to judge the yearbooks which will be completed within the next two weeks. Articles have been written for The Lamplighter and a final report for the Convention brochure.

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Beverly Scott\*

Since the Fall VSC meeting, I have reviewed the minutes from that meeting in accordance with the Bylaws. I sent a letter in early February to each Chapter President (and a copy was sent to P-Nut) reminding them that proposed amendments to the Bylaws be submitted as soon as possible. Proposed changes were received, prepared, and presented to the Executive Board for consideration. An article was submitted for the February and March editions of The Lamplighter and I attended last night's Executive Board meeting. I enjoyed attending Alpha Xi's Prayer Breakfast with Alpha Chi's President, Brenda Bowersox.

JR. PAST PRESIDENT - Jean Bowman (report given by Mindy Boyd)\*

A Virginia member has received one Disaster Fund claim for the maximum amount (\$2,000). To date, \$819 has been donated to the Fund. Chapters are encouraged to contribute to this worthy cause and 100% chapter participation would be outstanding.

The deadline for the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President Leadership Award is May 1. Another copy of this form has been placed in chapter folders.

**REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICERS (a/k/a "The Limelights")**

AWARDS CHAIRMAN - Fran Lanning\*

All trophies should be turned in today so that final preparations can be made for the Awards Ceremony at the 1993 State Convention. A list of chapters eligible ("registered chapters") for IC competition is on file with the Recording Secretary.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Eleanor Oliver (report given by Pam Blevins)

An update on several members was given, including: Jody Sullivan (Beta Tau) did not have surgery in January and is being treated medically. In addition, she now has a broken ankle. Francene Barber (PPA) is recovering from a heart attack. Phyllis Hayth's (Alpha Xi) father passed away this week. Nancy Speas (Zeta Zeta) is continuing with extensive chemotherapy. Lucy Davis (Beta Tau) has been ill lately with several medical problems. Gaynell Harless' (Beta Delta) mother-in-law passed away last week. Pat Buck (Delta Kappa) is in a Roanoke hospital (ICU) having had a double heart by-pass operation.

CIRCLE-OF-LIFE COORDINATOR - Catherine Gorham\*

A copy of the Flora Burns Circle-of-Life Award form has been placed in chapter folders. There are two VSC goals for St. Jude projects: 1) Raise \$50,000 and 2) have 100% chapter participation. The St. Jude project at the 1993 IC Convention is a "Drive for the Dream" 9 hole golf scramble. There are ways to participate in this project even if you are not planning on attending the IC Convention. Each State President is challenged to get one tee or hole sponsored (\$500) or donate one hole prize. Please try to help P-Nut meet this challenge.

An Honor Award (certificate \$500-\$1,000) was presented to Alpha Chi for a donation. An Outstanding Service Award (certificate and plaque \$2,501-\$5,000) was presented to Alpha Chi for a golf tournament; Betty Allen accepted both of these awards. A Distinguished Service Award (certificate and plaque \$1,001-\$2,500) was presented to Alpha Xi for a holiday auction; Mildred Edwards accepted this award. An Outstanding Service Award (certificate and plaque \$2,501-\$5,000) was presented to Beta Delta for a 5K/10K walk/run; Suzie Garland accepted this award.

CONVENTION CO-CHAIRMAN - Gaynell Harless\*

All are invited to Sherwood Forest to celebrate "The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood" on May 21-23 at the Sheraton Airport Inn in Roanoke. On Friday night, there will be a "Scarborough Fair"; at Saturday's PPA Luncheon, there will be a "Friar's Feast"; "In the Days of Yore" will begin when the installation of officers occurs at the Saturday banquet; and a "Maiden's Brunch" will be held on Sunday. Men's activities include fishing at Smith Mountain Lake, bowling, and golf. Registration forms have been placed in chapter folders. Women's registration is \$65 and men's registration is \$35.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR - Debbie Frazier\*

Seventeen chapters have submitted reports and all are eligible for the Barbara Midkiff Educational Award. Nine chapters are eligible for the Gold Link Award. Please don't forget to nominate your chapter Educational Director for the Distinguished Athenian Award.

ESA FOUNDATION COUNSELOR - Nancy Reece\*

As of February 25, there are three new members and 37 current with dues. The VSC, PPA, and seven chapters have paid their dues. Support for the Fantasy Ball was \$175 and the General Scholarship Fund was \$450 (goal of \$1,000). Many of you have been using the Turn-Around Funds. Forms are available for dues and contributions today and an envelope is ready for General Scholarship donations. A list of members and dues paid is on hand if anyone needs to know their current status. There have been no requests for any of the educational programs nor have there been any scholarship applications received.

FINANCE DIRECTOR - Christine Adams (report given by Mindy Boyd)\*

I have attended two VSC meetings and the Leadership Conference. Ways & means forms were placed in chapter folders in June. Of these forms, only three have been returned. Please send in these forms so that other chapters may benefit from your ideas. Thanks to my committee members Barbara Thomas (Delta Kappa),

Pat Worley (Beta Eta), and Loree Hearne (Alpha Epsilon). The Chinese Auction at the Fall VSC meeting raised \$208.

NEWS BULLETIN EDITOR - Theresa Seay (report given by Mindy Boyd)\*

Publishing The Lamplighter has been fun this year. Your support, participation, and notes of encouragement have been wonderful. Puzzle winners from the last issue included: **Helen Sanders, Debbie Frazier, and Gayle Meeks**. Each received a prize. There is a puzzle in the last issue and a prize will be awarded.

PHILANTHROPIC DIRECTOR - Marie LaDuke\*

The total number of hats donated for "Hats for Hope" through 1992 was 614. Only 11 chapters participated. This will be an ongoing project and some members are still knitting or crocheting. If you do not knit or crochet, you can help by donating yarn to those that do. Your donation of yarn can be counted in the project totals. Please remember the philanthropic year ends March 31. All reports must be postmarked by April 10. A form has been placed in chapter folders for chapter philanthropic chairmen to return along with your March reports. This information will be used in the convention workshop.

PROJECT DIRECT - Bunnie Wertz\*

A photo Christmas card from Camp Fantastic was passed around to those in attendance. Dave Smith has been invited to attend our 1993 State Convention to receive our donation check. So far, donations have been received from 11 chapters totalling \$4,316.32. Our goal is \$6,500. All checks should be mailed directly to me and made payable to "ESA-Camp Fantastic." Do not mail checks through the Turn-Around Funds since our VSC check will be sent through the Fund. Pictures and newspaper clippings of your Camp Fantastic events should be sent to me. Another copy of the Dot Harcum State Project Award Form has been placed in chapter folders.

The Spring Family Weekend will be held April 23-25. Since this is the weekend that the VSC is sponsoring, all members are encouraged to attend. Please let Dave know when and how many from your chapter will be attending. Dave Smith's telephone number is 703/667-3774.

PUBLICITY - Sonja Alexander (report given by Mindy Boyd)\*

Since my appointment, guidelines and how-to information has been provided to each chapter. A copy of the Sandy Reed Publicity Award has been placed in each chapter folder. Keep spreading the word.

SCRAPBOOK - Dorothy DeJong & Sue Danielson (report given by Beth Sherron)\*

All material should be submitted for P-Nut's scrapbook by April 15 to Dorothy DeJong and Sue Danielson. Our goal is to have 100% chapter participation.

SOCIAL - Brenda Bowersox\*

Final report reminders were placed in chapter folders. The first Lisa P. Files Social Award will be presented at the 1993 State Convention.

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR - Phyllis Hayth (report given by Nancy Reece)

Reports should be turned in no later than March 31 for publication in the Convention Workshop Brochure.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Helen Sanders

This committee met and reviewed the qualifications to ensure compliance with VSC Bylaws. Qualifications have been placed in chapter folders. According to Article V, Section 3, the current 1st Vice President is known as President-Elect

and shall automatically succeed to the office of President and will appoint her Corresponding Secretary; therefore, these offices are presented for your information only. This committee was disappointed with the number of nominations received although the quality of all candidates is outstanding. Council members are encouraged to seriously consider running for an elected office next year. The slate of officers for 1993-94 was then introduced to the general assembly. They included:

PRESIDENT: Doris Hood (Beta Tau); 1ST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT: Gayle Meeks (Beta Omicron); 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Brenda Click (Alpha Tau, absent) and Fran Lanning (Theta Lambda); CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jean Land (Beta Tau); RECORDING SECRETARY: Sonja Alexander (Omega Chi, absent); TREASURER: Beverly Scott (Alpha Chi); and PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sharon Blankenship (Beta Nu).

#### REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

##### ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS - Leona Thompson\*

Registration forms have been placed in chapter folders with a deadline for these forms to be returned is May 5. Your entries should be brought to Convention on May 21 for judging.

*Should have been Margaret (Sharon)  
5/21/93*

##### EASTER SEALS CHAIRMAN - Elaine Barnak\*

March 27 has been designated by IC as "ESA for Easter Seals Day." Although time is short, please try to plan a project on this date. A fact sheet concerning this designated day and a final report form have been placed in chapter folders. Please note that the correct deadline for this final report is May 1. Remember to publicize your events. Information has not been received on the 1993 Precious Ornaments. It will be forwarded to chapters as soon as it is received. A few chapters have submitted donations.

##### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - Sue Foy\*

DESA members who are now adults and collegiate members who have graduated should be encouraged to join your chapter. Notification has been received about new Associate members in Virginia. There has been no word on any new DESAs in Virginia. Remember your daughters, nieces, and granddaughters -- they could become DESAs.

There are three collegiate chapters in Virginia. Virginia Wesleyan is doing really well, but the University of Richmond and Shenandoah University are struggling. The collegiate chapters are a way for ESA to grow in the future. Collegiate chapters encourage young people to appreciate and accept ESA values and ideals. ESA can make a difference in combatting the negative press many young people get. Please think about starting a collegiate chapter in your area since there are about 35 colleges in the State. Call me with your concerns and together a new collegiate chapter could be chartered.

##### SERC PROJECT DIRECTOR - Gloria Patterson

Virginia did not have 100% participation. A total of \$245 was donated (16 out of 22 chapters participated) to the SERC Project. A reminder to those chapters who have not participated has been placed in their folders. There is still time to send a contribution.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my last official "live" report as your President. This year has been challenging, rewarding, busy, filled with pride and fun. The next two months will be even busier; I wish I could figure out how to be in two places at once. I am very excited about traveling to Lewisburg, West Virginia on March 21 to

charter the Eta Omega chapter. I am planning on attending Alpha Omega's Awards Banquet and Founders Day celebrations in Richmond and Staunton.

Today is the first day of Spring, but you would not believe it by looking out your window. When we return to the Roanoke Valley in two months, we will find out about "*The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*". Convention Chairmen Gaynell Harless and Elaine Prillaman and their Beta Delta and Delta Kappa sisters have an adventurous weekend lined up for us. Please come back in May to renew friendships, make new ones, and celebrate your accomplishments from this year.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Flora Burns reported that Jean Bowman has accepted the responsibilities of Chairman of the 1995 SERC Conference. The theme will be "*Putting on the Ritz*" and a skit will be presented at the 1993 SERC Conference in Myrtle Beach.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1) The 1993 IC Convention will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona July 11-18. P-Nut asked how many members were planning on attending because Doris needs to report this at the Leadership Seminar in April. There were about 15 members interested.

2) P-Nut announced that she has received information from IC 2nd Vice President Cathy Holstead concerning the IC Convention in the year 2000. According to IC Bylaws, the IC Convention is due to be held in the Southeastern section of the US. Several members stated that they did not think that Virginia had the required facilities for an IC Convention; however, only Virginia was researched not Washington, DC. Fran Lanning moved that this issue be tabled until a future meeting. Lisa Files seconded and the motion carried.

3) Beverley Wright and Marcelle Niday reported that further information will be provided at the 1993 State Convention concerning the 1994 State Convention.

There was no further new business to be brought before the assembly.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) SERC Nomination and "Willing to Serve" forms are available for those who may be interested. These forms should be returned to Betty Stegall, 1st Vice President no later than June 1.

2) Please take the time to write a letter of welcome to our IC and SERC Representatives for the 1993 State Convention. IC Corresponding Secretary Sally Reed at 1332 Hemlock, Lewiston, Idaho 83501 and SERC President Judy Tomlinson, PO Box 157, Calion, Arkansas 71724.

3) Both of these ladies are willing to work while attending the Convention. If you would like either of them to assist in a workshop, I need to know today.

4) All Chairmen responsible for judging awards, should send to P-Nut the names of the winners no later than May 8. This deadline is very important.

5) The deadline for final reports from all elected officers, appointed officers, committee chairmen, and special appointments is March 27. You may place these in the folder today or mail directly to Gaynell Harless.

6) Chapter Presidents: When you arrive at Convention, please check in with the Credentials Committee to pick up ballots and sign IC Credential cards.

7) All members: When you arrive at Convention and register, please sign the sheet at the table if you are attending the 1993 IC Convention.

- 8) Chapter folders and The Lamplighter should be picked up after this meeting.
- 9) Any information which you would like to have included in the last issue of the "Love Connection" should be sent to me by April 15. Please note that this is a different date than what was printed in my last issue.
- 10) The Chinese Auction will immediately follow the close of this meeting.
- 11) Congratulations to three Virginia chapters for being published in the Spring issue of the Jonquil namely, Alpha Chi, Beta Gamma, and Beta Sigma.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned with all joining hands for the Closing Ritual at 11:35 a.m.

\*Reports are not included in their entirety. Complete reports are on file with the Recording Secretary.

Lisa Files/ssb  
LISA FILES                      April 6, 1993  
Alpha Chi

Sharon Blankenship  
SHARON BLANKENSHIP/April 16, 1993  
Recording Secretary

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