

VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA 1995 CONVENTION MINUTES

The 42nd Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council was held at the Holiday Inn Koger Center in Richmond, Virginia May 19th through May 21. The theme was the "Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous" and was hosted by the Central Virginia District Council.

Friday

The convention began with the candidates handing out favors and vying for votes at the Candidates Fair on Friday night. This was followed by the "Last Chance Saloon Mixer Party". There was something for everybody in this event. There was free style dancing, country line dance lessons, karaoke, poker at the casino, and tossing cow patties in a basket. During the mixer the candidates were introduced in a skit about flashy women. We all had a great time especially Fran Lanning and Flora Burns who sang their way to a prize!

Saturday

The morning started bright and early for the new chapter presidents when they attended the President's workshop given by Doris Hood. While this event occurred, President Gayle Meeks, the executive board, IC representative Joan Bourn and SERC representative Brenda West met with the First Time Convention Goers. The next event for attendees were the following workshops:

- Awards conducted by Sharon Shaffer
- Educational conducted by Gaynell Harless
- Finance conducted by Brenda Orebaugh and Jane Harris
- Parliamentary Procedure conducted by Marjorie Harmon
- Philanthropic conducted by Bunnie Wertz
- Publicity conducted by Liz Smith
- Rushing conducted by Bev Scott
- Social conducted by Marie LaDuke
- Circle of Life/St Jude conducted by Theresa Seay
- ESA Foundation conducted by Margaret Schools

First General Assembly

The first general assembly was called to order by President Gayle Meeks at 10:05 Saturday May 20, 1995. IC representative Joan Bourn lead the opening flag ceremony. The Chaplain's message was given by Betty Cason, and the attendees joined in repeating the opening ritual. The Convention chairpersons Theresa Seay and Sue Danielson and pages Cindy Antlitz and Sophia Holder were introduced.

Welcome

Senator Steve Martin welcomed the attendees to Chesterfield county and listed some of the important events in the county's history. Local celebrity Rick Campbell from the K95 radio station in Richmond also welcomed the convention goers to Richmond and praised the works of ESA.

Introductions

Gayle Meeks introduced our IC representative Joan Bourn, our SERC representative Brenda West, our ESA Foundation representative Margaret (P-Nut) Schools, the executive board, the Past Presidents of the VSC, the current and prior year district council presidents and chapter presidents, and guest Anne Dake. Members were recognized for the number of conventions attended and Pallas Athene degrees earned.

Correspondence - Beverley Wright

Beverley read letters of regret to invitations issued to attend the convention from Kathy Holstead, BJ Clark and Betty Stegall. All sent their best wishes for the convention.

Rules of the Convention

Majorie Harmon presented a correction to the rules of the convention that were published in the convention brochure. This was to add to the second sentence that chapters be in good standing with IC and the VSC..... Majorie presented the motion from the executive board that the rules be accepted as corrected. The motion carried.

Credentials Report - Sue Foy

Number of Chapters	21	Number of Votes by Delegates	25
Number of Chapters represented	17	Number of Votes by Officers	7
Number of Delegate votes available	36	Number of Proxy Votes	<u>3</u>
		Total Number of Votes	35

Votes needed for majority - 18
Votes needed for 2/3 - 23

Financial Report - Melody Clark

Checking account		Savings account	
Balance on 4/1/95	\$1,495.36	Balance on 4/1/95	\$2,076.09
Deposits	2,528.65	Deposits	0
Disbursements	387.33	Disbursements	0
Balance on 5/20/95	\$3,636.68	Balance on 5/20/95	\$2,076.09

Members were requested to turn in all expenses at the convention and to cash their checks promptly so the books could be closed.

Report from Committee to Approve April 1 Minutes - Lisa Files & Jane Parish

Lisa reported that the minutes were correct as published. The committee was dismissed.

Eveleen Harrison reported that two corrections had been reported to her since the minutes were published. Eveleen presented the motion from the executive board that the corrections be attached to the convention minutes. The motion carried.

Corrections to the April Minutes

Page 1 Credentials Report

Change minutes to reflect correct majority vote to be 17 and 2/3 vote to be 22

Page 2 Insert Parliamentarian's Report

Majorie Harmon placed the proposed bylaw changes in the chapter folders.

Appointment of Special Committees

Tellers for the Election of Officers

Helen Lake - Delta Rho
Sharon Bassarab - Omega Chi
Judi Darden - Theta Mu

Courtesy Committee

Wanda English - Beta Kappa
Jean Land - Beta Tau

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Barbara Midkiff - Beta Nu
Shelby Hodges - Beta Delta
Gayle Meeks - Beta Omicron

Timekeeper

Marjorie Harmon

Unfinished Business

1996 Convention Bid

The Tidewater Area Chapters have presented a firm bid for the 1996 VSC convention. The chapters presented a skit representative of their Mardi Gras theme. Women's registration will be \$75 and men's will be \$35

1997 Convention Bid

A courtesy bid for the 1997 convention has been received from the Northern Virginia chapters.

Election of Officers

The candidates for office were presented and nominations taken from the floor. Brenda Click was nominated by her Alpha Tau chapter for 2nd Vice President. Melody Clark presented Brenda's credentials. With no further nominations, the President declared the nominations closed. Following a five minute recess, delegates and officers cast their votes.

President	Fran Lanning, Theta Lambda, Norfolk	34 votes
1st Vice President	Beverly Scott, Alpha Chi, Waynesboro	33 votes
2nd Vice President	Mildred Edwards, Alpha Xi, Norfolk Sharon Shaffer, Beta Nu, Winchester Brenda Click, Alpha Tau, Richmond	16 votes 11 votes 8 votes
Recording Secretary	Theresa Seay, Beta Sigma, Richmond Gaynell Harless, Beta Delta, Roanoke	12 votes 21 votes
Corresponding Secretary	Marjorie Harmon, Theta Lambda, Hampton	33 votes
Treasurer	Marie LaDuke, Beta Sigma, Richmond Michelle Vance, Gamma Nu, Lewisburg	31 votes 4 votes
Parliamentarian	Michele Hanna, Gamma Nu, Lewisburg	34 votes

Ballots were given to the chapters, the officers, and members carrying the proxy for Alpha Epsilon, Beta Gamma, and Rho Xi. Chapters were given 5 minutes to caucus. Ballots were collected and given to the tellers.

State Project Funds Presentation - Brenda Bowersox

Brenda presented a check for \$5,340.70 to Laura Cain from Camp Fantastic. Laura updated the members on Camp Fantastic and the Family Weekend that is the VSC project. She thanked the members for their support of this very worthy project and presented a plaque to the VSC.

Circle of Life Update - Theresa Seay

Theresa reported that there had been 100% chapter participation both years of her service as Circle of Life coordinator and summarized some of the larger categories of donations.

- Radiothons - \$31,000
- Baby Photo Contests - \$16,000
- Mathathons - \$13,000
- Golf & Putt-Putt Tournaments - \$7,000
- Fantasy Vacation - \$2,500
- Honor & Memorial Donations - \$17,000

Sandra West gave Mildred Edwards notification that Alpha Tau's Baby Photo proceeds had been given in memory of Earl Bowman. Mildred reported that memorial donations for Earl now totaled \$15,839.

Theresa handed out ALSAC/ESA Thank You awards to the following:

Honor Award \$500 - \$1000

Delta Kappa Valentine Card Sale
Beta Delta Irish Gig Dance

Distinguished Service Award \$1001 - \$2500

VSC Chapters Human-i-Tee T-Shirt Sales

Outstanding Service \$2501 - \$5000

Gamma Nu Baby Photo Contest
Beta Delta Lynchburg Radiothon
Delta Kappa Lynchburg Radiothon
Alpha Delta Richmond Radiothon
Alpha Tau Richmond Radiothon
Beta Sigma Richmond Radiothon
Alpha Omega Mathathon

Exemplary Service \$5001 - \$7500

Alpha Chi Baby Photo Contest
Omega Chi Northern VA Radiothon
Alpha Xi Country Western Dance
Shelby Hodges Volunteer Coordinator,
Lynchburg Radiothon

Theresa recognized the additional chapters that had increased their donations by at least 10%. Their banners were among those hanging throughout the lobby of the Holiday Inn. These chapters were:

Beta Nu 20% increase
Alpha Epsilon 26% increase
Beta Kappa 61% increase
Delta Kappa 196% increase
Theta Lambda 282% increase
Omega Chi 301% increase

Two additional chapters were recognized for their outstanding contributions. They were Gamma Nu and Alpha Chi. Gamma Nu had higher per member donations than most of the established Virginia chapters but could not increase their donations since they were a new chapter. Alph Chi continually contributes in excess of \$20,000.

The final piece of Theresa's report gave the total donations for the year. She added suspense to this by having different members place a number of the total on the board in reverse order. **Our total was \$107,144.60!**

The assembly was recessed until 2:00.

PPA Luncheon

Melody Clark welcomed the members to "Dining With The Thomases" and Betty Cason gave the invocation. Following a delicious meal, the Virginia past state presidents reported on their personal experiences with Danny Thomas. Members who had received Service, Pallas Athene, and Chapter Woman Of the Year awards were recognized. Awards were presented for Educational, Yearbook, Outstanding Chapter, and Honor Society. All women's awards recipients will be listed at the end of the minutes. Shirley Brice and Nancy Reece installed the 1995-96 PPA officers.

Sandra Thompson and Sandra West presented a banner for Jean Bowman to take to St. Jude Hospital and asked that all members in attendance sign it.

Second General Assembly

The assembly was called to order at 2:20 by President Gayle Meeks.

Disaster Fund Update - Doris Hood

17 of the 21 chapters and 1 district council have made donations to the disaster fund for a total of \$1,162.00

Easter Seals Update - Debbie Frazier (given by Beverley Wright)

Debbie had set a goal of \$3,000 at the beginning of the year. 11 of the 21 chapters have made contributions totaling \$7,098.17. Certificates were presented to the participating chapters.

1998 SERC Convention Bid

Flora Burns moved that Virginia present a letter of intent to host the 1998 SERC convention. Marjorie Harmon seconded. The motion carried.

Presidents' Leadership Seminar - Fran Lanning

Fran Lanning reported on the adventures of Twiddle Dee and Twiddle Dum at the Presidents' Leadership Seminar. She thanked the members for the opportunity to attend and learn.

Philanthropic Update - Bunnie Wertz

Bunnie reported that 17 chapters and 1 district council had participated in raising \$115,267.59, donating \$9,776.21 in goods, and giving 13,125.5 hours while traveling 37,412 miles. This was approximately a \$5,000 increase over the previous year.

IC Representative's Message - Joan Bourn

Joan Bourn entertained the attendees by not talking about politics except to mention the next President Bob Dole, being satisfied with the outcome of the Virginia - Kansas basketball game, and with her impressions of her first limo ride. She was quite impressed with the lifestyles of the rich and famous that Virginia exhibited. She enjoyed celebrating Virginia's accomplishments and instructed the VSC to be proud of them. Her message centered around seize the moment, live your dreams, don't wait.

SERC Representative's Message - Brenda West

Brenda West presented the details of the next SERC convention. It will be in Raleigh, North Carolina November 3-4. Registration will be \$65 for women and \$45 for men. Double rooms will be \$69. She then had each woman pull out a tube of used lipstick and described what the shape of the wear on the lipstick told about her personality.

Foundation Counselor's Report - P-Nut Schools

P-Nut reminded all members to sign their attendance certificate and give them to her. She reported that members that had not signed their IC credentials form when they registered should see her prior to the end of the convention. Remember you must attend the ESA Foundation Annual Meeting to count the deductions on your taxes.

The envelope that was passed around for collections for the Bucks for New Beginnings in April collected \$170. For those that were not in attendance in April, another envelope is being circulated.

P-Nut gave some reminders for the new sorority year. 1. We need 14 new members to the foundation to meet her goal and have the drawing for the watch. 2. Each chapter needs to appoint a foundation chairman and give that name to P-Nut. 3. She requested each chapter make a donation to the scholarship fund. 4. When paying chapter or individual foundation dues, be sure to use the form and mail them directly to the foundation. 5. She will be requesting foundation co-sponsorship of the fall leadership conference. 6. The Women Helping Women resource material is available for asking.

10% of the proceeds from all silver purchases at the IC convention will be donated to the Foundation to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. **Buy silver!**

New Business

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Majorie Harmon moved that the sentence that reads *She shall secure three (3) judges from the convention area for scrapbook judging* be deleted from Article XII Appointed Officers and Standing Committees section 2 d in the VSC bylaws. Sharon Bassarab seconded. The motion carried.

Majorie Harmon moved that the sentence that reads *She shall serve as chairman of any scrapbook contests and awards as outlined in the Standing Rules of the VSC* be deleted from Article XII Appointed Officers and Standing Committees section 2 m in the VSC bylaws. Betty Allen seconded. The motion carried.

1995 SERC Nomination

Catherine Gorham submitted Lisa Files as a candidate for First Vice President of the SERC and the VSC supported it.

1995 IC Nominations

Flora Burns is the VSC's candidate for IC Workshop Coordinator

Announcements

1. Candidates running opposed for office were requested to go directly to their rooms following the assembly so that Fran and Gayle could notify them of the election results.
2. Rehearsal for installation of officers will be held at 4:30 in the main ballroom.
3. The Association of the Arts display and ESA merchandise sale will be held in the York room from 4:30 - 5:15.
4. Doors to the banquet room will close promptly at 6:30 for installation of officers. No one will be admitted during the installation and no pictures will be allowed during the installation. Pictures will be allowed following the ceremony.
5. A photographer will be available after installation for group or individual pictures. Please make appointments.
6. If flowers have been ordered, please make arrangements to pick them up and pay for them.
7. There will be a silent auction for Celebrity merchandise starting at 6:00 and running until 11:00.

The assembly was recessed until Sunday morning.

Banquet

Nancy Reece and Shirley Brice conducted a lovely installation ceremony for the new VSC officers. They installed Fran Lanning as President, Beverly Scott as First Vice President, Mildred Edwards as Second Vice President, Gaynell Harless as Recording Secretary, Marjorie Harmon as Corresponding Secretary, Marie LaDuke as Treasurer, Michele Hanna as Parliamentarian, and Gayle Meeks as Junior Past President using Fran's theme "Footprints On The Sands Of Time".

Gerri Clemons welcomed the men and women to "The Governor's Ball". After feasting on prime rib, Fred Thompson presented the men's golf awards, Ken Clark and Sonny Schools the men's bowling awards, and Beth Sherron the men's Association of the Arts awards. The winners were:

<u>Golf</u>	<u>Bowling</u>	<u>Association of the Arts</u>
Lowest Score - Gary Reynolds	High Game - Sonny Schools	1. Gene Gorham
Longest Drive - Gary Reynolds	High Set - Woody Cason	2. Woodie Cason
Closest to Pin - Doug Thompson	Low Game - George Powell	
Sand Trap - Doug LaDuke		
Duffer - Ben Hayth		

The members then danced the night away to the music of the Time Machine while bidding on their favorite celebrity item in the silent auction.

Sunday

Sunday morning started with the President Elect's coffee where the members were able to congratulate the new officers, wish them well, and offer their support in the coming year. Following this, Betty Cason led the memorial service.

Third General Assembly

President Gayle Meeks called the assembly to order at 10:00. Judi Darden welcomed members to "The Academy Awards Brunch". During brunch a movie showing many photo memories from our Wonderful World of ESA was viewed.

Introductions - Gayle Meeks

Gayle introduced the IC representative Joan Bourn, SERC representative Brenda West, Foundation representative P-Nut Schools, the outgoing and incoming officers, the convention chairpersons, and guests Desa Katie Seay and Kristin Antlitz (page Cindy Antlitz's daughter).

Registration Report - Beth Sherron

Women	107	Mixer	164
Men	49	Luncheon	114
Desa	1	Dinner	180
MAL	4	Brunch	114
Guest	5		

Awards - Sharon Shaffer

Sharon kept with the theme of the convention and pulled the awards from a bowl for presentation. Beth Sherron presented the Association of the Arts awards. All women's awards recipients are listed at the end of the minutes.

Special Presentations

Gayle Meeks presented gifts to Joan Bourn, Brenda West, and P-Nut Schools as a reminder of Virginia's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" convention. She also presented Sue Danielson and Theresa Seay gifts and applauded the Central Virginia District Council for all of their hard work in making the convention a success.

Joan Bourn and Brenda West presented Gayle Meeks and Fran Lanning with gifts thanking them for having them as guests at the convention and wishing them well in the future. Joan present the special IC Wizard award to Theresa Seay.

Report of the Courtesy Committee - Jean Land & Wanda English

Jean Land and Wanda English entertained the members with some of the more "flashy" doings and remarks of the members during the convention.

Dismissal of Appointments - Gayle Meeks

All appointments made by Gayle this year were dismissed with the exception of those who will be dismissed following the completion of their duties. They are the Audit Committee and the Committee to Approve the Minutes of this Convention and the Circle of Life Coordinator.

President's Closing Address - Gayle Meeks

Gayle thanked the members of the VSC for their love and support during the past year and extended her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as President. She instructed Fran to savor every moment of her year. She reported that the state had met her goals, a full slate of officers and membership growth. With special thanks she showed her gift from the VSC of a diamond and gold bracelet. The year pointed out "What A Wonderful World...ESA!"

Presentation of the Gavel

Gayle presented Fran with the VSC gavel and the gavel from ASK with love and support.

Raising and Lowering of the Gavel Pin

Betty Allen lowered Gayle's gavel pin and June Mitchell raised Fran's gavel pin.

Presentation of the Jewel Pin

Gayle presented Fran with her full crown jewel pin with the statement to wear it with pride and the knowledge that by this time next year she will have truly earned it.

Acceptance Speech - Fran Lanning

Fran Lanning thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as the President of the VSC. Her goals are membership growth, continuation of the Hats for Hope program, aid to the handicapped via Easter Seals, education, increased donations to St. Judes, continued support of the scholarship program, and membership growth where she requested each member to share ESA with a friend. Fran wants each chapter to try something new and help their sisters to be all that they can be as they leave their Footprints On The Sands Of Time.

Induction of Gayle into PPA

Beverly Wright led the ceremony to induct Gayle Meeks into the PPA.

Presentation of the Ceremonial Bowls

Beverly Wright presented the ceremonial bowls to Fran Lanning.

Retirement of the Flags

Joan Bourn retired the flags and the flag barriers filed out with them.

Announcements

1. Eveleen Harrison reported that the silent auction raised \$952.
2. Judi Darden presented Gayle Meeks a copy of the video that was played during the brunch.

Adjournment

The 42nd annual convention of the Virginia State Council was adjourned at 12:08 May 21st by Fran Lanning. Members joined hands and repeated the closing ritual.

Eveleen Harrison 5/31/95
 Eveleen Harrison Date

Gayle Meeks 6/6/95
 Gayle Meeks Date

Barbara Midkiff 6/2/95
 Barbara Midkiff Date

Shelby Hodges 6-10-95
 Shelby Hodges Date