

Minutes of the Virginia State Council General Board Meeting

Sunday, October 1, 2000

President, Theresa Seay, called the General Board Meeting of the Virginia State Council, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 1, 2000 at the Travelodge, Winchester, Virginia. Delegate seating was designated for the first rows. The attendees stood, held hands, and repeated the Opening Ritual.

Theresa indicated that the membership would be seeing a few changes on the elected and appointment board at this meeting. Explanations for these changes would be covered under the Corresponding Secretary's report.

Chaplain, Rhonda Wilmore, shared a message entitled: "Sunday School Picnic" followed by a prayer.

Barbara Midkiff, President - Beta Nu, welcomed everyone to the Leadership Conference held on Saturday, the General Board Meeting, and the Winchester area.

Theresa appointed Betty Allen, Alpha Chi, and Mindy Boyd, Beta Sigma, to serve on the Minute Approval Committee for this meeting.

Nancy Kreye, Credentials Chairman, presented the following Credential Report:

Chapters on Roll:	20	Members Present:	61	Officer Votes:	7
Members on Roll:	242	DESAs Present:	0	Delegate Votes:	26
Chapters Present:	16	MALs Present:	1	TOTAL VOTES:	33
Officers Present:	8	Guests Present:	0		
		TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	62		

According to the Virginia State Council Bylaws, a quorum shall consist of representatives from five Virginia chapters, in good standing with the VSC and IC, and one (1) officer. There being a quorum present, all business voted upon shall constitute effective action.

The rules of the meeting are a part of our Standing Rules and as such do not need to be read at each meeting.

The Sunshine Girls (VSC Executive Board) were introduced and shared a childhood dream. Theresa introduced the VSC Past Presidents and thanked them for their continued support, encouragement, and friendship. The Chapter and District Council Presidents were introduced as were those attending who serve on the IC Board (Flora Burns, Jean Mullikin); those serving on the SERC Board (Gayle Meeks, Catherine Gorham); and those attending their first VSC General Board Meeting (Dee Eaheart, Delta Rho).

All members who had ever received their 1st Pearl Award or subsequent Pallas Athene Degrees were also recognized.

JUNE MINUTE APPROVAL COMMITTEE - (Betty Cason/Roxie Toth) report given by Betty Cason
The minutes of the June VSC meeting were not approved as published, and are still pending.

CORRESPONDENCE - (P-Nut Schools)

Letters of congratulations were sent on behalf of the VSC to: All incoming IC officers, IC Convention Chairmen, and Eveleen Harrison for a great IC workshop. Letters or telephone calls of regret on attending this meeting were received from Nancy Reece, Lois Bawsel, Cindy Maxwell, Karen King, Ginger Hodges Yopp, and Bev Scott.

Also received and read: letter of resignation from Christine Adams, VSC Chaplain, due to health problems; letter from Patti Jo Anderson, resigning the office of VSC Recording Secretary; thank you note from VSC President, Theresa; and a letter from IC President, Flora Burns, advising that Jean Mullikin, IC Corresponding Secretary, will be the IC representative to the 2001 VSC State Convention in Richmond.

FINANCIAL REPORT - (Eveleen Harrison)☺

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance from June 24, 2000	\$1015.51
Income	\$930.89
Disbursements	\$1406.47
Balance in Checking Account October 1, 2000	\$539.93

SUNTRUST SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance from June 24, 2000	\$1314.38
Income	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance in Savings Account October 1, 2000	\$1314.38

The Financial Report was filed for audit.

C CONVENTION REPORT

Theresa Seay, Barbara Midkiff, and Mildred Edwards shared highlights of the 2000 IC Convention in Memphis with special mention of the record Virginia attendance, Flora's installation, and tour of St. Jude.

Virginia received the following awards at the IC Convention: 3rd Place News Bulletin, Virginia; 2nd Place Public Relations, Alpha Chi - Waynesboro; 3rd Place Public Relations, Beta Omicron - Staunton; 100% Circle of Life Participation, Virginia; 3rd Place Easter Seals Chapter Participation, Sigma Chi, Roanoke; 1st Place Easter Seals State Participation, Virginia; 2nd Place ESA Foundation Bucks for New Beginnings, Virginia.

The certificates will be forwarded to Sharon Shaffer for inclusion in her State President's Scrapbook.

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1ST VICE PRESIDENT - (Melody Clark)☺

In a few weeks, the trees will be ablaze with color in all their glory. Is that us? Is that ESA? Have we come to our glory, our blaze of color, and our final days before a long sleep? I would like to ask all the Executive Board and the Chairmen of the General Board to stand. These sisters are our blaze of color, our glory for this year. They deserve our greatest appreciation for agreeing to shine for Theresa and the VSC this year, for following through with a commitment to self and others. What are they getting out of their commitment this year? (Note: Eveleen Harrison and Judi Darden shared what reward they were getting from serving on the Executive and General Boards.) Now I want each of you to think of how you can do the same thing. How can you let your light shine? How can you make dreams come true? What talents and gifts can you bring to the VSC? How committed are you to the future of ESA in VA? The VSC will not run itself, it needs you! It is my goal to have at least two candidates for

the offices of Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and 2nd Vice President. It is my goal to have every part of VA represented in these candidates and on the General Board. I invite each of you to seriously consider holding an office or chairmanship in the 2001-02 sorority year.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT - (Brenda Orebaugh)☺

What are my three words for the year? "INVITE A FRIEND!" Let's introduce our newest members this morning: Theresa Houston-Cole sponsored by Karen Newell of Newport News and Shirley Dillon sponsored by Gaynell Harless of Roanoke. (Note: neither was in attendance and Beta Delta advised of another new member, Lisa Hale.) The following have been placed in the chapter folders: membership application, IC membership program information, copy of the Diamond Founders registration form and information, copy of Shelby Hodges First Pearl Award form and VSC Rushing form. Virginia has a 'Swat Team' consisting of Theresa Seay, Katrina Bell, and myself. The Swat Team is available to assist your chapter should you need anything this year.

Information requested and received from ESA Headquarters: In June 1996, there were 13,559 total members and 953 chapters. In June 2000, there were 12,329 members and 839 chapters. Loss of 1230 members and 114 chapters over the 5 year period. In June 1996 Virginia had 316 members and 26 chapters. In June 2000, we had 311 members and 22 chapters. It was wonderful being in Memphis and receiving the awards. This was done by having the membership we have and when you lose someone in your chapter you either pickup the slack yourself or you do not do as much. We need new members to help us accomplish our goals. Just INVITE A FRIEND to take the Journey to Awaken the Light and watch our membership grow in Virginia.

RECORDING SECRETARY - (Beverley Wright) "I am back!"

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - (P-Nut Schools)☺

Theresa and I have been very busy putting your state yearbook together, which you picked up yesterday afternoon. Thank goodness for emails. There is a change of information sheet in your envelope if needed. You may use these or email changes to either Theresa or me. Changes will be reflected in the State President's newsletter and you are encouraged to make them right away. There have been quite a few changes in email addresses so check these carefully and update your computer address book. You were to have received a state binder with your files from the previous chairman. If you did not, please check with that person. Today is the deadline for turning in your chapter yearbook for state competition. I attended IC Convention and Alpha Epsilon's installation of officers and am looking forward to many more visits.

TREASURER - (Eveleen Harrison)☺

During the summer, I transferred the signing authority of the VSC checking and savings accounts to Theresa's and my name. All bills turned in have been paid and all money received deposited. First half VSC dues are due today. If you have paid, a receipt is in the chapter folder; if not, a reminder letter is in the folder. In my Lamplighter article, I have given a few suggestions on selling the cookbooks. The budget is based on cookbook sales of \$500. If we do not meet our budget, we will have to withdraw from the savings account and if we continue to do so at an amount close to last year's \$800 rate, the account will be depleted in 3-4 years.

PARLIAMENTARIAN - (Sue Ellen Danielson)☺

I attended my first IC Convention in Memphis and since I was a 'rookie', Dot Harcum asked me to write an article for the Lamplighter. Hope you enjoy it, you bunch of COWS! Please take the quiz published in the Lamplighter and you will be amazed at how much you know about parliamentary procedure. Copies of the state bylaws were emailed to those who requested them. I would like to receive any proposed bylaw changes by March 1, 2001 so I can put them in a reasonable format and make the proposed changes easy to understand. This will allow me to insert them in the chapter folders in March (save money on postage).

JR. PAST PRESIDENT - (Sharon Shaffer) ☺

I have placed a memo in the beach area and northern Virginia area chapter folders requesting info on the 2002 and 2003 state conventions. I hope to receive more information by the Spring meeting to be presented at our 2001 'SC Convention in Richmond. I hope the chapter Vice Presidents and Jr. Past Presidents will work together to keep a record of your chapter president's activities and leadership roles. This is a vital component of the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President Leadership Award. I have not received any claims for the Disaster Fund and have received a bit more than \$300 in contributions. "Keep the Change" was intended as a fundraiser for the month of August and was a voluntary, individual effort over and above your chapter's donation. There will be several fundraiser ideas in the Winter edition of the Lamplighter to help raise more money for the Disaster Fund. Disaster Fund guidelines were placed in the chapter folders at the June meeting. Goal this year = \$3650.

THE ASSEMBLY WAS RECESSED FROM 10:50 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. FOR A STRETCH BREAK.

REPORTS OF THE APPOINTED OFFICERS

ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS - no report

AWARDS DIRECTOR - no report

CHAPLAIN - (Rhonda Wilmore) ☺

I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the VSC and hope I will serve you well this year. Please let me know of any sister in need of a card this year. Let me introduce myself: Rhonda Wilmore, 53 Stingy Hollow Rd., Staunton, VA 24401; home telephone (540) 885-2597; work telephone (540) 885-1501; email address trwilmore@adelphia.net. I have sent Thinking of You cards to: Fran Lanning, Lisa Files, Jane Harris, and Theresa Seay; Sympathy cards to Cheryl Farris; and a Get Well card to Susan Caldwell. I spoke to Fran Lanning on Friday and she is doing well and sends her love.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS ADVISOR - (Neda Duncan) ☺

Met with Chapter Presidents before the General Board Meeting. Will be sending Beverley a report to include in the minutes via email next week. (Post Meeting Update: Four Chapter Presidents attended the Chapter Presidents' Meeting and reviewed the June 24th VSC Meeting. Items of discussion: should chapter officers agree to hold offices for a 2 year period; should vice presidents be expected to move into the position of president automatically; if the chapter makes a motion at a Summer event, what minutes should it be included in; seems as though the same people re still handling most of the work; keep communication open; monthly newsletters and/or telephone committee; suggestion box; make sure the sponsoring sister stays very close to a new pledge for the first year. Neda also suggested that the participants read the leadership booklet for some ideas.

CIRCLE OF LIFE COORDINATOR - (Doris Hood) ☺

In your June chapter folder was a form to be returned to me by September 15 listing your projects for St. Jude this year. I will use this form to track your events and make sure you receive proper credit and awards. Virginia's total contribution to St. Jude for 1999-2000 was \$279,128.86. We were in the top 10 states contributing and I am very proud of all your accomplishments. The Fall Meeting highlighted our IC Projects (St. Jude and Easter Seals) with the sale of a VSC calendar. Calendars sold for \$15.00 at the end of the Leadership Conference and before today's meeting. Five dollars will be divided between St. Jude and Easter Seals and thus far, 45 calendars have been sold. I have two awards to present that were a carry over from last year's events:

Delta Sigma - Outstanding Service Award for raising \$4,108.11, Radio-Thon; Beta Tau - Exemplary Service Award for raising \$5,445.64, Radio-Thon. Thank You ESA Awards from the Kids at St. Jude were presented to: Dorothy DeJong, Karen King, Roxie Toth, Cindy Maxwell, Sharon Shaffer, Janine Byers, Abbie Bannister, Patti Jo Anderson,

Melody Clark, Flora Burns, Colleen Hesson, Katrina Bell, Carolyn King, June Mitchell. (Note: a drawing was held for ornaments and water bottles, from those having purchased calendars.)

CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS - (Marie LaDuke) ☺

Cost of registration will probably be between \$80 and \$85; to be determined after the first of the year. We are planning to have a meal on Friday night. Please say yes if you are asked to participate in the Friday Night Pajama Party. Information on the sale of ads for the convention brochure is in the chapter folders.

EASTER SEALS CO-CHAIRS - (Kelley Webb, Vickie Webb) ☺

To date we have raised \$29,161.34 in hours and monies. Keep in touch monthly event if you do not have any activities for that particular month. Report forms in chapter folders. Please purchase your Christmas cards from Easter Seals. The artists are all associated with Easter Seals in one form or another. Brochure in chapter folders on ordering cards - \$25.00 for box of 25 cards. The printer cartridges to be recycled are ink jets and Easter Seals will receive \$2.00/cartridge. More info to be forwarded, as soon as it is received. (Note: Vickie and Kelley distributed ornaments to all in attendance as a Thank You token.)

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR - (Judi Darden) ☺

To date I have received 13 reports and have enjoyed reading about all the different programs. I have copies of "prepared educationals" from the ESA Foundation if you are interested in receiving a copy.

ESA 2000+ CO-CHAIRS - no report

ESA FOUNDATION DIRECTOR - (Gayle Meeks) ☺

(Note: Gayle's reported was preceded by a short "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" skit with questions and answers concerning the ESA Foundation.) The ESA Foundation is introducing new programs involving investments for long term planning such as making a will, life insurance gifts, charitable remainder annuity trusts, charitable remainder unitrusts, and establishing a scholarship endowment in your will. The new scholarship forms are in the chapter folders and I am requesting that these be delivered to your area schools before November. Refer to the form for due date, processing fee, and correct address. You can obtain information on the Women Helping Women or other programs sponsored by the Foundation by logging on to the website: www.esaintl.com/esaf. My personal goals are to increase membership in the Foundation and an increase in the number of scholarships submitted.

The following aware certificates for 1999-2000 were presented:

Hall of Fame (\$250-\$499) - Sue Danielson, Sherman Reece, P-Nut Schools, Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Theta Mu, CVDC.

Silver Founder (\$500-\$999) - Alpha Omega, Beta Kappa, Delta Rho, Sigma Chi

Golden Founder (\$1000-\$4999) - Alpha Xi, Beta Tau, Eagle Electric Corp.

Certification forms were distributed to those who attending the ESA Foundation meeting at IC.

SERC ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS CHAIRMAN - (Gayle Meeks)

Please consider participating in the SERC Association of the Arts at the SERC Conference in Baton Rouge, LA. Deadline for entry forms to be mailed to Gayle: October 7, 2000.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN - (Lynne Rightmyer)

Twice as many envelopes were made for this meeting. Some have extra numbers and one envelope has a number on different colored paper, which will be eligible for a special prize.

HISTORIAN - (Betty Cason) ☺

A copy of the scoring sheet for the Betty Allen History Award has been placed in the chapter folders. Please urge your chapter to participate to record history for your chapter and to be included in the state history for Theresa.

LAMPLIGHTER EDITOR - (Dot Harcum) ☺

To date there have been 164 paid subscriptions, and seven complimentary subscriptions. In Virginia, we are all VIPs however, this year we have two Very Important Presidents, Flora and Theresa. The first issue of the Lamplighter for 2000-01 is presented to VSC President, Theresa, and dedicated with love and congratulations to our Virginia sister, Flora, IC President.

LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN - (Sue Boyd) ☺

There were 63 members and 1 guest registered at Leadership. Thanks to everyone who participated and attended.

PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRMAN - (Robin Bellamy) ☺

Philanthropic forms were provided at the June council meeting and today in the chapter folders. Reminder - summer reports were due no later than 9/10/2000 and monthly reports for September through March, are due no later than the 10th of the month following the month you are reporting. For September, I received 14 reports on time and one report late. Please note this is a two-sided form. Call (757) 868-8997 or email rbellamy@ci.poquoson.va.us if you have any questions.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN - no report

SCRAPBOOK CHAIRMAN - no report

SERC PROJECT DIRECTOR - (report given by P-Nut Schools for Carol Campbell)

For each \$2.00 donated to the SERC Project by November 1 and mailed to Carol, your name will be placed in a drawing to receive an Elizabeth Arden or ESA notebook items.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR - (Sheen Childress) ☺

I have received many reports telling of your summer activities, and I am excited about this appointment. You will find an extra copy of the Social Report form in the chapter folders. All forms must be postmarked by the 10th of the month following the social and the April report is due by May 1.

STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR - (Judy Williams) ☺

Thanks to everyone who has sent in donations and the first batch of pennies have been counted. Baggies are available for individual contributions. Put your name and chapter on the baggie and I will get back to you with the amount within two weeks so you can enter it on your chapter philanthropic report. Maybe we should take a lesson from the kids at ASK and Camp Fantastic and stop to tell someone how much they mean to us. The following have been placed in the chapter folders: event form, Dot Harcum State Project Award form. Please make checks payable to the VSC State Project.

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR - (Gaynell Harless) ☺

The trip to IC Convention in Memphis was fantastic from beginning to end; especially the visit to St. Jude and hearing the testimonies from the former St. Jude patients and their parents. My goal is to have 100% participation in the workshops at the VSC Convention. The workshop brochures are very helpful for those who follow you in your job. Some take aways from the ESA 2000+ question on Workshop yesterday: the workshops should be longer, in separate rooms, and everyone should be given a copy of all workshop materials.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ☺

A congratulation on the sale of calendars for the Circle of Life and Easter Seals projects. I started sharing with you the importance in believing in the power of your dreams; setting your goals, pursuing and achieving them. I hope you have kept your dream in mind and have been making deliberate choices toward it. I also mentioned there would be roadblock and detours along the way. Everyone has attitudes and beliefs about themselves and their

lives. Attitudes and beliefs create thoughts and feelings, which create choices and decisions. Let us think about what we have to do to turn our dreams from possible to probable. The very first step has to ACTUALLY BELIEVE in our dream and ourselves. Let us get rid of the excuses and doubts. Everyone's life is about change. By trusting in yourself and your dreams, you will be able to release your fears and continue to move forward. Think about this question, "What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AUDITORS' REPORT - (Robin Bellamy)

The 1999-2000 Treasurer's records have been audited and the financial records are correct as presented. The Audit Committee moves that the books be accepted as presented. Coming from a committee, no second is required. Motion carried.

The 1999-2000 State Project records have been audited and the accounting of all money received and donated is accurate. The Audit Committee moves that the books be accepted as presented. Coming from a committee, no second is required. Motion carried.

The Audit Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Consider having the Lamplighter subscription money go through the VSC Treasurer's account, as there is no audit trail of the revenues and expenses.
2. The Convention Treasurer be bonded and the records audited each year.

B. IC CANDIDATES' FUND - (Barbara Midkiff)

Barbara reminded everyone that the IC Candidates' Fund is still active and anyone wishing to contribute to please send their donations to Mildred Edwards. Flora will have many expenses between now and the IC Convention in Albuquerque and we want to help defray some of these.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Executive Board has approved that we dispense with the reading of the candidates for SERC offices and that the voting for the candidates be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance at SERC. Coming from the Executive Board, this motion does not need a second. Motion carried.
- B. The Executive Board has approved that we dispense with the reading of the proposed SERC bylaw changes and that the voting for the proposed bylaw changes be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance at SERC. Coming from the Executive Board, this motion does not need a second. Motion carried.
- C. Linda Welch, SERC President, has asked that the states in attendance at SERC participate in an "ESA Fair". The VSC has been asked to supply and display information on philanthropic projects, other than those sponsored by the IC. Suggestions made: Baby Blanket project, Hats for Hope, ASK/Camp Fantastic. Please send all additional suggestions and brochures, information to Theresa.
- D. Flora advised that assistance is still needed in hosting the 2001 SERC Conference in Norfolk and to please see her for an assignment. A skit will be presented in Baton Rouge and attendees will be advised what they need to do to participate.
- E. Theresa asked that the sponsors of the VSC Awards, the chairmen from last year and this year, review the awards rules as outlined in the VSC Standing Rules, for a clear understanding and interpretation. A committee of Past Presidents (Dot Harcum, Marie LaDuke, and Beverley Wright) will also be reviewing all of the awards. Any proposed changes to the Standing Rules should be submitted to Theresa and Sue as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chinese Auction will be held immediately following the close of this meeting.
2. All extra yearbook inserts have been sold.
3. Pickup and sign for your chapter folder.

4. The next issue of The Day Dreamer will be mailed the end of November. Please get information to Theresa before that time.
5. SERC Conference, November 9-11, 2000 in Baton Rouge, LA.
6. VSC Spring Meeting, March 24, 2001, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA.
7. Past Presidents are to pickup any items left from the bazaar.
8. Dot has three (3) copies of the Lamplighter for sale today and will take additional subscriptions.
9. Pickup and sign for your Lamplighters.
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11. Eveleen has cookbooks for sale; \$10.00 each.
12. Thinking of Your/Prayer List: Lois Bawsel (eye surgery); Cindy Maxwell (sinus infection/pending surgery); Martha Linari (lung clots/triple bypass); Fran Lanning (stroke); Karen King's daughter (sinus infection); Shelby Hodges' mother-in-law and Ginger Yopp's grandmother (seriously ill); Barbara Wibberley (awaiting word on radiation treatment); Mildred Edwards (mole biopsy); Dot Brown's daughter (cancer treatment); Judi Darden's husband (cancer treatment); Melody Clark (hand/foot surgery); and everyone traveling today.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Attendees joined hands and recited the Closing Ritual.

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