

VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA
SPRING COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2004

MIXER FUN

The Executive Board officers put on a skit about going to convention.

CALL TO ORDER

President, Sue Foy

The meeting was called to order by Sue Foy at 10:04.

OPENING RITUAL: Sisters of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet again to pledge ourselves anew to the vows of our ritual which we accepted in the golden glow of a candle lighted room. Let us be ever mindful of the responsibilities that we pledged to ourselves and our sisters, be tolerant and sincere and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor, truthfulness, friendliness and loveliness.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Chaplain, Peggy Smith

Peggy's message was from the Art of Living - The Art of Giving. A brief synopsis of the message is that ESA is all about sharing the gift of life with others.

WELCOME

Bonnie Feldhauser

Bonnie welcomed us all to Martinsburg, site of the VSC Convention in May. She encourage us to go shopping and see the area after the meeting. She also encouraged us to make our reservations now for convention. On a personal note, she thanks those who sent her kind words during her husband's stroke and those that sent her birthday greetings. Bonnie had St Patty's Day clappers for the executive board.

MINUTE APPROVAL REPORT

The minutes of the Fall VSC Council meeting were approved by Suzanne Budd and Doris Hood.

RECOGNITIONS—PPA'S, VSC 1st TIMERS, GUESTS

Sue asked the PPA's to stand for Recognition. There was one 1st Timer: Connie Caldwell from Alpha Omicron. Barbara Moss was recognized as a guest in attendance and there were two DESA's present.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Judi Darden

Chapters on Roll	21
Chapters Present	16
Votes by Officers	7
Officers Present	6
Vote by Delegates	25
Total Votes	31
Guests	1
DESA's	2
Total Attendance	68

A question arose about number of chapters actually on roll.

QUORUM DECLARED.

(Rules of Meeting in Standing Rules of VSC By-Laws and as such will not be read.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspond Secretary, Cindy Maxwell

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Jane Shamblin

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REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICERS

First Vice President

Beth Sherron

Beth spoke about her visit to the Leadership conference in Fort Collins, CO. She has put details into her Lamplighter article. Beth reports the IC is making several changes. Credential Reporting and roll call will be much easier at IC convention due to the streamlining of those processes. IC has also made the decision to cut visitation by IC Representatives to once every two years. A drawing was made to determine when each state would be visited. Virginia will be visited this year and in 2005 but will not have a visit in 2006. We will still have an IC Representative that we can call on for questions and for Flag Ceremony Assistance. These changes are being made for budgetary reasons, as travel is a huge expense for the IC Budget. At the state level, Beth reports that she has one person running for each office of the Executive Board, but still has openings to fill on the General Board. Beth also announced that in an attempt to save money she will be offering the VSC 2004-2005 yearbook on CD as well as paper copy. She is giving everyone a form to indicate their preference. The cost of the CD's is zero due to a rebate offer through Staples.

Second Vice President

Lynne Rightmyer

Lynne reported on membership growth. She welcomed eight new members into the VSC with a small gift and congratulated their chapters for planting new seeds of friendship and sisterhood. Lynne reports that the membership promotion drive is a 2 for 1 special. Pledge one new member at the regular price of \$69.00 between January 1, 2004 and May 31, 2004, and pledge the second member free. Lynne also reported that the VSC had 295 active members in September of 2003 and we currently have 295 members in March of 2004. This numbers includes the new pledges, which brings up the problem of member retention. Lynne encouraged chapters to begin exploring this issue. Lynne also reminded us that the VSC has a goal of forming 2 new chapters this year. She asked that chapters call her for guidance in this area. Lynne also asked that sponsoring chapters let her know when there is a new member. The information does not come in a timely manner from headquarters. Lynne also stated that she has placed rushing and first pearl forms in the chapter folders. Lynne closed with an original poem concerning member retention.

Recording Secretary

Katrina Bell

No report

Corresponding Secretary

Cindy Maxwell

No report

Treasurer

Jane Shamblin

Jane reported that she has received 2nd half dues from 15 chapters and that she will be happy to take dues money after the meeting today. She reminded the members that dues must be paid on or before April 1, 2004 in order to remain in good standing. Any chapters paying after 4/1/04 are ineligible for chapter awards.

Parliamentarian**Sheen Childress**

Sheen's report was read in her absence by Flora Burns.

Sheen will send a copy of the proposed bylaw changes that were approved by the Executive Board at least 30 days prior to Convention. She asked that chapters review these changes with their members and come prepared to vote at convention.

Jr. Past President**Brenda Orebaugh**

Brenda reported that a copy of the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President Leadership Award form was placed in chapter folders. The form is due May 1, 2004. A bid for the 2005 VSC convention has been received and will be announced in May. To date, Brenda has received Disaster Fund monies totaling \$1707.80. She is still accepting money. As promised, the drawing for \$100 or more in donations was held. The chapter winner was Beta Tau. The individual winner was Gayle Meeks from Beta Omicron.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICERS**Association of the Arts****Nicole Lewis**

Nicole reports that she has received no entry forms at this time. She has placed a copy of the entry form in the chapter folders. Extra copies can be requested of her via e-mail.

Awards**Alice Hudson**

Alice reported that she needs all trays and bowls turned in to her today. The award form is in the chapter folders.

Chaplain**Peggy Smith**

Peggy reported that a clipboard was placed at the registration table change of address or remembrances. If you have any extra to add, please see Judi Darden.

Circle of Life**Ginger Yopp**

Ginger reported that the total from the Dream Home project was \$76,212.04. She thanked everyone for their hard efforts in all the projects that have been undertaken for St. Jude. Ginger reported that while she was last at St. Jude, she met a little girl from Wheeling, West Virginia who had been on the cover of Parade Magazine with Marlo Thomas. Ginger asked Beth Sherron and Lisa Files to speak of their experiences in visiting St. Judes. Beth emphasized the fact that there are no white walls and no white jackets. Everything is bright and the kids ride around in red wagons. Even though they are sick and have no hair they are still having fun. She state that most will still be having fun in 5 to 10 years because of the money we raise. Beth spoke of meeting a girl named Laura 3 or 4 years ago who was treated and now has 2 children of her own. Lisa Files stated that her love affair with St. Judes began 34 years ago. She made her first trip in 1984 with Leroy Wilkinson who provided transportation for her and her Alpha Chi sisters to go to St. Judes. Lisa reported thinking that "this can't be a hospital – there was no fear or crying, only smiles and outright laughter. The families of the children were relaxed and there was an atmosphere of hope and vision. It seemed to be a home away from home." Lisa stated that St. Judes and the kids will be a part of her life as long as she

exists. Ginger concluded her report by challenging us to stay pumped up about Virginia's projects. She has placed the Flora Burns Circle of Life award form in the chapter folders. Ginger told us that she is leaving Thursday for her next visit to Memphis.

Convention

Sharon Shaffer and Bonnie Feldhauser

Sharon thanked us for wearing green to help celebrate St Patty's Day 10 days late. Alpha Tau won the St. Patty's Day contest. She welcomed us to wild and wonderful West Virginia, home of many famous people and some VSC members. Sharon gave specific details concerning convention for each of the nights. The highlights are as follows:

Convention will be sponsored by Alpha Omega and Delta Rho. The theme is Happy Holidays. Convention will be May 21 – May 23 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. The Friday night mixer will be a Halloween party and will begin around 7:00. Saturday's luncheon will have a 4th of July theme. The installation banquet will have a New Year's Eve theme and the Sunday brunch will be a Valentine's theme. There will be a men's hospitality room. Bonnie reported that the fundraiser will be a raffle. Some of the items include a washtub filled w/ made in Virginia products, a handmade afghan, a butterfly house and bush, a birdhouse, a country ham, a handcrafted wooden bowl with the history of the wood and a painted cabinet valued at \$350.00 value. Raffle tickets will be sold.

Sharon also reported on several convention changes.

1. Registration will only take place on Friday from 2- 6:30. If you cannot be there by then, ask chapter members to get your stuff. If you know beforehand, note on the registration form. Nan Keckley is the registration chair
2. AA only takes place on Friday from 3-6. Judging takes place at 6pm.
3. 1st Timers Welcome is Friday at 5:00.
4. There is no President's Mixer.
5. There is no incoming President's Reception on Sunday – a receiving line will be held.
6. The Chapter President's Workshop is Saturday morning at 7:45.

Sharon also reported that Lucy Burkhart Alpha Omega gave out floral information. There will be corsages available. You are responsible for ordering your own. You must order by Thursday, May 20th. Final reports go to Cara Barnes and ads must be in by April 10th or 15th. There will be a hotel walkthrough today at 12:30.

Easter Seals

Carol Campbell

Carol thanked everyone for the gifts they have made to Easter Seals. She reminded the chapters to make sure credit is taken by filling out the forms. Only 2 chapters have sent forms to Carol for credit. Carol also stated that she needs event forms. Carol informed the members that there are several Easter Seals events coming up: Digging for Diamonds at the IC convention, along with four Virginia events. The information for these is in your folders. Carol also reminded the members about the ink jet cartridges program. To date, only Alpha Chi has received credit. She asked that everyone bring towels and linens for the camp wish list to convention. Carol also stated that due to the reduction in paperwork the job has become easier and encouraged members to consider filling it. She also asked members to come to the workshops because they take time to prepare.

Association of The A.C.S.

Education**Susan Caldwell**

Susan reported that many chapters have sent her educationals throughout the year. The latest reporting totals are in the chapter folders. Many chapters are on target to earn Gold Link awards and several are in the running for the VSC Barbara Midkiff award. Some chapter educational directors deserve to be nominated for the Distinguished Athenian Service Award. These forms have been placed in the chapter folders. The deadline is May 1, 2004. The Educational Workshop at convention will include ideas for unique educational projects and reports.

Foundation**Marie LaDuke**

Marie reported that 56 scholarship applications were received and forwarded to the Regional committee. Thanks were given to all who took the time to get these applications out to the schools. Life Active members, Nancy Reece, Flora Burns, Gayle Meeks, and Dee Eaheart were recognized along with Sherman Reece and Eagle Electric Corporation. VSC Foundation members were asked to stand. An updated list of members has been placed in the chapter folders. We have had an increase in Foundation membership and there will be a chapter prize given out at convention.

Finance**Roxie Toth and Amanda Wright**

Thanks for the Chinese Auction Items.

Historian**Lena Craft**

No report - not in attendance

Lamplighter**Debbie Frazier**

No report - not in attendance Lamplighters can be received from Betty Allen. Please sign for these when you pick them up.

Leadership**Marie LaDuke**

No report

Philanthropic**Gail Lanning**

Gail reminded the members that March is the last reporting month. She must have your report by April 10th. 18 chapters have filed reports and several chapters have sent reports every month. Please check the folders for accuracy of submissions. Gail let us know that her workshop will be sharing ideas for projects. She encouraged others to volunteer to become a member of appointed board.

Publicity**Betty Cason**

No report – items have been placed in chapter folders

Scrapbook**Barbara Smith**

No report

SERC**Beverley Wright**

No report

Social
No report

Ramona Fulwider

State Project

Sharon Shaffer

Sharon reported that she has received donations from 11 chapters and 1 individual totaling over \$5800.00. We are halfway to our goal of \$10,000. Special thanks go to Delta Sigma for raising over \$3,600. Sharon also reported on several fundraisers that are taking place within the next few weeks. Information for these is in the folders. Sharon stated that Alpha Delta and Delta Rho have submitted a proposal that there be no change to the current VSC State Project Fund, which is 50/50, ASK and Special Love.

Workshop

Judy Williams

Judy reported that workshops will be presented at convention on Saturday morning from 8:45 – 9:45. There will be two sessions. The President's workshop will be from 7:45 – 8:15. Judy reminded committee chairs that she needs their final reports by 4/15/04.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sue Foy, President

Sue reminded us that the sorority year is not over. There is still time for fundraising. She reported that she enjoyed traveling to the SERC convention in Cindy's motor home and getting the chance to visit with fellow sisters. Twenty-four sisters from VA went. During SERC, the situation with membership was raised along with the changes that IC is making. IC will be held in Little Rock July 11-17th at Peabody Hotel. Sue encouraged members to try to come. The travel alone is worth the experience. Sue informed the members that the IC Life active member offer will be up in June. Sue asks that we bring as many members as we can to Convention in May. Sue praised the VSC members for their tireless efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sue presented several SERC Awards to Brenda Orebaugh. These included: 1st Place Easter Seals Award, 2nd Place Foundation Award, and a 3rd place Philanthropic award.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee Chair, Beth Sherron, reports that she has one candidate for each executive office. These are as follows: Lynne Rightmyer- 1st Vice President, Cindy Maxwell, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary - Jane Shamblin, Corresponding Secretary - Susan Caldwell, Parliamentarian – Katrina Bell, and Treasurer – Sheen Childress.

Brenda Orebaugh announced that Beta Delta, Roanoke, has placed a 2005 Convention Bid. More information will be forthcoming at the May meeting.

Standing Rules Changes

Flora Burns, standing in for Sheen Childress – Parliamentarian, stated that the published bylaw changes along with some secretarial changes have been approved by the Executive Board and will be voted upon at the May meeting.

Secretarial Changes are:

Article 11 section 2b,d,f,g,k,l,m

The words there should be changed to read from Standing Rules of the VSC to VSC council and Awards - changed in 2002 oversight, not changed.

Pg 68 of bylaws - all dates listed revised - only last date of revision will show

Voting on Standing Rule Changes

Standing rules received in chapters. The total vote count is 31. Our standing rules need to be carried by 2/3 vote if there was not previous notice. Ones that notified ahead of time can be passed by majority according to Roberts Rules of Order because our standing rules do not say.

These standing rules were sent into Sue after the newsletter was published.

Standing Rules: Section 3 VSC Convention:

NOW READS

- 1) Individuals not affiliated with ESA, performing judging duties at the convention, not to exceed six (6) shall be invited to lunch on Saturday. The cost of their meals shall be VSC expense.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Deletenot to exceed six (6) shall be invited to lunch on Saturday.

Add...shall be compensated for a meal. The cost of the meals shall be a convention expense.

REASON FOR CHANGE

Judging for Association of the Arts was done on Friday evening last year and will be done on Friday of this year. How a meal is compensated should be up to the Convention Chairmen.

Discussion:

Sharon Shaffer expressed that this is not what she had discussed with Sue Foy. Flora Burns agreed but stated that the changed had been made by the Executive Board in their March 26, 2004 meeting.

The motion was carried.

The next standing rule change proposed is:

The last "paragraph" called "Revised" in the Standing Rules section lists all the dates of the changes made to the Standing Rules. The only necessary date is the last one. (i.e. May 17, 2003) Any changes we make in 2004 will have only the date May, 2004.

This does not need a vote it can be a secretarial change.

The following standing rule changes were published and need a majority to carry.

1. NOW READS

Section 2. The following rules shall apply to VSC candidates for IC and SERC office.

PROPOSED CHANGE

ADD NEW LETTER a) "Must receive nomination approval by general consent from the VSC."

REASON FOR CHANGE

We encourage and assume a lot when someone comes forward to run for an office at the SERC and IC level. We should be having a formal vote of confidence for these persons to verify their willingness to serve and to confirm their standing with the VSC.

Deleted by the Executive Board

2. NOW READS

Section 3. The following rules shall apply to the VSC Convention

- n) At the discretion of the Convention Chairman.....Convention Treasurer may be bonded...

PROPOSED CHANGE

Eliminate this section.

REASON FOR CHANGE

Coverage of the bonding of the Convention Treasurer is already listed in Article XIII, Section 11...”Bonding fees ...Convention Treasurer...shall be paid from the VSC treasury.”

After discussion with Sharon Shaffer, submitter of motion, the motion was withdrawn and will be made a secretarial change.

3. NOW READS

e. Educational Award – Barbara Midkiff

PROPOSED CHANGE

Replace the wording and form of this award. (See attached changes)

REASON FOR CHANGE

To encourage more participation by making the award and reporting form simpler to read and complete. To place more emphasis on the DOING rather than being critical of how they are done.

Barbara Midkiff was contacted and is in agreement with the changes.

Discussion:

Dissenting Opinion was heard from Beverly Wright.

Motion Defeated.

4. NOW READS

g. History Award – Betty Allen

PROPOSED CHANGE

Replace the wording and form of this award (See attached changes)

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Deleted by Executive Board

5. NOW READS

h. Outstanding Chapter President Leadership Award – Lucy Davis

PROPOSED CHANGE

Replace the wording and form of this award (See attached changes)

REASON FOR CHANGE

To encourage more participation by making the award and reporting simpler to read and complete. To place more emphasis on how she has grown as a person than being critical of what and how she had performed during the year.

Deleted by Executive Board

6. NOW READS

m) Social Award – Lisa Files

PROPOSED CHANGE

Replace the wording and form of this award (See attached changes)

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Deleted by Executive Board

7. NOW READS

o. Yearbook Award – VSC

PROPOSED CHANGE

Eliminate this entire Award. It will take place in 2004-2005.

REASON FOR CHANGE

Like the way of the Scrapbook award, it is time for this award to go. We want to encourage the use of a Yearbook but each chapter makes theirs to conform to the needs of the chapter not to what the VSC says they have to.

Discussion

Dissenting Opinions were heard from Beverly Wright, Shelby Hodges, Doris Hood, Sharon Shaffer, Bonnie Feldhauser, and Diana Dawkins.

Approving Opinion was heard from Katrina Bell.

Motion Defeated.

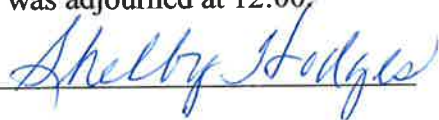
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VSC State Convention, "Happy Holidays", May 21st, 22nd & 23rd, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WVA
- IC Convention, "ESA's Diamond Jubilee", July 11-17, 2004, Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AK
- All chairpersons responsible for judging awards please email me with the award winners by May 19th.
- Turn in your award trophies to Alice Hudson today!
- Pick up and sign for Chapter Folders.
- Please remember our members who have cares and concerns.
- Chinese Auction will follow the close of this meeting.
- Coleen Cape is our IC Rep and Ginny Hales is our SERC Rep for State Convention

CLOSING RITUAL: Eternal Father, master of all good works, guide and direct us, as we remain steadfast in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded that graciousness, poise and friendliness are our goals, and as we go our separate ways to ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Approved



Shelby Hodges Beta Delta

Approved

Betty Cason Beta Omicron

Financial Report
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Virginia Chapters Belonging to ESA Foundation

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Status</u>
Alpha Chi	Current
Alpha Delta	Current
Alpha Epsilon	Current
Alpha Omega	Current
Alpha Tau	Current
Alpha Xi	Current
Beta Beta	Lapsed
Beta Delta	Current
Beta Omicron	Current
Beta Sigma	Current
Beta Tau	Current
Delta Kappa	Current
Delta Rho	Current
Delta Sigma	Current
Sigma Chi	Lapsed
Theta Lambda	Lapsed
Theta Mu	Current

Other Members Associated with the VSC

Past Presidents' Auxilliary	Current
Central Virginia District Council	Current
Blue Ridge District Council	Current

Chapters Not Members of the Foundation

Alpha Omicron
Delta Pi
Rho Xi -disbanded??