

Virginia State Council  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha, International  
General Board Meeting  
June 26, 2004  
10:00 am

The June meeting of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha was called to order at 10:00 AM on June 26, 2004, at the Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. Voting delegates were issued pink cards to use as their vote indicators.

**Opening Ritual:** All members stood to recite the Opening Ritual

**Chaplain's Message was given by Alice Hudson**

**Welcome—Susan Caldwell:** Susan welcomed the VSC to the Richmond area.

**2004 Convention Minute Approval Committee Report:** June Mitchell reported that the minutes were approved as published.

**Recognition's:**

The head table was introduced

VSC Past Presidents will be known this year as the rainbow girls.

PPA's were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

The members of the chapter to be chartered after the meeting were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Members attending their first state council meeting and representative from their chapter were asked to stand and the representative was asked to introduce the new members.

Chapter President's for 2004-2005 were ask to stand and give their name and their theme for the coming year.

There were 2 DESA'S in attendance. Heather Canter and Kathy Bell.

Beth thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting.

**Credentials Report**

Chapters on Roll	19
Chapters Present	14
Officers Present	7
Guests	2
DESA'S Present	2
MAL'S Present	1
Total Present	68

Votes:

Officers	7
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Chapter Delegates	23
Total Votes	30

Quorum was declared. There being a quorum present, all business voted upon shall constitute effective action.—Rules

**Correspondence:** Susan Caldwell—A letter of regret was received from Nicole Lewis—Finance Committee member—A thank you card was received from Sara Carr.

**Financial Report—2003-2004 Treasurer: Jane Shamblin**

Balance on hand May 21, 2004 (checking)	\$2,659.20
Income	-0-
Disbursements	\$ 903.76
Balance on hand June 26, 2004	\$1,755.42
Balance on hand May 21, 2004 (savings)	\$1,360.87
Income	-0-
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There were no questions. The final report was filed for audit

**Auditor's Report: Flora Burns**—The audits have not been completed at this time. This report was tabled until the Fall meeting.

**51<sup>st</sup> Annual State Convention Report: Sharon Shaffer & Bonnie Fieldhauser**

Sharon Shaffer reported that the VSC State Convention was a great success and a great experience. Looking forward to kicking back next year in Roanoke and hosting everyone again at the 2010 State Convention.

**Proposed Budget 2004 – 2005—Jane Shamblin**

Jane presented the proposed budget for 2004-2005. She included explanations for the following items:

1. Increase in President's IC Convention expenses to \$975.00 due to cost of airfare.
2. Increase in President's SERC Convention expenses to \$650.00 due to cost of airfare and hotels
3. Decrease in President's supplies to \$350.00
4. Decrease in President's Yearbook cost to \$200.00
5. Increase in convention agendas to \$400.00 due to cost of copying
6. Increase in meals for judges and guests at convention to \$60.00
7. Increase in president-elect misc. to \$50.00

Beth Sherron ask for discussion.

Doris Hood ask if Comp suite for President is really necessary expense

Sharon Shaffer replied that it was good to have in budget in case hotels do not offer a comp suite for the President.

Beth Sherron stated that the comp suite is also used for men's hospitality  
Shelby Hodges stated that the comp suite would be used in Roanoke

Sharon Shaffer stated that she thought it had been decided to have the means for judges as a convention expense.

Beth Sherron stated that it had been the amount had been changed to include any guest speakers that may want to stay for lunch.

Sharon Shaffer agreed to with this change

There being no further discussion motion was made by Jane to accept the budget as presented.

Motion carried. The proposed budget was adopted as presented

### **Reports of Elected Officers:**

#### **First Vice President—Lynn Rightmyer**

Lynn reported that candidate forms had been place in the chapter folders and also forms for the general board.

#### **Second Vice President—Cindy Maxwell**

Membership packets have been placed in chapter folders. Included in these packets are membership applications, recommend a friend form and information about the benefits of ESA membership. Also you will find forms for the Shelby Hodges First Pearl Award and the VSC Rushing Award. I also have new chapter packets, which will guide you through the process of starting a new ESA chapter. Special kudos goes to Alpha Epsilon in Newport News. Their May rush was very productive. Welcome to their three new members Jackie Muller, Mary Andrews, and Linda Spainhour. Have a great summer and remember to share the miracle of ESA with a friend.

#### **Recording Secretary—Jane Shamblin**

Jane thanked the membership for all the support and also thanked Beth for allowing her to serve as recording year this year.

#### **Corresponding Secretary—Susan Caldwell**

Susan thanked the members of Alpha Delta, Beta Sigma, and Theta Mu for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

Susan thanked all chapters for sending in the chapter rosters. She asks that if anyone had any further changes to please give them to her at the meeting.

Criteria for the VSC yearbook contest were put in chapter folders at the May convention. If anyone needs an additional copy please see Susan at the end of the meeting. The deadline for entry of yearbooks is October 3, The VSC Fall Council meeting. Please support the awards program by making an entry in this contest.

#### **Treasurer—Sheen Childress---No Report**

#### **Parliamentarian—Katrina Bell—No Report**

**Junior Past President—Sue Foy: No report**

**Reports of the Appointed Officers:**

**Association of the Arts—Sherry Roe—No Report**

**Awards—Amanda Wright**

Forms have been placed in the chapter folders to record Woman of the Service and Pallas Athena Awards. My Phone Number and email address is on the form if anyone has questions.

**Chaplain—Alice Hudson**

I am very happy Beth chose me to be your Chaplain for the year 2004-2005. I have sent seven cards: three sympathy, two get well and one thinking of you and one birth. If you have any information please do not hesitate to call me at 540-636-6363 or mail it to me at:

Alice Hudson

564 Lewis St.

Front Royal, VA 22630. The best way to send information is by emailing Bonnie Feldhouser at [feldhouser@shentel.net](mailto:feldhouser@shentel.net). Please don't forget to keep me Informed of any needs or concerns.

**Circle of Life—Ginger Yopp**

As reported at convention in May, we will be having an “Old Bags

Auction

At our leadership in October. I have contacted 10 teams around the state Requesting their help. As stated at convention there will be 10 bags for Auction, you will not know what is inside the bag until you have won the Bid. If any of you have any questions please let me know. This is going To be so much fun, so start saving your money and get your bidding hand Ready to raise A BUNCH OF MONEY FOR ST. JUDE. Total money Raised for St Jude was \$354,240.44. Ladies you amaze me. I thank you, The children thank you and all of St Jude thanks you.

**2005 VSC Convention—Shelby Hodges & Gayness Krista**

We have met with the hotel regarding room requirements and selected Menus. The best part of the meeting was we were able to sample some of The foods we will be have during convention. We think you will be pleased. On of the areas we would like to focus on today is our men— over the past several years, men's registration has been down. We hope to change this and get our men's attendance back up. I have place in the chapter folder's today, a survey for men's activities during convention. We promise to have a great men's hospitality room , wherein, they will

Be able to share lunch together while enjoying a friendly game of cards  
Or simply watching TV, if they choose not to bowl, golf or take one of  
Our tours. We would like these returned at the fall council meeting, so  
Please- chapter presidents poll your member's husbands for their "wants  
At convention and let us know. We will try our very best to have  
Something for everyone to enjoy during the day on Saturday. Start  
Saving your pennies- dimes and nickels now and when April rolls around  
You can start planning your arrival in Roanoke for "The American Way...  
With ESA."

#### **Easter Seals—Judy Williams**

There are quite a few projects in all areas throughout the years. Some will need volunteers and some will just need support. They include the Walk With Me Program, Cartridges for Kids, and there are some benefits that would only need attendance and support. Every philanthropic chairman will get a copy of the CFK and a list of projects in all areas of the state. I also will be continuing to have you bring items for camp starting at leadership. More to come on that. I am very enthused about an upcoming project. It is the Firstmarketband Jazz and Wine Festival on the James to benefit Easter Seals. It is in Richmond. Now all of you from other areas may be wondering "What does this have to do with me" The date of the festival is October 2-the date of our leadership. This means all that attend leadership will have the opportunity to volunteer and/or just attend the festival. The hours are 11-9ish-so there will be plenty of hours after leadership ends available. It will be held on Mayo Island, which is very near our meeting place. Easter Seals will need help with registration, vending of shirts and drinks. Details are still being worked out and I will get them to you as soon as I get them. I will also be working with Theresa about some transportation issues and etc.

#### **Educational Director—Suzanne Budd**

I wanted to remind everyone that the "E" in ESA stands for Education. While the service aspect of ESA is very important, you must feed yourself so that you will have something to give back to others. To that end, I hope you will all assist your Educational Director in creating a program that provides you with the opportunity to develop skills that enhance your self-esteem and make significant personal accomplishments possible. Please don't forget that in order for your chapter to be eligible for a Gold Link award, you must submit a minimum of 6 reports on time. And for the Barbara Midkiff Educational Award, you must submit a minimum of 8 reports on time. Reports for May through August must be postmarked on or before September 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month in which the educational program was presented; and the April report must be postmarked on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Educational packets have been placed in chapter folders.

#### **ESA Foundation—Doris Hood**

As your new Foundation Director I have reviewed the duties of the position and previous files. During the next two years I will be learning along with you. I don't know a lot about the Foundation but am willing to learn. The membership fee of \$25.00 and

annual dues of \$15.00 are tax deductible. Any member who attends the annual meeting at IC Convention receives a huge tax break on convention travel and lodging expenses.

The printout I received from the Foundation lists 70 individual ESA members in Virginia. Of those 70 members, 46 are current with their dues. This is not a good thing, just a little over half. In keeping with President Beth's theme, my goal for this year will be 2 by 2. I would like for each chapter to either register two new members, update dues for current members, or a combination of the two. Any members or chapter president's that have not signed your Foundation Credentials please sign before you leave today.

**Finance Committee—Nicole Lewis & Roxie Toth**

Announced that there was still envelopes for sell for the Chinese Auction. \$2.00 for one or 3 for \$5.00

**Historian—Barbara Smith—No Report**

**Lamplighter Editor—Debbie Frazier—Report given by Susan Caldwell**

There will be a price increase this year from \$7.00 for 3 issues to \$8.00 as everything has increased. We will be using the same article deadlines as last year and I will keep in touch with each chapter to remind them of those deadlines. I hope that you all will consider subscribing as I have heard that the Lamplighter does help keep you in touch with each other and every now and again it has some helpful tips in it that you can use. I do not have an e-mail address, so to get in touch with me, you call me at 540-943-5907 and please send your articles to me at 229 River Road, Waynesboro, Va 22980.

Important Notes. 1. Subscription deadline—August 10<sup>th</sup> 2004

Fall issue article due: September 10<sup>th</sup>,

Winter issue article due ; December 20<sup>th</sup>

Spring issue article due: February 15, 2005

**Leadership Chairwoman—Theresa Seay**

Highlights for the Virginia State Council Leadership Conference:

We will have the opportunity to tour the newly renovated ASK wing at MCV and hear an update on progress, future expansion, and how appreciated your donation are. There will also be a "Wish List" in your chapter folder, if you would like to bring a small item with you, to leave behind for the kids. We'll have an exciting guest speaker who will remind you that age is only a number, and you are never too old (at any age) to pursue your dreams and make "LIFE" happen/ We will have a visit from the "old bag" with some fun bag auction items. This has proven to be very entertaining in the past, and will benefit St. Jude Hospital. We'll be re-discovering ESA with informational displays & workshops. These will include the PPA Baxter, elements of ESA, women helping women, and, an ESA merchandise display with discounts for ordering. And to end the day on an uplifting note, we will have one of our own sisters' shares with you The Miracles of Laughter. I will be extending invitations to our Leadership Conference to IC & SERC Officers, and neighboring states. May you hotel reservations early at the Crown Plaza hotel in Richmond.

**Philanthropic Director—Jennifer McClellan**

I have put together an excel spreadsheet that I have used for the past year and found it to be very helpful in reporting on time. This form as well as instructions on how to use the form, will be available on the VSC Yearbook CD for your use. I prefer to receive reports via e-mail since it saves postage. If you do not have a computer or do not wish to correspond via e-mail then please use the Philanthropic form in your folder and please PRINT legible. I have put the ESA International Philanthropic Service Guideline, information about ESA VSC philanthropic awards and service projects, and the ESA chapter philanthropic report form and awards entry form in each chapter folder. You can reach me at [mcclellan10@cox.net](mailto:mcclellan10@cox.net) or 757-220-0066. If you would like to be a part of my e-mail distribution list please send me an e-mail with the subject line."Philanthropic Distribution List"

**Publicity Director—Ramona Fulwider**

Ramona presented a little skit for the membership to be included in. She asked that everyone stand and remain standing if the statements she read are true to you. Many papers print officer elections for local group. Any visibility is great. We can grow if we spread the word. So let's all go home and send out those lists and every other thing we are doing so we can cover the media with our good works.

**Scrapbook Chairwoman—Sara Carr**

Please take and send pictures of your chapter's projects, socials or just goofing around, to me to be included in the 2004-2005 VSC Scrapbook. Looking forward to hearing from each ESA chapter this year

**SERC Chairwoman—Sharon Shaffer**

This year's SERC Conference will be held in Paducah, KY in November. I will provide more info after I receive it. The 2005 Conference will be held in Tampa. For those of you who have not attended an SERC conference, I would like to encourage each of you to attend one of these whirlwind weekends. It's a great way to get to know your own VSC sisters & those in other Southeastern states. This year the SERC has requested that each chapter contribute a minimum of \$10 in order to help defray some of their expenses Please consider this request as you formulate your annual chapter budget. Individual contributions would also be gladly accepted.

**Social Director—Mildred Edwards**

I am looking forward to hearing from all chapters this year on your socials. I encourage you to plan fun socials as fellowship among your sisters is so rewarding and a way of getting to know each other better. Chapter folders will have a copy of social report forms as well as the Lisa Files social award form and judging form. All have my name, address & phone number. Make copies of the social report form, so you may have one for each social.

**State Project Director—Jean Bowman**

In following with Beth's theme, I really feel that I can associate with Noah as he prepared the ark and gathered the animals. I am sure he was very apprehensive and

wondered if he really knew what he was doing and if he was following the plan that God had ask him to do. As I set out to learn everything that I can about our two state projects, I know that I will have to depend on the knowledge that many of you have about Ask and the Association for the Support of Childhood Cancer. Please make sure your chapter has included projects in your calendars for the year to support our State Projects. What a challenge Sharon has given us this year. Because of all your hard work the VSC exceeded \$10,000 for the very first time. I know that at the end of the year we will be able to “Celebrate the Miracles of ESA” and continue to make life better for the childfree at ASK and Special Love. Please email me and let me know about any special projects you AR planning. If possible I would like to attend some of the events during the year. Let me know if I can be of any assistance.

### **Workshop Coordinator—Lisa Hale—No Report**

#### **President’s report---Beth Sherron**

Beth thanked Bev Scott and Flora Burns for a beautiful installation in May. Also thanks went to Sharon, Bonnie and the entire Delta Rho and Alpha Omega sister for their hard work at convention. The weekend after convention, was Beth’s first official duty as VSC President by installing Alpha Omega’s officers for the year. Beth is very excited about representing Virginia at IC in a couple of weeks. I will see if there are any extra diamonds lying around, as a small group of us will be celebrating the 75 years of ESA. Beth thanked everyone for their willness to go on this adventure with her this year.

#### **Unfinished Business---None**

#### **Special Presentation**

The scrapbook and history were presented to Sue Foy for her year as State President.

#### **New Business:**

The executive board moved that the reading of IC candidates names be dispensed and that voting be left to the discretion of those in attendance at IC. The motion carried

The executive board moved that the reading of the candidates for 2004-2005 names be dispensed and that voting be left to the discretion of those in attendance at IC. The motion carried.

#### **Announcements**

1. IC Convention July 12 – 17 , 2004, Little Rock, Arkansas. Register and sign in as a voting delegate. Caucus is Thursday, July 15
2. Mystery night tickets for sale – See me after meeting
3. SERC President that SERC members were hats at IC
4. Turn in chapter rosters to Susan Caldwell
5. Pick up chapter folders. If a chapter near you is absent today, please pick up their chapter folder and make arrangements to deliver same. Thanks.

6. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Leadership and October 3<sup>rd</sup> is Fall council meeting in Richmond.
7. SERC is November 5-6, 2004 in Paducah, Kentucky
8. March 26, 2005—Spring VSC Meeting—Wyndham Hotel, Roanoke, VA
9. May 20-22, 2005-VSC Convention—Wyndham Hotel, Roanoke, VA
10. President's newsletter will be sent out first of August
11. Chinese Auction will follow meeting.
12. Drawing for the trunk will be at the beginning of the Delta Chi ceremonies will be held after the Chinese auction.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 AM with all joining hands for the closing ritual.

The Chinese auction was held immediately following the closing ritual.

**Jane Shamblin, VSC Recording Secretary**

Financial Report  
Virginia State Council  
ESA International  
June 26, 2004

<b>Balance on hand May 21, 2004</b>	<b>\$2,659.20</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Total income:</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Check # 1022 VOID	
Check # 1023 Sue Foy	\$ 50.36
Check # 1024 Judy Williams	107.54
Check # 1025 Beth Sherron	98.00
Check # 1026 VOID	
Check # 1027 Peggy Thompson	30.00
Check # 1028 Kara Bates	167.88
Check # 1029 Sharon Schaffer	375.00
Check # 1030 Barbara Smith	75.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 903.78</b>
<b>Balance on hand June 26, 2004</b>	<b>\$ 1,755.42</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT: PEOPLES COMMUNITY BANK</b>	
<b>Balance on hand June 26, 2004</b>	<b>\$1,360.87</b>

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA  
VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL

CREDENTIALS REPORT

ESA-VSC CONFERENCE/MEETING: VSC Summer Board Mtg  
DATE(S): June 26, 2004  
LOCATION: Memument St. Baptist Church  
Richmond, VA

ATTENDANCE:

CHAPTERS ON ROLL:  
CHAPTERS PRESENT @ MTG/CONFER.:  
*Total Members Present:*  
VSC OFFICERS PRESENT:  
GUESTS PRESENT:  
DESA's PRESENT:  
MAL's PRESENT:

<u>19</u>	
<u>14</u>	
<u>56</u>	
	<u>7</u>
	<u>2</u>
	<u>2</u>
	<u>1</u>
	<u>68</u>

TOTAL MTG/CONFER. ATTENDANCE:

# VOTES PRESENT:

VSC EXEC. BOARD/OFFICER VOTES: 7  
# CHAPTER DELEGATE VOTES: 23  
TOTAL VOTES: 30