

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
54th Annual Convention
Saturday, May 19th 2007**

1st General Assembly

The 54th annual Convention of the Virginia State Council was called to order at 9:45 AM in the Holiday Inn Select – Koger Center, Richmond, Virginia. Voting delegates had been issued index cards when registering, to use as their vote indicators. 1st Vice President, Jane Shamblin, introduced Cindy Maxwell, VSC President. Cindy then declared the Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International in session.

Flag Presentation – Barbara DuBois, current IC Corresponding Secretary and our IC representative for this Convention, conducted the Opening Flag Ceremony.

Celebration of Life Ceremony – Sue Foy, VSC Chaplain, conducted an uplifting and meaningful Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Opening Ritual – The membership stood, held hands and repeated together the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain's Message – Sue Foy delivered a beautiful message followed by prayer.

Introduction of Convention Chair - Cindy Maxwell introduced Marie LaDuke Convention Co-Chairman, who welcomed the assembly to Richmond and introduced the speaker. Dr. Dale Kalkofen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Chesterfield County School Board, delivered an interesting and informative talk, using several different type hats as emphasis.

Response to Welcome – Jane Shamblin thanked Dr. Kalkofen for speaking and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

Recognitions – Cindy introduced the head table and said “You have been the light in my lighthouse this year.” Our IC Representative was Barbara DuBois, IC Corresponding Secretary and SERC Representative was Sharon Larrison, 2nd Vice President (Both of these ladies were seated at the head table). Cindy continued by introducing the General Board and having them stand. She thanked them for accepting the challenge and doing a great job this year. She said “ You have made my journey complete.” The Past Virginia State Presidents were asked to stand to be introduced. Next the 2006 – 2007 Chapter Presidents were recognized and Cindy said, “ You are the fuel that fans the light of hope in ESA. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.”

Recognitions continued with guests and first time convention attendees. Cindy asked the membership to stand and be recognized for the number of VSC Conventions they had attended. June Mitchell attended the most with 52. Pallas Athene recipients receiving degrees during the past year were recognized. Also, three members Laura Bedenbaugh, Kimberly Schwartz and Kristen May, from the Collegiate Chapter, Omega Psi at VA Tech, Blacksburg, stood and were introduced.

Correspondence – Barbara Smith, VSC Corresponding Secretary, read a letter from B. J. Clark extending best wishes for a good convention and congratulating Cindy for a successful year. A note from Diana Dawkins was also read expressing regret for being unable to attend. She continues her rehabilitation.

Credentials Report – Peggy Smith reported the following:

Chapters on Roll	23
Chapters Represented	19
Chapter Votes	28
Officer Votes	7
Total Votes	35

A quorum was declared.

Rules of Convention – Wanda English, VSC Parliamentarian, moved that the Rules of Convention as printed in the Convention Brochure be adopted. Since this came from the Executive Board, no second was required and the motion was carried.

Financial Report – Given by Judy Williams, VSC Treasurer. (Copy attached to these minutes.) There were no questions to the report and it will be filed for audit.

Approval of the Minutes – Bev Scott, Sigma Lambda, reported minutes of VSC Spring Meeting were approved as published.

Minute Approval Committee – The appointed committee to approve the minutes for this Convention are Flora Burns, Beta Kappa; Sue Stone, Beta Delta and VSC President Cindy Maxwell.

Collegiate Chapter Omega Psi, VA Tech – Laura Bedenbaugh, sponsor of Omega Psi and two members in attendance gave brief reports and updates concerning the chapter and thanked the membership for their letters, emails and concerns during the recent tragedy at VA Tech. They also presented Cindy with a VA Tech pin.

Unfinished Business –

VSC Yearbook – Jane Shamblin reported the committee was working on solutions to reduce costs of printing the VSC Yearbook. Results will be reported at a later date. (The committee consists of Edna Plancon, Doris Hood and Sheen Childress).

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Convention 2008 Bid – With the assistance of Alpha Xi and Beta Kappa, Sue Foy presented information on plans for the 2008 State Convention.

Date - May 16th thru May 18th, 2008

Location – Chesapeake Virginia

Hotel – Marriott

Theme – “Cruising with ESA”

Registration - \$115.00 for women and \$65.00 for men. Room rate - \$99.00.

2009 Convention Courtesy Bid – Lynne Rightmyer – Bid will be forthcoming.

Introduction of 2007-2008 Candidates – Jane Shamblin, 1st Vice President, presented the following candidates for the 2007-2008 sorority year officers:

President	Jane Shamblin, Beta Tau
1 st Vice President	Sheen Childress, Delta Sigma
2 nd Vice President	Ginger Yopp, Beta Delta
Recording Secretary	Judy Williams, Beta Sigma
Corresponding Secretary	Edna Plancon, Beta Tau
Treasurer	Wanda English, Sigma Lambda
Parliamentarian	Lisa Hale, Beta Delta
Jr. Past President	Cindy Maxwell, Beta Kappa

Election of 2007-2008 Officers - Cindy asked for nominations from the floor for each office with the exception of 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary but none were offered. Since there were no nominations from the floor and only one name for each position on the ballot, Cindy moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. The motion was carried and the officers for 2007-2008 were elected by acclamation.

State Project Presentation – Barbara Smith reported the membership had given \$625.00 to the State Projects in honor of our VSC President, Cindy Maxwell. Cindy thanked the membership for their generosity.

State Project Update – Gaynell Krista, VSC State Project Director reported the following:

Total Monies	<u>\$6,770.05</u>
Total Hours	<u>1,029</u>
# Chapters Participating	<u>19</u>

Gaynell reported representatives from ASK and Special Love will be at the June Council meeting to accept their checks.

Easter Seals Update – Susan Caldwell, VSC Easter Seals Chairman reported the following:

Total Monies	<u>\$ 725.82</u>
Total Donated Goods	<u>\$ 105.65</u>
Total Hours	<u>194.5</u>
# Chapters Participating	<u>13</u>

Disaster Fund Update – Lynne Rightmyer, VSC Disaster Fund Chairman gave the following report:

Total Monies	<u>\$ 1,857.75</u>
# Chapters Participating	<u>15</u>

Lynne reported receiving donations from the following chapters: Alpha Chi, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Xi, Beta Delta, Beta Omicron, Beta Kappa, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, Delta Kappa, Delta Rho, Sigma Chi, Theta Lambda and Theta Mu and thanked the chapters for their contributions to the Disaster Fund. Lynne also reported that she had received \$20.00 Saturday morning – she wanted to add this to the total amount. (\$1,877.75)

Circle of Life Update – Beth Sherron, VSC Circle of Life Coordinator gave the following report:

Total Monies	<u>\$ 567,123.57</u>
Total Hours	not reported
# Chapters Participating	<u>100%</u>

Beth reported there were 14 different types of projects and reporting period covered May 1, 2006 through April 1, 2007. She advised hours were far to many to count and reminded chapters of the importance of sending the Booked Events form to ESA Headquarters on all projects for St. Jude.

Philanthropic Update – This report was given by Lisa Hale, VSC Philanthropic Chairman:

Total Monies	<u>\$1,015.238.99</u>
Total Hours	<u>25,272</u>
# Chapters Participating	<u>19</u>

SERC Message – Sharon Larrison brought the membership news from SERC. She reminded the membership of the 2007 SERC Convention will be held November 3-4 at the Marriott in Charlotte, North Carolina. She has registration forms with her. She also read a hilarious story, which we all could relate, concerning Public Restrooms.

President Cindy asked for announcements. Marie LaDuke gave changes to rooms for lunch as well as the Installation Banquet tonight. Assembly was recessed until 2:15 PM in the same location.

2nd General Assembly

President Cindy called the Second General Assembly to order at 2:00 PM. She acknowledged and thanked Brenda Underwood who printed the Workshop Brochures for this convention at no cost.

Message from IC Representative – Barbara DuBois, current IC Corresponding Secretary, brought news from the International Council, advising Brenda West sent her regrets for not being able to attend and best wishes for a great convention. She explained the St. Jude Challenge for the IC Council; encouraged attendance at the IC Convention in Seattle in July; advised a complete revision of the IC bylaws to be voted on at convention and congratulated and wished luck to Theresa Seay-Morris who is running for IC Recording Secretary.

New Business – Wanda English, VSC Parliamentarian, presented proposed changes to the Sandy Reed Publicity Award. She advised this proposed change was printed and submitted to all chapters at the March Council Meeting and asked for discussion. There being none, Sandy Reed moved that the change be accepted, seconded by Beth Sherron and carried.

Special Presentation – Cindy thanked the IC and SERC representatives for their attendance at this convention and presented each with a gift.

Announcements – Cindy made the following announcements:

1. Rehearsal for installation of officers will be held at 3:30 PM.
2. Doors to the Ballroom will open for seating at 5:30 PM and close promptly at 6:30 PM.
3. There will be no picture taking allowed until the end of the installation ceremony.
4. Silent auction items will be on display at 5:30 PM.
5. Please pick up Association of the Arts items as soon as possible.

Judy Williams asked anyone having expense vouchers please give them to her today.

Bev Scott announced there were additional Workshop Brochures available at the back of the room as well as Circle of Life Workshop brochures.

The Second General Assembly was recessed at 2:30 PM until Sunday morning at 8:30 AM.

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3rd General Assembly

Welcome – Eveleen Harrison gave the welcome followed by Chaplain, Sue Foy who gave the Invocation.

Call to Order – The Third General Assembly was called to order by President Cindy at 9:05 AM.

Introductions – Cindy introduced the Head Table, which included old/new officers as well as the SERC and IC representatives.

Registration Report – Theresa Seay-Morris gave the following Convention registration report:

Women	93
Men	27
Guests	16
DESA's	1
MAL's	7
Mixer	124
Luncheon	97
Banquet	144
Brunch	98
Total	144

Awards Presentation – Awards Chairman, Carol Campbell, took over the awards portion of the meeting. A complete listing of all awards presented during the convention is at the end of these minutes.

Special Presentation – Gifts of appreciation were presented to Convention Chairs, Marie LaDuke, Judy Williams and Nicole Lewis by President Cindy.

Dismissal of Appointments – Cindy dismissed all 2006-2007 appointments with the exception of the Audit Committee and the committee to Approve the Minutes of the Convention. These committees will be dismissed at a later date.

Closing Remarks – Cindy gave special and meaningful remarks regarding her past year as the VSC president, thanking everyone for their support and hard work.

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Presentation of the Gavel – Cindy presented the gavel and full crown pin to Jane Shamblin, VSC President for 2007-2008. This was followed by the lowering of Cindy's gavel by Barbara Smith and the raising of Jane's gavel by Bunnie Wertz. The ceremonial bowls to be used during Jane's year were reported in the president's box to and will be given to Jane.

Acceptance Speech – Jane thanked those responsible for helping her get to this level in ESA. She presented her goals for the coming year, which included increased membership and two new chapters. She also advised she wanted this to be a fun year.

Induction into the PPA – Shelby Hodges, wearing a crow's beak and assisted by all PPA's in attendance (also wearing crow's beaks) conducted an extremely funny induction of Cindy into the PPA's. Using Shelby's theme for the coming year "Old Crows...Still on Our Toes" Cindy was given a basket to collect candy corn from each PPA as they individually welcomed her. Exception – Flora Burns presented her with a very large and real ear of corn.

Retirement of Flags – Barbara DuBois conducted the Retirement of the Flags ceremony.

Announcements – Jane Shamblin made the following announcements:

Thank you to the hard-working staff of the hotel for a memorable event.

If you have expense vouchers, please submit them to Judy Williams today if you wish to be reimbursed.

The Summer Council meeting will be held on June 23rd at the Cokesbury Methodist Church in Woodbridge. Bunnie Wertz has directions and map, which she will hand out.

Please pick up yearbooks, histories, social and educational entries before leaving this room today.

Immediately following this assembly there will be a Budget Committee meeting in Room 806.

Since there was no further business to come before the assembly the 54th Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was adjourned at 10:50 AM with all joining hands and repeating the Closing Ritual.

Ginger Yopp
VSC Recording Secretary

Financial Report
Virginia State Council ESA International
May 19, 2007

Balance on Hand 3/24/07	\$ 1,472.20
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Deposits

4/11/07 Chapter Dues	\$ 162.00	
Chinese Auction	391.00	
4/11/07 Chapter Dues	<u>175.00</u>	
 Total Deposits	 \$ 728.00	

Disbursements

Ck# 1075 3/24/2007 Flora Burns	\$ 50.00	
IC Foundation Rep.		
Ck# 1076 3/24/2007 Marie LaDuke	100.00	
Run for SERC		
Ck# 1077 5/15/07 Beta Kappa	<u>7.00</u>	
Overpayment of dues		
Total Disbursements	\$157.00	

Balance on Hand 5/18/07	\$ 2,043.20
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Savings Account Information

Balance forwarded 12/31/06 as reported		\$ 1,376.07
Correction: Interest not added	\$.69	
Correction to balance forwarded 12/31/07		\$ 1,376.76
Interest	.68	
Balance 5/19/07		\$ 1,377.44

VSC CONVENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS
May 18-20, 2007
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Association of the Arts – Best in Show

Judi Brigg

Distinguished Athenian

Bunnie Wertz

Circle of Life – Flora Burns

1. Alpha Xi – Norfolk
2. Delta Kappa – Roanoke
3. Beta Omicron-Staunton

Easter Seals – Fran Lanning

1. Beta Sigma – Richmond
2. Beta Omicron-Woodbridge
3. Gamma Pi-Staunton

Educational – Barbara Midkiff

1. Beta Tau – Woodbridge
2. Beta Delta – Roanoke
3. Beta Omicron – Staunton

History – Betty Allen

1. Beta Sigma – Richmond
2. Beta Delta – Roanoke
3. Sigma Lambda - Roanoke

Mileage – Nancy Reece

1. Beta Delta – Roanoke
2. Alpha Xi – Norfolk
3. Sigma Lambda – Roanoke

Outstanding Chapter President

Leadership – Lucy Davis

1. Margaret (P-Nut) Schools-Beta Sigma
2. Betty Allen – Alpha Chi
3. Ginger Yopp – Beta Delta

Outstanding Chapter – PPA

1. Beta Delta – Roanoke
2. Beta Tau – Woodbridge
3. Delta Kappa – Roanoke

Philanthropic Hours – Beverley Wright

1. Delta Kappa – Roanoke
2. Alpha Tau – Richmond
3. Alpha Delta – Richmond

Philanthropic Monies – Dot Brown

1. Alpha Xi – Norfolk
2. Beta Kappa – Virginia Beach
3. Delta Kappa – Roanoke

Publicity – Sandy Reed

1. Alpha Chi – Waynesboro
2. Beta Omicron – Staunton
3. Beta Tau – Woodbridge

VSC Rushing

1. Beta Delta – Roanoke
2. Beta Kappa – VA Beach; Beta Omicron Staunton; Beta Tau-Woodbridge (Tie)
3. Delta Sigma – Manassas

Social – Lisa Files

1. Beta Delta – Roanoke
2. Sigma Lambda – Roanoke
3. Delta Kappa, Roanoke

State Project – Dot Harcum

1. Delta Kappa – Roanoke
2. Alpha Chi – Waynesboro
3. Alpha Epsilon – Newport News

VSC Yearbook

1. Kappa Pi – Fredericksburg
Beta Sigma – Richmond (Tie)
2. Beta Omicron – Staunton
3. Alpha Chi – Waynesboro
Beta Tau – Woodbridge (Tie)

Chapter Woman of the Year
Service Awards
Pallas Athene – Fifth Degree
Educational Gold Link Winners