

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
General Board Meeting
Sunday September 30, 2007**

Registration began at 9AM at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Jane Shamblin, President, called the meeting to order at 10AM. There was no need for special seating as voting delegates were to be given voting cards (this was omitted and voting was done by show of hands).

There being a quorum of at least 5 chapters and one officer present, all business voted on shall constitute effective action.

The membership stood and recited the opening ritual.

Bonnie Feldhauser gave the chaplain's message reading from a book, *Seeing is Believing*. It was a story about a woman who looked for her glasses that were perched on top of her head. She then offered prayer.

Sue Foy welcomed us to Virginia Beach and encouraged us to enjoy the day.

President Jane Shamblin had given out "stars" at leadership and asked us to write the name of a special sister to be honored. She read the list throughout the meeting. The list included: Flora Burns, Nancy Reece, Kathy Liska, Mary Murray, Sue Foy, Abbe Toller, Theresa Morris, Jackie Nash, Gail Lanning, Sue Stone, Nicole Lewis, Beth Sherron, Sheen Childress, Ann Clark, Judi Darden, Cindy Ambrose, Eveleen Harrison, Bev Scott, and the Beta Delta Ladies.

President Jane then made introductions of the past presidents and recognized the chapter presidents, district presidents, guests, pledges, first time attendees and Desas. Happy birthday was sung to Catherine Gorham, Judy Williams and Evelyn Williams. The head table was introduced.

Edna Plancon, Corresponding Secretary received regrets from Gaynell Krista, Vilma Graves, Jane Parrish, Betty Allen, Lynne Rightmyer, Lisa Files, Lisa Hale, Sara Carr and Sharon Shaffer. Correspondence was read from Headquarters stating that Jerry and Nan Hymer, who have had a long

time association with I.C., are now members of ESA. There was a letter from Glenn Gay, IC Workshop Coordinator, asking for members to help with workshops at IC in July, 2008.

Information was given on opening a checking account at Suntrust Bank and having \$100 donated to St. Jude and a note from North Carolina reminding us to place an ad in the SERC Conference booklet supporting our favorite candidate.

We took a break and Bev Scott had us marching around the room.

The minute approval report for the June meeting was given by Beverley Wright and the minutes were approved as published. This committee was dismissed.

The minute approval committee for this meeting will be Beth Sherron, Alpha Delta and Jean Bowman-Mullikin, Alpha Xi.

The amended budget for 2007- 2008 was presented by Judy Williams and was approved as amended. There was also a motion from the executive board to amend the amount of Leadership from \$1,000 to \$1,053.34. There was no discussion and this was approved. A copy of the budget is attached.

The report of the audit committee was given by Jean Bowman-Mullikin, Alpha Xi. The books of the State Project, Treasurer and Convention were found to be in good order.

Reports of the Officers

First Vice President – Sheen Childress

In keeping with her theme of getting over being nervous, Sheen told us to imagine our audience in their underwear. She even had a pair of x-ray glasses. She placed willing to serve forms in the folders. They need to be returned by February 15, 2008.

Second Vice President – Ginger Yopp

Ginger thanked Pi Rho and Zeta Nu for inviting her to participate in the chartering of their new chapters. A good time was had by all.

Recording Secretary – Judy Williams

Judy reminded everyone when speaking to the assembly to please stand and state your name and chapter as it is sometimes hard to hear up front. She also reminded everyone that due to the cost, the minutes of the general board will only be sent by email and to make sure you have a representative from your chapter on the email list.

Corresponding Secretary – Edna Plancon _____

Edna thanked Pi Rho and Zeta Nu for inviting her to their chapter charterings. She also thanked Beth Sherron for printing the state yearbook. Chapter yearbooks for competition will be gathered at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer – Wanda English

Wanda thanked those who attended the Chartering and Installation of Pi Rho for making the night special.

The financial report was reviewed and a copy is attached.

Wanda reminded everyone that first half dues are due October 1.

Jr. Past President – Cindy Maxwell

Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President forms were placed in chapter folders. Celebrate your president's success at convention, 2008. There are also change containers with the chapter folders to collect change for the disaster fund. Cindy's theme for this year is "Change for Disaster".

President – Jane Shamblin

Jane recounted her experiences at IC, some good and some bad, but all memorable ending with the presentation of dollars to St. Jude totaling \$11,637,219. She was then off to Camp Fantastic in Front Royal where she had her picture taken with the Redskins Hogetts and finally she was wined and dined and treated like a queen bee at the chartering of Pi Rho and Zeta Nu.

She thanked Sue Foy for a great Leadership and stated she is looking forward to the rest of the year and all of the new adventures she will be encountering.

General Board Reports

Association of the Arts – Barbara Smith

Barbara encouraged everyone to start a project or finish a project. Her goal this year is at least one entry from every chapter. Forms will be put in the chapter folders in March.

Care Connection Coordinator – Margaret (P’Nut) Schools

P’Nut explained that Care Connection was developed at the international level but has been redesigned so that each state has a chairman to coordinate local outreach. The program was created solely to facilitate the exchange of person-to-person philanthropic services. The program also includes Personal Support, Exchange of Personal Needs/Opportunities, International Assistance Programs, Hope for Heroes, Hat for Hope, Warm Welcome, Disaster Support and Relocation Services. Information was placed in chapter folders.

Easter Seals – Betty Allen

Millie Simmons gave the report for Betty Allen. There was a 50/50 raffle with the winner being Emily Wagner, Waynesboro.

Education – Debbie Frazier

Debbie’s report was given by Edna Plancon. Educational forms were put in chapter folders and Debbie is starting to receive reports. Debbie now has email which is frazr04@yahoo.com so reports can also be submitted that way. Debbie will also be glad to answer any questions or give suggestions for educational programs. Remember reports are due to be postmarked by the 10th of the month following your meeting.

Foundation – Flora Burns

Flora further explained P’Nuts appointment. She was very excited to represent us at IC and we won many awards due to the large donation from Nancy and Sherman Reece. Flora made Nancy queen bee for the day and she was crowned by Barbara Smith. Virginia received 1st place for the most money contributed to the ESA Scholarship Funds and 1st and 3rd place went to Alpha Xi and Beta Kappa for the most money contributed by chapters. Flora encouraged us to please say yes to the ESA foundation. Applications and contributions forms are available through Flora or the ESAF web site. If you attended IC, please see Flora for your certificates of attendance. Flora reminded us that her appointment will come to an end in May and encouraged us to volunteer for this position.

Lamplighter – Sandy Reed

Sandy thanked all who submitted articles for the fall issue of the Lamplighter. She emailed the fall issue to the executive board, general

board, past presidents and anyone who submitted an article. It was also emailed to the IC president, the SERC president, and IC headquarters. Deadlines for the Winter and Spring editions are January 15th and March 15th.

State Project Director – Gaynell Krista

Edna Plancon informed us the Gaynell fell and broke her leg and she also moved. Her new address for the time being is P.O. Box 11825, Roanoke, Virginia 24022 or you can email Shelby Hodges.

Convention Co-Chair 2008 – Sue Foy

Plans for convention are coming along. The hotel assures us that the remodeling will be completed in time for our arrival in May. Mildred Edwards has make plans for us to hold the March meeting at her church, Thalia Lynn Baptist Church on Virginia Beach Boulevard on March 15th. More details to come.

Sue also thanked everyone who attended Leadership. It was a success and expenses were covered. We are looking forward to Beth's leadership next year.

Philanthropic – Amanda Wright

Amanda reported reports from 12 chapters for a total of 3361 hours and \$8,994.88 in actual monies donated. The philanthropic form is on the new VA state web site.

Publicity – Sara Carr

Sara's report was given by Millie Simmons. We were reminded to make sure our chapter name and ESA was on everything that we do to promote ESA. Keep a list for your publicity scrapbook. If you collect things during the year it is not a hard job. All information for publicity is in the state yearbook.

Scrapbook – Doris Hood

Doris would like to have pictures sent to her during the year as you get them rather than all at once at the end of the year and she is hoping for several pages from each chapter.

SERC Director – Pat Holtsclaw

Pat reported that her 1st project for the support of SERC was to distribute quarter wrapper. To date she has received \$80.00. She has also placed

raffle tickets in chapter folders for a 14K circle pendant on an 18" chain. The drawing will be at the March meeting. A special thanks to Amanda Wright, last year's director and to all the chapter's for responding to my first effort in support of SERC.

Social Director – Bunnie Wertz

Social reports have been received from 10 chapters, all on time and all sound like fun such as a DESA Beach Party, Kentucky Derby Party, Friendship Day Picnic and Ice Cream Social just to name a few. New forms have been placed in chapter folders.

Circle of Life – Beth Sherron

Beth had a video on Team ESA but unfortunately her laptop was not working. She introduced Virginia's team, Sue Stone, Ginger Yopp, Shelby Hodges, Theresa Morris and her cousin Cindy. They will be running/walking in the Memphis Marathon on Dec. 1. Please show your support by donating money directly to them or going to www.stjudeheroes.org/esa to see the list of all sisters registered. Pi Rho donated \$50 and challenged other chapters to do the same. Beth also reminded us of the grateful grandparents program and that Vanna White has a line of yarns that benefit St. Jude. Congratulations to Betty Allen for a successful baby photo contest and Beta Delta for their softball tournament.

Finance – Heather Barth

Heather reported \$204.00 so far today for the Chinese auction and envelopes are still available. Thanks to Peggy and Ramona for their help.

Credentials Report – Gail Lanning

Attendance:

Chapters on Roll	23
Chapters Present	15
VSC Officers Present	8
Members Present	54
Guests Present	0
DESA's Present	0
MAL's Present	0
Total Present	62

#Votes Present	
VSC Exec Board/Officers	7
# Chapter Delegate Votes	20
Proxy Votes	0
 Total Votes:	 27

Special Presentations: Jane Shamblin

Jane presented Millie Simmons with Sara Carr's life active membership in the ESA Foundation and also presented her Sara's 1st place award for Publicity for Alpha Chi as publicity chair. Cindy Maxwell and Beth Sherron were presented with the Circle of Life Award for 100% chapter participation. Cindy Maxwell and Sheen Childress were presented with the 3rd place for membership growth award.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

The Executive Board has approved that the voting for SERC officers, with the exclusion of Marie LaDuke will be left to the discretion of the members in attendance. Virginia votes will be cast for Marie LaDuke for the office of Recording Secretary. Doris Hood, as acting parliamentarian, Beta Tau, made a motion and coming from the Executive Board no second was needed. Voting was done by the show of hands and the motion carried.

The Executive Board has approved that the voting of any bylaw or standing rule changes to be voted on at SERC shall be left to the discretion of the members in attendance at SERC. Doris Hood, as acting parliamentarian, Beta Tau, made a motion and coming from Executive Board no second was needed. Voting was done by the show of hands and the motion carried.

18 members will be attending SERC in November.

The Chinese Auction will be held following the meeting.

Announcements:

Edna has yearbooks to pass out after the meeting.

Remember to pick up your chapter folders.

March council meeting will be held on March 15, 2008 at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Va. Beach.

Gaynell fell and broke her leg and she has also moved, so her computer will be down for some time, please send state project checks to Gaynell Krista, P. O. Box 11825, Roanoke, Va. 24022. If you need to reach her by email, please contact Shelby Hodges.

Bonnie Feldhauser's area code is 540 and please call her cell phone if you need her. She will be sending out several cards and please let her know if there is anyone she needs to send cards to.

Susan Caldwell reminded us to please use the microphone so those in the back can hear and she also passed along greetings from BJ Clark, Judy Huntley and Jamie Atchison who she met in the airport in Tennessee.

Mildred Edwards – Nancye Petretto passed away and Walter Edwards is to have surgery Wednesday.

Jane shared a thought for today: "Believe in the dreams you've always wanted to come true, and give them every chance to."

There being no further business to come before the assembly the meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM with all joining hands and reciting the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Williams
2007-2008 Recording Secretary

Financial Report
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Balance on Hand 6/22/07 **\$1,594.53**

Deposits

6/23/07	1/2 profit from Convention	\$1,307.81
6/23/07	Chinese Auction	204.00
9/25-07	Chapter Dues (10 Chapters)	<u>707.00</u>
Total Deposits		\$2218.81

Disbursements

Check 1084 Theresa Morris 6/23/07 Run for IC Office	\$ 100.00
Check 1085 ESA Foundation 7/25/07 Dues	15.00
Check 1086 IC for Dues 7/25/07	40.00
Check 1087 ESA Int'l 8/1/07 Full Crown Pin	201.50
Check 1088 Jane Shamblin President Expenses	<u>1,037.73</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,394.23

Balance on Hand 9/30/07 **\$2,419.11**

Savings Account Information

Balance Forwarded as of 6/23/07	\$1,377.44
Interest	.69
Balance as of 9/30/07	\$1,378.13