

**VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL
EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
Spring General Board Meeting
Saturday, March 24, 2007**

The spring meeting of the Virginia State Council, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was called to order at 10:05 AM on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at the Monument Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. Cindy Maxwell, VSC President, advised the assembly there was no need for special seating that voting delegates had been issued voting cards.

The membership stood and joined together for the Opening Ritual.

In her absence, Sue Foy's Chaplain's message was given by Barbara Smith.

Marie LaDuke, Convention Co-chairman, welcomed the membership to Richmond and thanked those chapters who provided the delicious food prior to our meeting.

President Cindy made the following introductions: Head Table: Barbara Smith, Corresponding Secretary; in the absence of Ginger Yopp, Recording Secretary, Shelby Hodges taking minutes today; 2nd Vice President, Sheen Childress; 1st Vice President, Jane Shamblin; Parliamentarian, Wanda English; Treasurer, Judy Williams; and Jr. Past President, Lynne Rightmyer. Past VA State Presidents in attendance were introduced and asked to give the year they served the VSC Council. Two first timers, one from Beta Omicron and one from Kappa Pi. Theresa Seay-Morris introduced one guest in attendance, Mary Gomaz, from the Richmond area.

Sandy Reed, who advised the minutes were approved as published, gave minute approval committee report for the fall council meeting.

Minute approval committee for this meeting is Helen Lake, Delta Rho and Bev Scott, Sigma Lambda.

Treasurer's Report - Judy Williams - Reminded chapters that their chapter dues must be paid by April 1st and gave the Financial Report. (Complete copy at the end of these Minutes.)

Officer Reports (All reports, in their entirety, are filed in the secretary's permanent files.)

1st Vice President - Jane Shamblin - Thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent VA at the Leadership Conference in Denver, advising the meetings was incredible and very informative. She learned a lot and received lots of idea from others in attendance. The 2007-2008 State Presidents have issued a challenge to the 2007-2008 IC board to recruit more new members (pledges and reinstatements only) as a group than the board. After the difference is calculated, a lump sum of \$5 times the difference will be donated as follows:

If the IC board loses the challenge, they will make their donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, if the State Presidents lose, they will make their donation to the Leadership Seminar Fund.

2nd Vice President - Sheen Childress - Welcomed the Omega Psi chapter of ESA at VA Tech, which was chartered on February 16th. Laura Bedenbaugh, who is a reinstated member of ESA, is the founder of the chapter. Sheen asked Cindy Maxwell, who assisted in the chartering, to share some thoughts. Cindy related that she was pleased to help with the chartering of 31 members and one reinstatement. She has a list of member's names and addresses and she will get those to the respective chapters in order that they might be contacted during the summer months when they are not in school.

Sheen also reminded chapters of the two-for-one membership special in effect until May 31, 2007, as well as sending VSC Rushing Award forms to her by April 30th.

Parliamentarian - Wanda English - Has included in the chapter folders today a copy of proposed Standing Rules change to the Sandy Reed Publicity Award. Please go over the Proposal with you chapter members and be prepared to vote at convention in May.

Jr. Past President - Lynne Rightmyer - Has received donations from 8 chapters, 5 individuals and the PPA for total of \$782.75. (The money total does not reflect the donation from 1 chapter and 1 individual received today counted in totals above.) Has placed copies of Outstanding Chapter President form in chapter folders today and must be postmarked by May 1st. Has received an official bid for the 2008 VA State Convention from Beta Kappa, VA Beach to be held May 16, 17 and 18, 2008 at the newly renovated Holiday Inn converted to a Marriott in 2008, 725 Woodlake Drive, Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. Room rate will be \$129.99 King or Double.

President's Report - Cindy Maxwell - Expressed excitement in the chartering of the collegiate chapter, Omega Psi at VA Tech on February 16th in which she took part; Marie LaDuke running for SERC office and Theresa Seay-Morris running for IC office. Encouraged membership to consider leadership opportunities on the VSC Board; announced a new ESA website; placed list of persons seeking IC offices and a registration form for IC Convention in chapter folders today and announced awards VA won at SERC conference as follows: Third Place - St. Jude Award, Circle of Life Award and Philanthropic Award Second Place - Disaster Fund and First Place ESA Foundation, as well as recognition certificate for \$4 million dollars contributions to St. Jude Research Hospital.

General Board Reports (Reports in their entirety are in secretary's permanent files.)

Association of the Arts - Nancy Krey - Encouraged membership to participate in the Association of the Arts contests at convention. Any literature entries should be mailed by May 1st and forms for the contests have been placed in chapter folders today.

Awards - Carol Campbell - Award forms have been placed in chapter folders today and must be returned by May 1st. All chairmen of awards should submit winner's names to President Cindy and Carol by May 10th. Asked that all traveling trophies be given to her today.

Chaplain - Sue Foy - Report given by Barbara Smith. Provided names of sisters who need to be remembered: Pat Buck, Carol Campbell, Judith Meacham, Sherman Reece (Honorary sister) Lisa Files, Marie LaDuke, Jane Harris, Sue Danielson and Diana Dawkins.

Circle of Life - Beth Sherron - Thanked everyone for continued hard work for children at St. Jude. Quilt of Dreams project for state raised \$391. Total for quilt project to date is \$1,591. Sue Danielson was winner of quilt. Asked membership to check the Circle of Life website for the Grateful Grandparent program and the IC Challenge for July Fish Fly. Forms for Flora Burns Circle of Life award placed in folders today. Please return by May 1st.

Convention 2007 Co-chairman - Nichole Lewis - Gave exciting and informative report about the planned activities at convention, encouraging members to join the fun filled week-end in Richmond on May 18th thru May 20th at the Holiday Inn Koger Center. Deadline for room reservations is April 27th and registration for convention is May 1st. All reports for the convention brochure should be sent to Theresa Seay-Morris by May 1st.

Easter Seals - Susan Caldwell - No written report but advised information about Easter Seals has been placed in chapter folders today, as well as forms for state Easter's Seals award. Thanks to chapters who have sent contributions.

Educational - Stephanie Hess - Thanks to chapter educational directors for sending in reports. Report in chapter folders today advising how many educational reports have been received from your chapter to date, along with awards information.

Historian - Noel Lukeson - Reminded chapters to submit 3 copies of their chapter's history by May 1st. If you do not want to enter competition, please send 1 copy for the state president's history.

Lamplighter - Theresa Seay-Morris - Advised the Spring Edition of the Lamplighter has been issued to the VSC Executive Board, PPA's and Chapter Presidents. As always, the Chapter President is asked to distribute copies to her chapter members.

Philanthropic - Lisa Hale - (In Lisa's absence, report read by Barbara Smith.) Reported as of March 10th, total hours 10,862 - total mileage 33,950 and total money \$470,500.14 with 18 chapters reporting. She has corrected all chapters' mileage rate to reflect 44.5 cents per IC Philanthropic Director. Final reports due by April 10th. Forms placed in chapter folders today.

Publicity - Sherry Flesher - (In Sherry's absence, report read by Sara Carr.) Encouraged the membership to submit articles to newspapers, radio and posters for all chapter activities. Publicity book must be submitted by May 1st.

SERC Director - Amanda Wright - Thanked chapters and membership who purchased tickets for the Longaberger Crocus Basket. Proceeds of \$380 will be forwarded to the SERC treasurer as Virginia's donation. Winner drawn was Sandra Tackette from Beta Omicron.

Social Director - Eveleen Harrison (In Eveleen's absence, report read by Judy Darden.) Thanked chapter social directors for their reports. Fourteen chapters have reported. Report placed in folders with number of reports received from each chapter. Any corrections or questions should be addressed to Eveleen as soon as possible.

State Project - Gaynell Krista - Reported that her goal of \$10,000 for the state projects for 2006-2007 reporting year has not been met. However, almost half of the goal has been attained with contributions of \$4,571.68 to date. Gave information on individuals and chapters contributions, as well as the projects chapters worked. Special Love Spring Family weekend will be April 20-22. ASK has two special upcoming events - Saturday, April 28th Second annual "ASK Family Fun Walk & 5K - Step Out For Kids With Cancer" and First Annual "Clubs and 'Que 4 ASK" benefiting the Tad DuPriest Foundation on Friday, May 11th. Thank-you notes placed in chapter folders for those who have contributed to the VSC State Project Fund to date.

Web Master - Theresa Seay-Morris - Presented to the VA State Council, on behalf of the Past Presidents' Auxiliary, the VA State Council website located at the domain address of: www.esa-virginia.com. The website and domain are both registered. Theresa stressed while this is a limited web provided website, this site is yours - the members of the VA State Council, to include the information you want and need.

Workshop Coordinator - LeAnne Gill - Requested those who need to send reports for the Workshop Brochure to do so by May 1st.

Credentials Report - Peggy Smith

Chapters - 23	Member's Present - 72
Chapters Present - 19	Officers - 6
Chapter Votes - 32	DESA - 1
Officer Votes - 7	Guest - 1
Total Votes - 39	MAL's 2
	Total Present 82

Nominating Committee Report - Sandy Reed - Introduced candidates for 2007-2008

VSC officers as follows:

President	Jane Shamblin, Beta Tau, Woodbridge
1 st Vice President	Sheen Childress, Delta Sigma, Manassas
2 nd Vice President	Ginger Yopp, Beta Delta, Roanoke
Recording Secretary	Judy Williams, Beta Sigma, Richmond
Treasurer	Wands English, Sigma Lambda, Roanoke
Parliamentarian	Lisa Hale, Beta Delta, Roanoke
Jr. Past President	Cindy Maxwell, Beta Kappa, VA Beach

Finance Committee Report - Bonnie Feldhauser - Reported sales of \$391 for Chinese Auction today.

Announcements

Remember to pick up chapter folders after the meeting.

Address for Diana Dawkins at the hospital:

Potomac Hospital - Room 305

2300 Opitz Road

Woodbridge, VA 22191

And thanks to everyone who brought items for the "Cheer Basket" for Diana.

IC Representative to our convention is Barbara DuBois, Corresponding Secretary, Johnson City, TN and the SERC representative is Sharon Larrison, 2nd Vice President, Gautier, MS.

Dates to remember:

VSC Convention - May 18, 19 & 20 - Holiday Inn Koger Center, Richmond

VSC Summer Council Meeting - June 23rd - Cokesbury Methodist Church, Woodbridge

Theresa Seay-Morris drew name for early registration refund to the VSC Convention and it was Laura Bedenbaugh, Omega Psi, VA Tech Collegiate Chapter.

Barbara Smith reminded the membership to send pictures, etc. to her for the State Scrapbook.

Mary Murry, Theta Lambda, advised her chapter is selling dishcloths for ways & means.

P-nut Schools, Beta Sigma, advised her chapter is having a progressive dinner on March 31st with proceeds going to State Project.

Trish Hawley, Sigma Chi, advised Hazel Behl, in her chapter, is having knee surgery on Monday, March 26th.

The Past President's Auxiliary will have their meeting immediately following.

President Cindy declared the meeting adjourned and everyone joined hands for the Closing Ritual.

Chinese Auction followed the meeting.

Meeting recorded and notes taken by Shelby Hodges
Transcribed and published by Ginger Yopp, VSC Recording Secretary
2006-2007

Minute Approval Committee
Bev Scott, Sigma Lambda
Helen Lake, Delta Rho

Financial Report
Virginia State Council ESA International
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Balance on Hand October 1, 2006 **\$ 2,524.33**

Deposits

11/20/2006	Chapter Dues \$322.00	
	Chinese Auction \$277.00	
	Shelby Hodges \$23.22	\$ 622.22
02/16/2007	Chapter Dues	\$ 265.00
03/21/2007	Chapter Dues	\$ 224.00
03/21/2007	Chapter Dues	<u>\$ 560.00</u>
Total Deposits		\$1,671.22

Disbursements

Ck# 1065	10/01/2007 Judy Williams Full Crown Pin	\$ 201.50
Ck# 1066	10/01/2006 Jane Shamblin Leadership Expenses	\$ 935.59
Ck# 1067	10/01/2006 Cindy Maxwell Travel Expenses	\$ 65.12
Ck# 1068	10/01/2006 Barbara Smith Yearbook	\$ 300.00
Ck# 1069	10/01/2006 Theresa Morris Run for IC	\$ 100.00
Ck# 1070	11/25/2006 Cindy Maxwell SERC Expenses	\$ 596.14
Ck# 1071	11/25/2006 SERC Dues	\$ 15.00
Ck# 1072	02/15/2007 Voided	
Ck# 1073	03/15/2007 ESA Foundation	\$ 15.00
Ck# 1074	03/23/2007 2007 VSC Convention	<u>\$ 495.00</u>
Total Disbursements		\$2,723.35

Balance on Hand 03/24/2007 \$1,472.20

Savings Account Information

Balance Forward as of 10/01/2006		\$1,375.38
Interest	\$.69	
Balance as of 12/31/2006		\$1,376.07

Judy Williams, VSC Treasurer
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