

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
55th Annual Convention
Saturday May 17, 2008**

1st General Assembly

The 55th Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council was called to order at 9:45 AM at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia by Sheen Childress, 1st Vice President, who introduced Jane Shamblin, President of the Virginia State Council.

Jane Shamblin declared the convention in session and advised that voting delegates should have voting cards.

Flag Presentation – Brenda West, currently the International Council Jr. Past President and our IC representative, conducted the opening flag ceremony.

Opening Ritual – The membership stood and held hands to repeat the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain's Message – Bonnie Feldhauser present the message “It's Alright to Say I Love You” and led us in prayer. Jane thanked her for her inspiration during the year.

Introduction of Convention Chair – Jane Shamblin introduced Sue Foy this year's convention chairman. Sue welcomed us to Virginia Beach and our ESA Cruise. She went over some changes to convention rooms. She announced that fundraiser baskets would be on display throughout the day and winners would be announced at the end of Saturday evening. Association of the Arts submissions were also on display in this room, the Men's hospitality room was open and she gave a welcome to all of our special guests.

Recognitions – Jane introduced her Busy Bees at the head table, including Brenda West, our IC representative and Connie Edwards, our SERC

representative. The General Board was asked to stand , she thanked them for accepting the challenge and doing a great job keeping the buzz going in the hive this year. The Past Virginia State Presidents were recognized. Jane asked the 2007-08 Chapter Presidents to stand, as well as, the President of the Blue Ridge District Council and 1st time attendees. She also recognized the years of attendance of state conventions with June Mitchell having attended 53 conventions. Those who had received their 1st Pearl this year were recognized as well as those receiving Pallas Athene awards.

Correspondence – Edna Plancon, Corresponding Secretary, read correspondence from Betty Cason about the loss of her mother. She read congratulations from Rhea Weaver, President of the International Council, Lisa Files and Melody Clark, Past Presidents of the Virginia State Council and from BJ Clarke, Executive Director ESA Headquarters.

Credentials Report – The credentials committee reported the following:

Chapters on Roll	23
Chapters Present	17
Votes by Delegates	23
Votes by Officers	7
Votes by Proxy	0
TOTAL VOTES	30

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

Rules of Convention – Lisa Hale, Parliamentarian, moved that the rules of convention as printed in the convention brochure be adopted. Coming from the Executive Board no second was required. The motion carried.

Financial Report – The financial report was given by Wanda English, Treasurer and she asked that if you have any vouchers still outstanding to be sure she gets them this weekend. There was a typo/addition error on the Balance on Hand. This was corrected and a copy of the corrected financial report is attached.

Minutes of the VSC Spring Meeting – Sandy Reed reported that the minutes of the VSC Spring Meeting were approved as published. The committee was dismissed.

Appointment of Special Committees –

Tellers – according to Article VI, Section 6 of the VSC Bylaws, the appointment of tellers is not required.

Convention Minutes – The committee to approve the minutes of this convention are Beth Sherron, Alpha Delta, Shelby Hodges, Beta Delta, and VSC President Jane Shamblin.

Courtesy Committee – Bev Scott and Beth Sherron.

Collegiate Chapter Omega Psi, Virginia Tech – Jane read a report submitted by Kristina Leonard, President of Omega Psi, giving us an update on this collegiate chapter's many projects. Their Fall recruitment events brought in 14 additional members and this chapter also inducted 4 members in spring. Their enrollment includes 2 guys. During the year they have painted for the elderly, set up productions of a Broadway play, created fleece blankets for St. Jude, sold hot chocolate, had bake sales, and sold T-shirts just to name a few. They sent their regrets for not being able to attend convention and thanked us for all our support.

Unfinished Business – None

Convention 2009 Bid – Cindy Maxwell introduce Beta Tau and Delta Sigma chapters, with Doris Hood and Suzanne Budd Convention Co-Chairs. They presented information on plans for the 2009 State Convention.

Date: May 15-17, 2009

Location: Manassas

Hotel: 4 Points Sheraton

Host: Beta Tau and Delta Sigma

Theme: Shining Moments in 80 Years of ESA

Registration: \$115 Women, \$65 Men, Room Rate \$105

According to our bylaws, if only one bid is submitted voting may be by general consent.

Convention Courtesy Bid 2010 –Cindy Maxwell has received a courtesy bid to hold the 2010 State Convention in Winchester/Front Royal area.

Introduction of 2008-2009 Candidates – Sheen Childress, 1st Vice President introduced Suzanne Budd, nominating committee, who presented the candidates for the 2008-2009 sorority year as follows:

President	Sheen Childress, Delta Sigma
1 st Vice President	Wanda English, Pi Rho
2 nd Vice President	Judy Williams, Beta Sigma
Corresponding Secretary	Katrina Saunders, Delta Sigma
Recording Secretary	Nicole Lewis, Theta Mu
Treasurer	Carol Campbell, Delta Kappa
Parliamentarian	Amanda Wright, Gamma Pi
Jr. Past President	Jane Shamblin, Beta Tau

Election of 2008-2009 Officers – Jane Shamblin, President, asked for nominations from the floor for each office with the exception of President, 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. There being no nominations from the floor and only one name for each office, Jane moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation, Nicole Lewis, Theta Mu seconded the motion motion was carried.

State Project 2008-2010 Vote – Jane announced that it has been proposed to continue ASK and Special Love as our state project for the next two years. This being the only proposal, it was moved by Gaynell Krista, State Project Chairman, that this project be accepted by general consent. Coming from a committee, no second was required and the motion carried.

State Project Update - Gaynell Krista, VSC State Project Chairman, reported the following:

Total Monies	\$6,761.83
Total Hours	1,584.5
Chapters Participating	21

Gaynell also reported that \$1,400.00 additional was received but because the checks were made payable directly to ASK or Special Love, they could not be counted in the judging or total monies for the State Project.

Easter Seals Update – Betty Allen, Easter Seals Chairman reported the following:

Total Monies	\$1,678.19
Total Donated Goods	404.38
Total Hours	168
Chapters Participating	18

Chapters Reporting 8

Betty also reported the 316 cartridges and one telephone was sent to Cartridges for Kids.

Disaster Fund – Cindy Maxwell, Jr. Past President and Disaster Fund Chairman reported the following:

Total Monies	\$2,029.91
Chapters Participating	16

Circle of Life – Beth Sherron, Circle of Life Chairman, reported the following:

Total Monies	\$638,452.97
Chapters Participating	17
Hours	none reported

Beth also reported that there were some redesigned projects and new projects from headquarters with more information to come.

Philanthropic – Amanda Wright, Philanthropic Chairman, reported that this appointment was a learning experience and that the awards had been sent to Jane, however, she forgot her report and the total figures were unavailable at this time. I have received the figures from Amanda since the convention and they are as follows:

Total Monies	\$825,037.50
Total Hours	13,547.5
Chapters Participating	19
Total of Monies Donated	\$764,264.00
Total Value of Donated Goods	\$777,811.50

SERC Message – Connie Edwards, Recording Secretary and SERC Representative was introduced by Jane Shamblin. Connie told a little more about herself and related some funny stories of her growing up. She reminded us of SERC convention on November 7-8 in Florence, Alabama.

IC Message – Since the agenda was ahead of schedule, President Jane introduced IC Jr. Past President and IC convention representative Brenda West. Brenda gave us a “stress” test just to see who was “hung out to dry”.

She gave us an update on membership and new chapter challenges. She invited us to the 61st IC in Chattanooga, Tennessee in July and gave us an update on all the activities including, workshops, speakers, Show Me the Money, and casino night, with a special surprise on Wednesday at the mixer. Confederate Railroad will be entertaining.

President Jane asked for announcements before lunch. The Awards Luncheon will be held in the ballroom at 12 noon. The assembly was recessed at 11:17 AM and will be reconvened at 2:00 PM.

2nd General Assembly

President Jane called the 2nd General Assembly to order at 2:09 PM. There was no unfinished business to come before this assembly.

New Business – President Jane introduced Parliamentarian Lisa Hale who presented the following proposed by-law changes to Committee Chairmen’s Convention Workshop Requirement:

ARTICLE XII: APPOINTED OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

“a,d,f,g,h,I,l,n,q...She shall prepare and conduct a (fill in blank) workshop for the convention.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Add these words before this sentence, “Unless otherwise directed by the President”

WILL READ:

“Unless otherwise directed by the President, she shall prepare and conduct a (fill in blank) workshop for the convention.”

REASONS FOR CHANGE:

1. Workshops are not well attended by the membership at convention.
2. The preparation time and the cost of printing all the materials, including the Workshop Booklet, does not justify continuing this program at convention.
3. Hotels are charging extra for the use of “breakout” rooms for the workshops.
4. The current President should have the discretion of whether to have the workshops and which ones at the convention she presides over. She and the Workshop Chairman can work the details out between

- them. The Convention Chairman can then have the discretion of arranging with the hotel, if the hotel is willing to accommodate the convention. (some hotels give you the rooms, others will not)
5. There are other alternatives to holding workshop(s) at convention such as holding one workshop as part of the convention agenda, having workshop(s) at Leadership, and having workshop(s) at our Spring and Summer meetings.

This by-law change was printed and submitted to all chapters at the March meeting. Lisa moved that the by-law changes be accepted as presented. Discussion followed. Sandy Reed, Beta Tau stated that her workshop had been well attended. Betty Allen, Alpha Chi, stated that this was not doing away with workshops just limiting them and giving the president the right to decide which workshops should be presented. Nancy Reece, Alpha Xi, suggested tabling for now and that new members needed the workshops. Sharon Shafer, MAL, said that leaving to the discretion of the president may set a habit for not having workshops. Nancy Reece, Alpha Xi made a motion to table the vote until a later date, Mildred Edwards, Alpha Xi, seconded, the vote was taken and the motion was carried.

Lisa then read the proposed changes to the VSC CONTEST AND AWARDS, of the Standing Rules:

PROPOSED CHANGE:

1. The following guidelines shall govern the Contests and Awards of the VSC:
 - a. Contests and Awards presented in conjunction with the VSC may be sponsored by a Past President of the VSC. A request to sponsor an existing award or to establish a new award shall be submitted in writing by the Past President desiring sponsorship to the President of the Past Presidents Auxiliary. Upon approval of the PPA, sponsorship shall be in effect as long as the Past President is in good standing with the PPA and ESA Headquarters and desires to sponsor the award. A sponsor may discontinue sponsorship of an award at any time by notifying the President of the PPA in writing of her desire to withdraw sponsorship.
 - b. An award of the deceased sponsor may continue to carry that sponsor's name if a chapter or district council assumes the

responsibility for that sponsorship and continues the award in that deceased sponsor's name. A request to assume the responsibility for sponsorship shall be submitted in writing by the President of the chapter or district council desiring said responsibility to the President of the PPA. There request shall be reviewed at the next meeting of the PPA following receipt of the request. The PPA shall forward its recommendation for sponsorship to the VSC Executive Boards for approval prior to adoption by the VSC.

- c. An Award of a deceased sponsor that is not assumed by a chapter or district council may continue to carry that deceased sponsor's name for a period of three (3) years. A Past President, at her request, may assume the responsibility for sponsorship of the award during that period of time. At the conclusion of the 3-year period, sponsorship may be requested and renamed for the Past President desiring sponsorship of the existing award.

REASON:

Sections a, b, and c under #1 (page 63 of the VSC Yearbook) have been reworded to clarify procedure to be followed if a Past President of the VSC wished to relinquish sponsorship of her existing award or establishment of a new award. To further clarify procedure in the event of death of a sponsor of an existing award.

Being a standing rule change prior written notice was not needed. Lisa moved that the standing rule be accepted as presented. Coming from the Executive Board no second was required, the vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Jane read the following announcements:

1. Rehearsal for installation of officers will be in the ballroom at 3:30 PM.
2. Doors to the ballroom will open at 5:30 PM and close promptly at 6:30 PM. No pictures will be allowed until the end of the installation ceremony.
3. Silent auction items will be on display in the ballroom beginning at 5:30 PM.
4. Please pick up Association of the Arts Entries ASAP.
5. The memorial service will take place in the ballroom Sunday morning at 8:00 AM.

6. The Meet and Greet the 2008-2009 VSC Officers will be in the ballroom on Sunday morning from 8:30- 8:45 AM.

Sue Foy announced that all activities for Sunday would be changed to the Elizabeth and York rooms.

Edna requested that yearbooks be picked up after the meeting.

The second session of the general assembly was recessed at 2:20 PM until Sunday morning at 8:45 AM.

3rd General Assembly

Gail Lanning, Theta Lambda, welcomed us and told us the champagne bucket centerpiece would go to the person who had a special stamp on the back of their program. Bonnie Feldhauser gave the invocation.

Call to Order – President Jane called the 3rd General Assembly to order at 8:56 AM.

Introductions – Jane introduced the head tables which included all of the current and newly installed officers, the current chaplain, convention chairs and the IC and SERC representatives.

Registration Report

Women	95
Men	26
Guests	5
DESA	0
MAL	3
Mixer	131
Luncheon	100
Banquet	133
Brunch	99
Total	131

Sue Foy, Convention Chariman thanked everyone for coming and stated that some of the activities this year were made possible by corporate sponsors.

The convention made \$1,050.00 in the silent auction and if anyone has any outstanding bills to see Flora Burns today.

The hotel staff was recognized for all their help and great service.

Awards Presentation – Jane introduce Shelby Hodges, Awards Chairman, who conducted the awards program. A list of the awards was presented at the end of the assembly and is included at the end of the minutes.

Special Presentations – Gifts of appreciation were given to IC representative Brenda West and SERC representative Connie Edwards and also to Sue Foy and Gwen Elmore, convention co-chairs, by President Jane.

Courtesy Committee – The report of the Courtesy Committee was given by Beth Sherron, Alpha Delta and Bev Scott, Zeta Nu.

Dismissal of Appointments – All appointments for the 2007-2008 sorority year were dismissed with the exception of the Audit Committee and the Committee to approve the minutes of the convention.

Closing Remarks – Jane spoke from the heart and thanked everyone for their support during her year as VSC president.

Presentation of the Gavel and Full Crown Pin – Jane presented new president Sheen Childress with her Full Crown Pin and then presented her with the gavel telling her, in the words of Lynne Rightmyer, bang it with health.

Lowering and Raising of the Gavel – Edna Plancon lowered Jane's gavel pin and Katrina Saunders raised Sheen's pin.

Acceptance Speech – Sheen gave her acceptance speech and spoke about the roads to be traveled in ESA.

Induction into the PPA – Jane was called forward by Sue Foy, PPA President, who inducted her into her PPA garden.

Retirement of the Flags – Brenda West, IC representative, retired the flags.

Announcements – President Sheen Childress made the following announcements:

1. The budget committee will meet in room 476 immediately following this meeting.
2. If you have expense vouchers, please submit them to Wanda English today if you wish to be reimbursed.
3. The June meeting will be held on June 21, 2008 at the United Methodist Church in Front Royal, Virginia.
4. If you are attending IC Convention in Chattanooga and are due to receive a service pin of 25 years or more, please let Jane or Sheen know today. They will be giving certificates only to those in attendance. The service must be 25 years or more and in 5 year increments.
5. Edna would like you to pick up your yearbooks from this room before your leave today.

Adjournment – As there was no further business to come before the assembly, Sheen Childress, President, declared the 55th annual convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha adjourned at 10:43 AM. All stood, held the hands of her sisters and repeated the Closing Ritual.

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Williams
2007-2008 Recording Secretary

Judy

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA
VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL

CREDENTIALS REPORT

ESA-VSC MEETING/CONFERENCE: VSC 2008 Convention

DATE(S): May 16-18, 2008

LOCATION: Virginia Beach, Virginia

ATTENDANCE:

CHAPTERS ON ROLL:	<u>23</u>	
CHAPTERS PRESENT @ MTG:	<u>17</u>	
VSC OFFICERS PRESENT:		<u>7</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:		<u>81</u>
GUESTS PRESENT:		<u>1</u>
DESA's PRESENT:		<u>0</u>
MAL's PRESENT:		<u>1</u>
TOTAL PRESENT @ MTG:		<u>90</u>

voting

VOTES PRESENT:

VSC EXEC. BOARD/OFFICER VOTES:	<u>7</u>
# CHAPTER DELEGATE VOTES:	<u>23</u>
PROXY VOTES:	<u>0</u>
TOTAL VOTES:	<u>30</u>

Financial Report (corrected)
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Balance on hand 3/15/08 **\$2,002.87**

Deposits

03/19/08	Chinese Auction	\$244.00
03/19/08	Chapter Dues (6 chapters)	301.00
04/05/08	Chapter Dues (6 chapters)	266.00
04/08/08	Chapter Dues (2 chapters)	<u>161.00</u>

Total Deposits \$972.00

Disbursements

Check 1093 Convention 2008 Flora Burns \$517.50

Total Disbursements \$517.50

Balance on Hand **\$2,457.37**

Savings Account Information

Balance Forwarded as of 09/30/07 \$1,379.46

Interest .44

Balance as of 05/17/08 **\$1,379.90**

**Vsc Convention Award Recipients
May 17-19, 2008
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Association of the Arts - Best in Show

Sara Carr

Distinguishede Athenian

Abby Toler

Circle of Life - Flora Burns

3rd Place Beta Kappa
2nd Place Deta Sigma
1st Place Alpha Xi

Easter Seals- Fran Lanning

3rd Place Alpha Xi
2nd Place Zeta Nu
1st Place Beta Delta

Educational - Barbara Midkiff

3rd Place Theta Mu
2nd Place Zeta Nu
1st Place Pi Rho

History - Betty Allen

3rd Place Beta Tau
2nd Place Beta Delta
Tie Alpha Omega
1st Place Pi Rho

Mileage - Nancy Reece

3rd Place Beta Delta
2nd Place Delta Sigma
1st Place Delta Rho

Outstanding Chapter President

Leadership - Lucy Davis

3rd Place Pam Cook - Beta Sigma
2nd Place Stephanie Hess - Zeta Nu
1st Place Martha Linari - Alpha Tau

Outstanding Chapter - PPA

3rd Place Beta Tau
2nd Place Delta Kappa
1st Place Alpha Chi

Philanthropic Hours - Beverley Wright

3rd Place Beta Sigma
2nd Place Beta Delta
1st Place Delta Kappa

Philanthropic Monies - Dot Brown

3rd Place Beta Tau
2nd Place Delta Sigma
1st Place Alpha Xi

Publicity - Sandy Reed

3rd Place Alpha Omega
2nd Place Beta Omicron
1st Place Alpha Chi

VSC Rushing

3rd Place Beta Tau
2nd Place Alpha Omega
Tie Delta Sigma
1st Place Zeta Nu

Social - Lisa Files

3rd Place Pi Rho
Tie Theta Mu
2nd Place Beta Delta
1st Place Zeta Nu

State Project - Dot Harcum

3rd Place Delta Rho
2nd Place Beta Omicron
1st Place Delta Kappa

VSC Yearbook

3rd Place Beta Sigma
2nd Place Beta Tau
1st Place Beta Delta
Tie Theta Mu