

**Virginia State Council  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
General Board Meeting  
Sunday, October 3, 2010**

**President Judy Williams called the meeting to order** at 10:05 am at the Holiday Inn in Virginia Beach, VA. There was no need for special seating as voting delegates had received a colored voting card.

The members stood, joined hands with their sisters, and recited the **Opening Ritual.**

**Chaplain's Message** was offered by **Judi Darden** due to the illness of Shelby Hodges. She prayed for our members' wellness and safety prior to reading the story "What if There Isn't Any More," an article shared by Lisa Files. Darden encouraged us to use "three words-I Love You-and a smile!" She reminded us to "Live today because tomorrow is not promised!"

**Welcoming** was by **Cindy Maxwell** who thanked everyone for coming to Virginia Beach. Judy thanked Cindy for leadership and the chapters of Tidewater for their hospitality.

**Minute Approval Committee** appointed for this meeting will be **Marie LaDuke and Betty Allen.**

**Recognitions:** Judy asked, "Would everyone who is important please stand and give yourself a hand and know that the work of ESA cannot be done without every one of us." Everyone stood. There were no first timers.

**Credentials Report** was given by **Sue Ellen Danielson**-(Full report attached to permanent record)

Chapters on Roll-19	Chapters Represented-16
Members Present-53	Officers Present-7
DESAs- 0	MALs-0
Guests- 0	Total Attendance-60
Officer's Votes-6	Delegates Votes-20
Total Votes-26	

**Quorum:** According to the Virginia State Council Bylaws a quorum shall consist of representatives from five (5) Virginia chapters and one (1) officer. There being a quorum present, all business voted upon shall constitute effective action.

**Rules of the Meeting** are a part of our Standing Rules and as such do not need to be read at each meeting.

**Correspondence Secretary Lynne Rightmyer** read a list of those sending letters of absences: Lisa Files, Ginger Yopp, Shelby Hodges, Sharon Shaffer, Kathy Liska, Pat Holtsclaw, and Sue Stone. Lynne related that Sue Stone, VSC Convention Chair for 2011, had provided registration information in the chapter folders.

**“Getting in the Groove” was led by Sue Danielson.** This was our second group exposure to Tai Chi--an activity of martial arts/mind body connection. Sue led the group in several “deep breathing”/stress relieving techniques.

**Financial Report/Proposed Budget for 2010-2011** was re-presented by **Suzanne Budd** for absent Shelby Hodges. Suzanne reviewed the June financial report and the proposed budget changes made as a result of the audit. (The complete report is attached to the permanent minutes.) Wanda English moved that the amended budget be adopted; coming from the committee and approved by the executive committee, no second was required. The motion carried. Judy Williams dismissed Shelby Hodges as the temporary/acting treasurer for 2009-10 and thanked her for her services.

**Auditor’s Report—Beth Sherron** reported that she and **Susan Caldwell** found all of the VSC books in good standings. This audit included the financial statements and books, the Convention and State Project Book. She noted that we all need to be careful and accurate with our accounting procedures; especially keep all deposits up to date. It is very difficult to recreate the state books. The audit committee was dismissed by Judy.

**Minutes Approval - June Meeting:** **Brenda Orebaugh** reported the minutes were approved as published. This committee was also dismissed.

**Reports of the Elected Officers were given:**

**First Vice President, Ginger Yopp** sent a report re-emphazing her email address as [ginger@beltoneva.com](mailto:ginger@beltoneva.com); her phone number 540-354-2012. Ginger is presently soliciting members to fill her slots for both general and executive board for the year 2011-12. The VSC Willing to Serve Forms will be found on the state website.

**Second Vice President, Amanda Wright's** report was read by Lynne. Amanda continues her "chemo" treatment; her mom is her typist and motivator while her father is acting as her daily physical therapist. The tumor has been arrested!

**Recording Secretary, Carol Campbell** had no report.

**Corresponding Secretary, Lynne Rightmyer** reminded all chapters to recheck their chapter folders for additional information at the end of the meeting. The state yearbook has been distributed to chapter presidents on CD (in Word); any problems contact her by email. Print files as needed. Yearbooks have been collected today. Yearbook judges from the PPA's will be Marie LaDuke, Dot Brown and Jean Mullikin.

**Treasurer, Suzanne Budd** reminded the chapters that the first-half dues were due as of October 1, 2010 at a rate of \$7 per member. Her contact information: 43729 Clear Lake Square–Ashburn, VA 20147. Receipts for dues paid are in the chapter folders.

**Financial Report for October, 2010: Suzanne Budd's** report reflected adjusted balances.

Balance on hand as of June 19, 2010	\$3,572.41
Total income of \$1,090.00	
Disbursements of \$262.00	
Balance on hand in checking, as of Oct. 3, 2010	\$4,400.41
Balance in the savings account	\$ 881.69

During the audit, it was discovered that the SERC dues were not paid and the monies for the SERC raffle had not been forwarded. Suzanne forwarded checks for both. Judy receiving no questions stated the report would be filed.

(A copy of the amended proposed budget and financial report is attached to these minutes.)

**Parliamentarian, Nicole Lewis** is presently reviewing the VSC Bylaws and Standing Rules for possible clarification/modernization. She will send these proposed changes first to the Executive Board. If the Executive Board feels changes are warranted, the changes will be emailed to chapter presidents for chapter discussion. Further discussion on the proposed changes will be debated at the Spring Council Meeting with a vote on each/any change(s) at the VSC 2011 Convention in May. Do not expect all changes to arrive at one time. They will be forwarded, by email, as they are found.

**Jr. Past President, Wanda English's** responsibility is the Disaster Fund. Presently she has collected \$409.10. This sum includes monies from the summer council meeting, checks from Sue Danielson, Zeta Nu and Delta Rho. (Full report attached to permanent record). Wanda placed the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President Award in the chapter folders. She thanked Laura Goldzung for her beautiful scrapbook. She reminded the membership that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so wear PINK!

**Judy Williams, President** conveyed to the membership the various ideas learned at this summer's IC workshops. Following up on Jamie's IC theme of BELIEVE, she asked her "friends" to reflect on what they believed and learned. Having numerous workshops presented, Judy asked the attendees to attend and to report to our membership:

1. Lynne Rightmyer believes "you CAN teach an old dog new tricks." She went to a technology workshop and learned that what Theresa is teaching us is right along the line of what we all need to learn. She encouraged everyone to get a computer and an email address so you can get the information you need. Lynn encourages us to get on board with the camp for Easter Seal—Camp Hope. Go on line for more information.
2. Marie LaDuke related "10 Things I Learned at IC in Minneapolis, Minn." She reminded us that ESA needs new members. She encouraged members to go online to the appropriate Headquarters' contact/ IC Officers for help with fundraising ideas, learning to use social networking tools, and recruiting new members. The ESA website [www.esaintl.com](http://www.esaintl.com) has all kinds of information assistance

available. **Whatever the question or the need use [www.esaintl.com](http://www.esaintl.com)**  
(The full list is attached to the minutes).

3. Flora Burns learned to practice patience, tolerance, and understanding.
4. Sue Foy learned that IC is great; 2013 in Norfolk, VA will be a great opportunity for all of Virginia to participant; everyone's help is needed.
- 5 .Judy Williams presented a power point of what she learned at IC:
  - ESAers are good at what they do best—SHOP!!!
  - She felt great pride representing VA in the opening ceremony.
  - She learned that VA got third in the Easter Seal Competition.
  - She learned it was great fun to stand in for others who accomplish great things—Kathy Gibbons received 5<sup>th</sup> place in the educational competition.
  - She learned it was great to be on stage holding the 0 digit during the St. Jude Grand Total. See her photo in the Jonquil.
  - She's learned to be the captain of her own ship but to be a crew member on someone else's ship—on board IC's Dora's Dream.
  - Judy learned we are all champions—attendees each had their picture made on a Wheatie's Box.
  - The entire group learned and believes it is never too late to be creative and have fun---never give "squirt guns" to adults!!!

**Presentation by Jane Shamblin:** With the help of **Amanda and Beverly Wright**, they put together a packet of how to play **Bunco and hold Bunco Parties**. Instructions are in the chapter folders. IC Headquarters is pushing the Bunco Parties as a great way to raise funds for St. Jude as they meet potential new members. Jane proudly announced that **VA took 9<sup>th</sup> place at IC Convention for St. Jude** with a total of **\$372,668.84**.

#### **Ten (10) Minute Break**

**Meeting Reconvened** with **President Judy** asking for a **Website Update** by **Theresa Morris**. She thanked everyone for their photos and updates on their chapters; continue to forward to the website [www.ESA-Virginia.com](http://www.ESA-Virginia.com). Theresa asked if there were additional items that we would want on the website. If you see an error/area where changes need to be made, first contact the chairperson of that area/award and let the chairperson make the change. The chairperson will then forward the needed changes to Theresa.

### **Committee Reports/Appointed Officers:**

**Awards with Flora Burns' "At-A-Girl Badge"** was presented to a person who is often not in the limelight and is a behind the scene worker. Beverley Wright, the first recipient, was given the honor of presenting a badge to Susie Garland of Roanoke. In addition to Beverley's award, Flora presented one to Marge Rushford at her chapter's officer installation service. Flora reminded us to take advantage and present the Youth Awards—the senior award is a \$1000 scholarship and the junior award is worth \$500. For International Youth Awards see Flora. Flora also reminded everyone to bring plaques/awards to the Spring Council Meeting.

**Convention Chair** report was given by **Beverly Scott**. A convention folder has been placed in each chapter's folders. This folder contains directions to the hotel, information on Men's Activities, and "Ad" forms for the Convention Brochure along with convention registration forms. The Spring Council Meeting will be held on April 2, 2011 at the Salem Holiday Inn. The nightly rate of \$95 + tax will include breakfast. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the raffle for a "free" nights lodging at Hotel Roanoke for the 2011 State Convention. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Tickets should be sent to Beverly; tickets will also be sold at the Spring Council. The "raffle" drawing will take place at Spring Council.

**Leadership Cindy Maxwell** reported 60 in attendance at the Fall Leadership yesterday. The hotel was responsible for the computer glitches.

**Philanthropic Director, Kathy Gibbons**, has some revised information/forms in each chapter's folder. This information will also be found on the state website. If you need more information contact Kathy. She asked that all philanthropic chairmen send her their email address.

**Scrapbook** will be completed by **Judi Brigg**. She has provided scrapbook pages for each chapter and officer. Additional pages can be purchased at stores such as Ben Franklin. Do keep the pages the same size as the ones provided. Be creative and make Judy a wonderful keepsake.

**SERC** reports were given by **Beth Sherron**. A raffle drawing was held for the P. Buckley Moss framed artwork, "Sisterhood". The winner was Nancy Reece. The framed work was purchased for \$168 with a profit made of \$345. **Judy Williams** asked for a headcount of those going to SERC,

Louisville, KY. She related several opportunities for fundraising: 50/50 raffle (tickets are available for \$10) and silent auction baskets from each participating state. Each chapter is asked to donate either an item or monies to make up our VA basket. Judy informed the members of the SERC themes: Friday night is your favorite team outfit and Derby hats for the Saturday luncheon. Installation will be held Saturday night.

**2013 IC Convention Chair, Sue Foy** updated the membership on the IC Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA. Contracts have been signed. The theme will be “**Virginia Stars Light up the World of ESA**”. Beth Sherron modeled a dark blue apron embroidered with our logo of yellow stars. This will be our hostess outfit and will be worn by all Virginia members. Sue related that many of the jobs are now computerized and that there will be jobs for everyone. A list of events and duties will be compiled and sent to the membership for their consideration. In addition, we hope to have the assistance of chapters in North Carolina and Maryland. Sue suggested that we start saving our money for this “great opportunity for Virginia stars to shine.” The rooms will cost \$129 per night at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside Hotel.

**Unfinished Business:** Judy thanked Gil Hodges for his generous donation from his candle and product sales during the Summer Council. Theresa will have information on Gil’s products on the state website for additional sales.

**New Business:**

- The executive board approved that we dispense with the reading of the candidates for SERC offices. It was moved that the voting for the candidates for SERC office be left to the discretion of delegates in attendance. Coming from the Executive Board no second is required. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
- The executive board approved that we dispense with the reading of the proposed SERC by-law changes. It was moved that the voting for the proposed SERC by-laws changes be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance. Coming from the Executive Board, no second is required. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Judy will send motion changes to those who will be in attendance at SERC for review.

- Judy has received a call for nominations for IC from Rose Pasillas. The goal is to have 5 nominations for each office. If you desire more information, see Judy or check for forms on the website.

**Announcements/Dates to Remember:**

- SERC Conference, November 12 -13, Louisville, Kentucky
- VSC Spring Council Meeting, April 2, 2011, Holiday Inn, Salem, VA.
- VSC Convention, May 20,21,22, 2011, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA
- Pick up chapter folders at the close of the meeting. Take only manila folders, not the hanging files; sign them out. When taking another chapter’s folder, please sign also.
- Chinese Auction held immediately following this meeting.
- Please fill out your willing to serve forms and return them to Ginger as soon as possible. They can be found on website.
- Up-date on Catherine Gorham—she fell at home and broke her arm over the weekend.

There being no further business to come before this assembly, this meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am. With all sisters joining hands, we recited the **closing ritual.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

Carol R. Campbell

October 9, 2010

**Carol R. Campbell  
2011-12 VSC Recording Secretary**

**Minute Approval Committee:**

Betty Allen

**Date** October 26, 2010

**Betty Allen, Alpha Chi**

Marie LaDuke

**Date** October 23, 2010

**Marie LaDuke, Beta Sigma**

