

**Virginia State Council  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
General Board Meeting  
Saturday, June 19, 2010**

Registration and refreshments began at 9am at the Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. Judy Williams, President called the **meeting to order** at 10:05 am. 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 Shelby Hodges entitled **Worry Less** taken from the book "*100 Days of Prayer for Women*". (Full report attached to permanent record)

"Where is the best place to take your worries? Take them to God. She quoted Barbara Johnson, "Worry is the senseless process of cluttering up tomorrow's opportunities with leftover problems from today." So if you'd like to make the most of these days-and every one hereafter- turn your worries over to a Power greater than yourself-and spend your valuable time and energy solving the problems you can fix-while trusting God to do the rest.

Her prayer was **Dear Lord**- Wherever I find myself, let me celebrate more and worry less. When my faith begins to waver-help me to trust You more. And now, we ask that You be with us today the VA State Association, of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, holds its first meeting of this sorority year-be with our leaders-be with this membership-help us to have fun and fellowship together as we thank You for Your love-Your blessings and Your guidance. **Amen**

**Welcoming** was by Lynne Rightmyer. Lynne thanked the chapters of Richmond - Beta Sigma, Theta Mu and Alpha Delta - for hosting this meeting and a special thank you was given to Beth Sherron for arranging the use of her church.

**Gil Hodges** was introduced by President Judy, as son of Shelby, a brother of Ginger, and as our displayer of Waxing Poetic Soy Candles fundraiser. Twenty (20%) of the proceeds will be donated to the Virginia State Council. Shelby encouraged us to shop and get outside orders. She spoke to the fact that additional information and order blanks will be in the chapter folders.

**Minute Approval Committee** appointed for this meeting will be Brenda Orebaugh and Sheen Childress.

**Recognitions:** Judy introduced her “**FRIENDS**” sitting at the head table Suzanne Budd, Treasurer; Amanda Wright, Second Vice-President; Ginger Yopp, First Vice-President; Nicole Lewis, Parliamentarian; Carol Campbell, Recording Secretary; Lynne Rightmyer, Corresponding Secretary and Wanda English, Jr. Past President.

President Judy asked all **Past Presidents** to stand; introduce themselves while telling us one thing that is on their ESA bucket list. Judy asked the **Appointed Board** and **Committee Members** to stand and thanked them for their willingness to serve the council this year. There were **two guests** in attendance and they stood to be recognized. **All Chapters Presidents** stood and were told to have a great year this year and make a lot of “Friends.”

**Credentials Report** was given later as there were numerous “latecomers” due to several traffic accidents.\*

**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** was read by Lynne Rightmyer, corresponding secretary. Vicki Farris sent a “thank you” while regrets were sent from Sue Stone, Edna Plancom, Lisa Files, Christine Williams, Marie LaDuke and Pat Holtzclaw. Since some of these ladies are experiencing health issues, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

“**Getting in the Groove**” was a Tai Chi activity led by Sue Danielson. This was a period of demonstration and interaction. The membership practiced “centering our core and relaxing techniques” which will help one with stress and become more focused.

**Financial Report/Proposed Budget for 2010-2011** was presented by Shelby Hodges, at the President's request, since Lisa Hale was not in attendance. Shelby Hodges reviewed and explained the proposed budget given to each member. Jane Parrish spoke to the need of increasing Association of Arts from \$25 due to the increase in participation in recent years. Beth Sherron made a motion to take the \$50 from IC Foundation Chairman (which is under the VSC General Expenses) and transfer to Association of the Arts. The Association of the Arts would then have a total of \$75 for their needs. The budget amount would not have to be altered; it would remain the same as proposed. Jane Parrish seconded the motion; it was voted upon and carried. Shelby Hodges moved that the budget be accepted as amended and corrected; seconded by Wanda English. (Copy of the proposed budget attached to these minutes).

**Financial Report for June, 2011:** Suzanne Budd was asked to give the report since Lisa Hale was not present. She stated she would but she would not be able to answer any questions; she reviewed the report for June 19, 2010 sent by Lisa Hale (attached as part of permanent records). The report stated:

Balance on hand as of May 23, 2010	\$3,697.02
Total income of \$526.11	
Disbursements of \$646.42	
Balance on hand in checking, as of June 19, 2010	\$3,576.71
 Balance in the savings account	 \$ 881.47

Judy receiving no questions stated the report will be filed for audit along with the treasurer's books. (A copy of the amended proposed budget is attached to these minutes.)

**\*Credentials Report** – Sue Ellen Danielson-(Full report attached to permanent record)

Chapters on Roll-20	Chapters Represented-17
Members Present-53	Officers Present-8
DESAs- 0	MALs-1
Guests- 2	Total Attendance-64
Officer's Votes-7	Delegates Votes-21
Total Votes-28	

**Auditor's Report**-no report

**Minutes of the 2010 Convention Report** were reviewed by Wanda English, Sue Foy and P'Nut Schools. The minutes were corrected (President's theme not in the correct sequence) and published. This committee was dismissed.

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

**First Vice President, Ginger Yopp** stated, "I know each of you have something to give to ESA so-oo-o, I am going to help you accomplish this." Ginger is asking each of us to "exert those talents on the VSC 2011-12 board. It is not too early to select a job and if you need help, she can help you pick one (Full report attached to permanent records).

**Second Vice President, Amanda Wright** had no report.

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

**Corresponding Secretary, Lynne Rightmyer** reminded all chapters who have not sent in their 2011-12 rosters to do ASAP. These rosters need to include members' names, addresses, phone numbers and any office they may hold. An updated Executive and General Board roster was located on the back table and an additional one was placed in the chapter folders. The state yearbook will be distributed at the Fall meeting and will be available only on CD (Full report attached to permanent record)

**Treasurer, Suzanne Budd** had no further information to report.

**Parliamentarian, Nicole Lewis** had no report.

**Jr. Past President, Wanda English** is responsible for the Disaster Fund. She reported that her chapter's theme this year is recycling so she took Sheen's piggy bank and with the help of her Pi Rho sisters and DESA's, they have turned that pig into a leather purse. At that time, she passed the leather purse around to collect monies "to help our sisters in need." (Full report attached to permanent record)

**Judy Williams, President** told the assembly she had received a lot of communications from IC on down. Judy noted that she would be concentrating on more effective communication among the membership. She added that there would be less structure but we must have some structure in order to conduct business. There will a compromise of the old and the new; there is “much weighing us down. We will count of the Web Master to keep us connected. In order to keep up with each other, email her, if you have not heard from her in 48 hours, email her again for answers; then call.

She further explained the use of the cards that were placed on each table. These cards are a means of communicating with the board. The pink cards are for individual emails. The purple cards are to be used to submit our ideas and any issues that we may have; she will forward these cards to the appropriate committees/persons responsible. Judy stated, “I want to hear what you have to say!”

### **Food and Beverage Break**

**Meeting Reconvened** with President Judy emphasizing communication is a big part of being successful and that she will be promoting this avenue this year. Not being as computer savvy as she would like to be she has enlisted the knowledge of her FRIEND who is. As part of being connected this year, Theresa Morris, our Webmaster, put together a presentation to tell us all about an exciting new online tool that we can use. If needed please feel free to contact Theresa through her email.

**Website Presentation** was by Theresa Morris. This was a two part educational using the internet and a wide screen.

The first part -- **“How to get the Website You Need”**.

She instructed us to go to our website—[www.esa-virginia.com](http://www.esa-virginia.com)-not case sensitive. We need to make it OUR website so submit items you want share. You will find all the information and forms for VSC at this site. Theresa’s summer project is to maximize the capability of this website for our member’s use and update any forms and information. She demonstrated how to use the homepage. She showed us the photo of installation and outstanding president; VSC purpose and the use of the six (6) different tabs which takes you to info/forms; President’s theme and Executive Board Members and their emails; Quick clips from VSC; chapter news and photos

and links, which can be send webmaster information. Note that in the lower corner there is a place to write and send messages to the Webmaster, Theresa, and she will answer your concerns.

This **will not take the place** of the newsletter, **The Lamplighter**.

Theresa reminded us to use the **Word format** when sending her information and news. Therefore, each year changes can be made. She asked that each June, the chairperson of each award or position check their forms and provide her with an update. She reminded us that a **PDF format** is like a snapshot; it can not be edited!

The second educational was on the use of a secured site—Google docs. You do not have to have an individual google account to use this website. The email address will not be case sensitive and it will have a password. One will be able to print from this site but not edit. This site will have our individual emails, phone numbers and will be totally secured. Remember information here will not be on the [www.ESA-Virginia.com](http://www.ESA-Virginia.com) website. There will more information forthcoming as Theresa completes this site.

**\*\*Theresa** will no longer be called Webmaster. We will refer to her as the **WEB CUSTODIAN**.

After an interesting and informative workshop on the uses of the two websites, Judy involved the membership and her board in a “Two Minute Drill”. During this “drill”, the membership heard interesting and unique tidbits about the appointed and elected officers. We heard how many of the members got their names, where they lived and what color crayon they would like to be and why.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Beth Sherron SERC report** was two fold. (1) She showed us the beautiful P. Buckley Moss picture, “Sisterhood”, which was approved by the Executive Board for our SERC fundraiser. The raffle will be held at the Fall meeting. A picture and tickets are in the chapter folders for your members to sell. (2) She related information about the SERC Conference in Louisville, Kentucky with forms included in chapter’s folders (Full report attached to permanent record).

**Cindy Maxwell's** report as **Leadership Chair** stated information about **Fall Leadership and Council to be held in Virginia Beach on October 2 and 3**. Information will be found in the chapter's folders and registration is only \$30.

Finally, we got to hear from **Flora Burns** and how she got her name by default. As this year's **Awards Chair**, she encouraged us to think of awards as recognition, even if your chapter chooses not to participate in the VSC Award Categories. *She continued by relating that a person in the VSC whom she had watched and had admired over the year... a person who had always been so helpful to others and gone out of her way for others for years and had a pretty good looking husband. She then recognized **Beverley Wright** (with a little badge she had made.) The badge read "**ESA International Special-At-A-Girl!**"* She encouraged us to look and find someone worthy of an award or acknowledgement for a job well done.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Lynn Keffer, Historian 2009-10**, presented Past President Wanda English with an album denoting the year's **history**. If your chapter did not participate, it is not too late to send in a historical page for inclusion.
- **Sue Foy** spoke to the **2013 IC Convention**. Attendees to the July IC Convention will help Sue promote our 2013 IC bid for convention in Norfolk, Va.
- There will be six people attending the **IC Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota**.

#### **New Business:**

- Candidates for 2010-2011 IC Office – Having no objections from membership, the executive board approved that we dispense with the reading of the candidates for IC offices, since this information was published in the Jonquil. It is moved that the voting for the candidates for IC office be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance.
- Judy advised the fundraiser, by Gil Hodges, at today's meeting was previously approved by the executive board.

- A request was received from Sue Stone, 2011 Convention Chairman, to sell raffle tickets for one night's accommodations at the Hotel Roanoke. This was approved by the Executive Board. Tickets will be put in chapter folders at the Fall Board Meeting and the raffle will be held at the Spring Meeting.

**Announcements/Dates to Remember:**

- July 12-17; IC Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota. Registration information is on the ESA website; only suites are available.
- October 2 & 3; Leadership and VSC Fall Meeting, Va. Beach, VA
- SERC Conference November 12 -13, Louisville, Kentucky
- April 2, 2011; VSC Spring Meeting, Roanoke, VA
- May 20,21,22, 2011; VSC Convention, Roanoke, VA
- Chapter folders are to be picked up at the close of the meeting. Please only take the manila folders not the hanging files; don't forget to sign them out. If you are taking another chapter's folder, please sign also.
- If not already done, send rosters to Judy or Lynne immediately.
- PPA meeting will be held immediately following this meeting
- Chinese Auction will be held immediately following this meeting
- Gil Hodges will continue his sale after we adjourn; think Christmas!
- Wanda English collected \$159.10 for the Disaster Fund today.

There being no further business to come before this assembly, this meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm. With all sisters joining hands, we recited the **closing ritual.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

*Carol R. Campbell*

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2011-12 VSC Recording Secretary**

*July 7, 2010*

**Minute Approval Committee:**

**Brenda Orebaugh**  
**16, 2010**  
Brenda Orebaugh, *Gamma Pi*

*Date:* **July**

**Sheen Childress**  
Sheen Childress, *Delta Sigma*

*Date:* **July 17, 2010**

