

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
58th Annual VSC Convention**

Friday, May 20, 2011: Prior to the official opening of the 58th Annual VSC Convention, activities on Friday, May 20th included VSC PPA Meeting, Executive Board Meeting, First Time Convention Goers, and an Outgoing President's Reception. Dan Chitwood and the "Easy Pickins" band along with Flora Burns' challenges to the upcoming Executive Board provided the Mixer Party's entertainment. The 2011-12 Candidate's Skit put the candidates on the Gang Plank performing "tasks" under pressure. "Down By the Station" was hosted by Pi Rho of Roanoke.

Saturday, May 21, 2011: Prior to the official opening of the 58th Annual VSC Convention, the following workshops were held: Chapter Presidents, Awards, Educational, Easter Seals, Parliamentary, Rushing, Social, Circle of Life, Publicity, Finance and Philanthropic.

**First General Assembly
Saturday, May 21, 2011**

First Vice-President Ginger Yopp called the 58th Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council meeting to order at 9:01 AM in the Pocahontas Room at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA.

Ginger Yopp introduced Judy Williams, VSC President, 2010-11.

Judy Williams, President, declared the 58th Annual Convention of the Virginian State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International in session. Voting Delegates were instructed to use their colored index card for voting purposes.

Vicky Jones, International Council Treasurer, conducted the flag ceremony.

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

Shelby Hodges, Chaplain, based her message on Ephesians 5:15-17. “We make our own calendars... we make ourselves busy...ask God what He wants us to do. Be good stewards of your time.”

Judy Williams introduced the VSC Convention Chair, Sue Stone. Judy stated it had been a great experience working with her for this event.

Sue Stone, on behave of the Roanoke area chapters, thanked everyone for coming to Roanoke and hoped they would have fun.

Sue Stone introduced Welcoming Speaker Linda Wyatt, our own ESAer. Linda’s message defined *Who are ESAers?* She stated that the one thing that “binds us all together is that we step out and care for others; people we don’t know and may never meet”--“*ESAers are Earthbound Secret Angels.*”

Ginger responded to the welcoming and Linda received a small gift.

Judy introduced and thanked her head table: IC Representative/IC Treasurer, **Vicky Jones**; SERC Representative/ SERC Treasurer, **Robin Bussey**; Jr. Past President, **Wanda English**; Recording Secretary, **Carol Campbell**; Parliamentarian, **Nicole Lewis**; 1st Vice President, **Ginger Yopp**; 2nd Vice President, **Amanda Wright** (absent); Treasurer, **Suzanne Budd**; and lastly Judy’s Corresponding Secretary, **Lynne Rightmyer**.

Judy recognized the following individuals and groups for their dedication and hard work this year: **VSC General Board, VSC Past Presidents, guests, the four first time convention goers, and one DESA.** **Anna Black** received her 1st Pearl Award, while three members received their 2nd-5th Pallas Athene degrees. **Judy recognized those who had not stood and stated, “because of you, the rest of us can stand.”**

Lynne Rightmyer related correspondence and regrets from Sue Williams, Joy Lynn Tynes, BJ Clark, Lisa Files, Diane McLane, Amanda and Beverly Wright.

The Credentials Report* was given by **Beth Sherron** for Sue Danielson:

Chapters on Roll-19
Votes by Delegates-23

Chapters Represented-17
Votes by Officers Present-6

Number Proxy Votes-0	Total Votes-29
DESAs- 1	MALs-5
Guests-3	Total Present @ Meeting-82

Judy thanked the Credentials Committee for serving this year.

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

Nicole Lewis, by direction of the Executive Board, moved that the **Rules of the Convention as printed in the Convention Brochure*** be adopted. Having no discussion, no opposition, the motion carried.

Suzanne Budd, Treasurer, presented the financial report dated May 20, 2011*.

Checking Account Balance	\$3216.72
Savings Account Balance	881.30

Suzanne announced the President must approve any vouchers; she must receive any outstanding vouchers by May 27. Her address is 43729 Cedar Lake Square, Ashburn, VA 20147.

Suzanne presented an amendment to increase the Chaplain's budget. It was moved to amend the current budget to include \$55 of unpaid supplies and postage. Coming from the Executive board, a second was not needed. The membership voted by cards; the motion carried and the amendment to the current budget was adopted.

Jane Harris reported that The Minutes of the VSC Spring Meeting was approved as published. The committee was dismissed.

Judy Williams reviewed 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 the convention will consist of Susie Garland, Theresa Morris and Judy Williams.

Timekeeper: The convention timekeeper was Nicole Lewis, Parliamentarian.

The 2012 Convention Bid was presented by Betty Allen of Alpha Chi.*

Date: May 25-27, 2012
Hotel: Best Western Waynesboro Inn & Suites
Location: Waynesboro, VA
Host: Blue Ridge District Council
Theme: "Mardi Gras in the Valley"

Wanda English received a **Courtesy Bid** to hold the **2013 State Convention** in the Richmond area.

Ginger Yopp presented the candidates for the 2011-12 sorority year. The slate included: Kristine Williamson, Parliamentarian; Kathy Gibbons, Treasurer; Suzanne Budd, Recording Secretary; Gaynell Krista, Corresponding Secretary; Carol Campbell, 2nd Vice President; Beth Sherron, 1st Vice President and Ginger Yopp, President.

Judy Williams, President, conducted the election of officers for 2011-12. According to Article V. Sections 3 & 5, of the VSC Bylaws, the 1st Vice President is the President Elect and the Corresponding Secretary is her running mate, thus no nominations were accepted for these offices.

There were no nominations from the floor for the offices of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, or Parliamentarian. There being only one name for each position on the ballot, Judy moved that the slate of officers be accepted by acclamation. Sue Foy, Beta Kappa, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Updates Included:

VSC State Project- Lynne Rightmyer in lieu of Diane McLane

Chapter Participating-16
Total Hours-7 chapters reported hours
Total Monies-\$4,160.00

The monies were split between our two state projects-ASK and Special Love. Each received \$2,080. The monies were sent through the Turn Around Fund for distribution.

Easter Seals-Kristine Williamson

Chapter Participating-9

Total Hours-153 hours

Total Monies-\$3,131.70

Kristine thanked members for their spring contributions of \$ 360 in cash and gift cards-Goods Total of \$433.

Disaster Fund-Wanda English

Chapter Participating-13

Total Monies-\$2,150.68

Circle of Life-Jane Shamblin

Chapter Participating-13

Total Hours-2, 445 hours

Total Monies-\$506,177.91

Philanthropic-Kathy Gibbons

Chapter Participating-15

Total Hours-over 5000 reported hours

Total Monies-over \$600,000.00

Nicole Lewis, Parliamentarian, reviewed the three (3) proposed bylaw and two (2) standing rule changes sent to the members after the VSC Spring Council. Nicole Lewis asked if there was a request for discussion; being no discussion, coming from the committee, no second needed. The delegates voted and the motion carried. Recorded below are the VSC By-Law and Standing Rules voted upon at the May, 2011 VSC Convention and their respective word changes.

By-law Change One:

Article III Members: Section 2: Annual dues shall be payable by each chapter at the rate of \$14.00 per chapter member. Of this amount, \$7.00 per chapter member shall be due and payable into the VSC treasury October 1, and the remainder of \$7.00 per chapter member shall be due and payable April 1.

Amendment will remain as is with the addition of the following language - Chapters whose dues are not received by the VSC Treasurer by October 8th and April 8th will not be considered in good standing for purposes of eligibility for contests, awards, motions, voting, nominating officer candidates and submission of conventions bids.

Reason for proposal: In the past there has been some confusion as to what date the dues must be received by in order to constitute eligibility. While the information can be inferred by reading through duties of the Treasurer (Article VII: Section 7 e and f), it is not clearly stated with a given date. Adding an actual eligibility deadline date to the Members dues section of the By-Laws should clarify the issue for all members without having to try and interpret the information from duties descriptions. By making the actual eligibility deadline the 8th of the months in which dues are owed allows members a slight mailing grace period but still gives the VSC Treasurer a week to compile the necessary delinquent notices and ineligibility reports for the VSC meetings and convention. The reports and notices are to be sent out by the VSC Treasurer on October 15th and April 15th. (Article VII: Section 7 e and f).

By-Law Change Two:

Article XII Appointed Officers and Standing Committees: Section 2 k: The News Bulletin Editor shall edit the VSC publication, *The Lamplighter*, three (3) times annually in Fall, Winter, and Spring. She shall appoint an editorial staff to

assist in its publication and distribution to subscribers. She shall determine the subscription rate and a deadline for submission of materials for each issue. Complimentary copies of *The Lamplighter* shall be furnished to the VSC President, the SERC President, the IC President, the IC Chairman of News Bulletins, and ESA Headquarters.

The amendment will remain as is with the addition of the following language: She shall determine a deadline for submission of materials for each issue. If the publication is electronic, she shall be responsible for e-mailing copies to the VSC General Board as defined by Article XI. If the publication is hard copy (printed), she shall maintain a subscription list; determine the subscription rate and notify the membership of the rate. Copies of *The Lamplighter* shall be furnished to the VSC President, the SERC President, the IC President, the IC Chairman of News Bulletins, and ESA Headquarters.

Reason for the proposal: Over the past couple of years *The Lamplighter* has been handled and posted electronically on the VSC Website. It has been made available to all members at no additional charge. We should keep the option of the charge in the description in the event we stop using the website or the use of storage on the website incurs an additional cost which needs to be covered.

By-Law change Three:

Article XII Appointed Officers and Standing Committees: Section 2 m: The Project Director shall serve for a two-year term. She shall perform all duties necessary for the success of the chosen project, furnish information to each chapter, and encourage participation. She shall receive and deposit contributions for the project, keeping an accurate record of all transactions, and shall submit a financial report at the convention. Signature cards for this account shall bear the names of the President and Project director with only one (1) signature required. A tax-exempt number shall be used and shall be kept in a prominent place in the files. She shall be bonded by an accredited bonding company. She shall ensure that the chosen organization is provided a current list of elected officers' and chapter presidents' names and addresses. She shall make arrangements for project funds to be presented to the recipient at the convention. She shall prepare ballots for voting on the state project in the event two (2) or more projects are proposed. She shall serve as chairman of any project contests and awards as outlined in the standing Rules of the VSC. The records of the Project Director shall be forwarded to the Auditor within (30) thirty days after the convention.

The Amendment change will be modified to read: She shall ensure that the chosen organization(s) is/are provided a current list of elected officers' and chapter presidents' names and addresses. She shall make arrangements for project funds to be presented to the recipient(s) at the convention. She shall prepare ballots for voting on the state project in the event two (2) or more projects are proposed. She shall serve as chairman of any project contests and awards as outlined in the standing Rules of the VSC.

Reason for the proposal: The purpose of the change is to allow us to continue to have multiple organizations as recipients of these funds.

Standings Rules change proposal one:

Standing Rule 4: The following rules shall apply to the selection of a state project.

This Standing Rule will be modified by adding the following section: "In the event more than one recipient is selected, all monies collected for the State Project are to be divided equally among the recipients; unless clearly stated and recorded as part of the proposal."

Reason for the proposal: There needs to be a clarification for the membership when more than one organization is selected to be recipients to money from the VSC State Project. The initial proposal would need to state if the money is to be divided equally or whether or not a fund raiser for one organization can be funneled through the State Project and not the other.

Standing Rules change proposal two:

Standing Rule 8 Section k: sub section 1: The following rules shall govern the Contests and Awards --Publicity Award -- Sandy Reed now reads -- Each article published in *The Lamplighter* 10 points .

This Standing Rule ---Section 1 will be modified by adding the following phrase: "Each article published in *The Lamplighter* and the Chapter News Section of the ESA Virginia web site.

Reason for the proposal: To encourage chapters' submission to the Chapter News Section of the ESA Virginia website.

Judy related a request by incoming president Ginger Yopp for a June fundraiser of selling candles with the VSC receiving 20% of the profit. Judy moved to approve Ginger's request. Coming from committee and being approved by the executive board no second is needed. Judy called for discussion. Flora Burns, Beta Kappa, asked if the sell of candles at Fall Council took away from the Chinese Auction Eveleen Harrison, reported that she saw no difference in the monies raised. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Robin Bussey, 2010-11 SERC Treasurer, delivered a message from the Southeastern Regional Council. Robin encouraged the VSC to attend SERC convention to be held in North Charleston, SC.

Theme: *Palmetto By The Sea*

Date: October 28-29, 2011

Registration: \$110 Guest: \$80 by September 30th

Lodging: Embassy Suite - \$129 (D) \$139 (3) \$149 (Quad)

This includes free shuttle from airport, full breakfast, and two-hour manager's reception with free-alcohol and snacks.

Robin announced that Jane Shamblin would be running for SERC Parliamentarian and she encouraged others to consider running for offices.

Robin presented a workshop on "Memory" using prepared materials by SERC President Sue Williams, who was unable to attend due to an illness.

There being no announcements, the assembly was recessed until 2 PM.

The "Grand Old Lady" PPA Luncheon and Awards was hosted by Delta Kappa with introductions by Lynne Rightmyer and Carol Campbell.

Theresa Morris installed the following officers to the VSC Past Presidents' Auxiliary for 2011-12:

President Beth Sherron

Vice President Jane Shamblin

Secretary/Treasurer Sheen Childress

Theme: "PPA Never Rest, We Are Just Recycled"

Flora Burns presented ESA Foundation Counselor Lynn Keffer with a Foundation Plaque for her work in Virginia and West Virginia. Lynn has processed 187 scholarship applications and forwarded them to the ESA Foundation for the 51 actual endowments available to Virginia students.

Flora Burns conducted the Awards and Recognitions Presentation. She announced the **first, second and third place winners** for the PPA Outstanding Chapter, VSC Yearbook, Rushing Award, Certificates for the Educational Gold Links (ten chapters), Distinguished Athenian Award, and the Circle of Life. *

ALSAC's April Mann spoke to the membership about VA's accomplishments that included the Dream House. She spoke of upcoming events in VA including a new walk in Roanoke for November 19, 2011.

Flora Burns, Vicky Jones, and Robin Bussey presented the Pallas Athene, Service, and Woman of the Year awards.

**Second General Assembly
Saturday, May 21, 2011**

Judy called the Second General Assembly to order at 2:00 PM.

Vicky Jones, IC Treasurer and Representative, message related her lifelong involvement in ESA following in her mother's footsteps.

Her hands on workshop entitled, *Thinking "Inside" the Box* encouraged each chapter to find their real assets and develop them for all they're worth. State/Chapter meetings need to create an agenda that motivates members.

Judy gave her closing and farewell remarks during this session. She thanked Lynne, P-Nut, her Beta Sigma Sisters and her husband, David, for their love and support; she thanked the General and Executive Board for their help and wisdom and to everyone else, she thanked them for their encouragement and the chance to "flashback" to the "Hippie Days". When you hear the Beatles' song, "Get By With a Little Help from My Friends"...think ESA. ESA brings people together to do good things!

Lynne Rightmyer presented Judy with a gift from her state sisters. The necklace depicted Judy's theme and celebrated her uniqueness.

Judy announcements included:

- Installation rehearsal at 3 PM - Shenandoah Ball Room
- Doors to ballroom open at 6 and close promptly at 6:30; no photos allowed during installation ceremony
- Silent Auction items on display outside ballroom at 6 pm
- Pick up Association of the Arts Entries ASAP- Pocahontas Room.
- Pick up Yearbook/Publicity after this meeting-Pocahontas Room
- Incoming President's coffee, Sunday, 7:30 AM-Suite #474
- Memorial Service, Sunday, 8:30 AM-Appalachian Room

Judy recessed the assembly until Sunday at 9:15 AM.

Saturday, May 21, 201: The evening events included “Reflections,” an installation dinner-dance hosted by Beta Delta. Shelby Hodges was the mistress of ceremony for the installation of Ginger Yopp and her board entitled “We Reap Oceans of Opportunity & Enjoy the Simple Pleasures of Life--VA...Stand Up and Say YES We Are ESA!” Soloist Sheila Secrest and DJ - Travis Schmidt provided the nights entertainment. Sigma Chi Chapter conducted a Silent Auction.

Sunday, May 22, 2011:

The Beta Delta Chapter held a Coffee for Ginger Yopp, newly elected VSC President. After which Shelby Hodges led a Memorial Service, “*Life on a Train*”, honoring our ESA Sisters: Catherine Gorham, Alpha Delta; Jane Ray, MAL Alpha Omega; Barbara Steinspring, Sara Carr, and June Mann, Alpha Chi.

**Third General Assembly
Sunday, May 22, 2011**

Beverly Scott welcomed members to the Sunday Brunch, “Staying on Track with ESA” hosted by Zeta Nu Chapter of Moneta.

Elaine Prillaman gave the registration report for the convention.

Women - 80	Mixer - 107
Men - 22	Luncheon - 89
Guests -3	Banquet - 135
DESAs -1	Brunch - 85
MALS-5	TOTAL -111

Flora Burns conducted the 2010-11 Awards Presentations. A list of winners was not available at convention but has been received.* This award list will be placed in each chapter folder at the June Council Meeting in Roanoke.

Judy Williams expressed her appreciation to our IC and SERC Representatives and that she given them a Daisy necklace that signified her symbol as President and her “hippiness.”

Judy dismissed all appointments for the 2010-11 sorority year with the exception of the 2013 IC Convention Committee, the Audit Committee and the Committee to approve the minutes of the convention.

P’Nut Schools and Shelby Hodges participated in the Lowering and Raising of the Gavel for Judy Williams and Ginger Yopp respectively.

President Ginger Yopp’s Acceptance Speech included her many years of involvement first with her mother in ESA and then as a chapter member. She stressed the importance of gaining new members and that there are “Oceans of Opportunities for ESA in VA” as members we need to work harder.

Beth Sherron inducted Judy Williams into the PPA.

Vicky Jones, I C Treasurer, conducted the Retirement of Flags.

Ginger gave the following Announcements:

- Thanked the hotel staff for their service
- Submit any expense vouchers to Suzanne
- Auditing of all books must be done within 30 days and should be forwarded to Millie Simmons
- If you should be receiving a service pin and will be attending IC Convention, inform Ginger
- Pick up yearbooks today
- Plan on attending the June Council Meeting at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on June 25th
- Following this convention, the Budget Committee will meet
- VSC President has provided a list of “Things to Remember & Information for Yearbooks” sheet in chapter folders, which should be picked up at the close of convention.

There being no further business to come before this assembly, **Ginger adjourned the 58th Annual Convention of the VSC** adjourned at 11:15 AM.

With all sisters joining hands, we recited the **closing ritual.**

***Denotes where full reports from the VSC will be attached to the permanent records.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol R. Campbell

**Carol R. Campbell
2010-11 VSC Recording Secretary**

June 15, 2011

Minute Approval Committee:

Susie Garland, Sigma Chi

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Date: June 24, 2011

Theresa Morris, Beta Sigma

Theresa Morris, Beta Sigma

Date: June 20, 2011

Judy Williams, Beta Sigma

Judy Williams, Beta Sigma

Date: June 21, 2011