

**VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL
EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2012**

Call To Order:

Beth called the summer meeting of the General Board Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha meeting to order at 1:25pm held at the Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. She noted that all voting delegates were issued voting cards upon registering. President Beth asked that all members stand and join her in reciting the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain's Message:

Beverly Wright was absent. Sue Danielson gave the chaplain's message. She read a poem by Doe Zantamata "We believe what we tell ourselves." Tell yourself: Everything will work out. Things will get better. You are worthy of great things. You are loveable. The time is now. This too, shall pass. You can be who you really are. The best is yet to come. You are strong. You can do this.

Welcome:

President Beth thanked everyone for sharing their day attending a meeting in Richmond. She thanked Alpha Delta, Beta Sigma and Theta Mu for helping with the afternoon surprise that was in stored for the members.

Minutes Approval Committee:

Betty Allen and Bev Scott

Recognition's:

President Beth introduced the head table who will be known as the "Blocks of Friends" – Good Friends are like quilts. They age with you and never lose their warmth. Sue Danielson, Corresponding Secretary, Kristine Williamson, Treasurer, Suzanne Smith, 2nd Vice President, Carol Campbell, 1st Vice President, Susan Caldwell, Parliamentarian, Kathy Gibbons, Recording Secretary, Ginger Hodges, Jr. Past President.

She thanked the Board for their willingness to serve the state council – their abilities to be creative and energy will go far in creating her patchwork this year. In the crazy quilt of life. She is thankful we are in her block of friends.

President Beth introduced the VSC Past President's will be known as the "Scrappy Ladies." When life gives you scraps, make a quilt. Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love. She asked the VSC Past President to stand give their name, where you live and the year you served as VSC President.

She asked if there were any members attending their first state Council Meeting. None in attendance.

The 2012-2013 Chapter Presidents were asked to stand give their name, chapter and their theme for the year.

Credential Report:

Committee: Betty Cason, Jane Harris and Jackie Nash

Attendance:

Chapters on Roll	19	<u>Number of Votes Present:</u>	
Chapters Present	14	VSC Executive Board Votes	7
Members President	45	Delegates Votes	<u>16</u>
Officer's President	8	Total Votes	23
DESA's	0		
MAL's	1		
Guests	<u>0</u>		
Total Attendance	54		

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:

The Rules of the meeting are a part of our Standing Rules and do not need to be read at each meeting.

Minutes of May 2012 Convention:

The report of the committee to approve the minutes of the 59th Annual Convention was be given by Shelby Hodges. The minutes were approved with minor corrections. President Beth dismissed the committee.

Correspondence: Sue Danielson

Sue Danielson received correspondences from the following members regarding their absence from this meeting: Gayle Meeks, Helen Sanders, Barbara Midkiff, Beverley Wright, Lisa Files, Sharon Shaffer, Jean Bowman Mullkin, Brenda Orebaugh, and Elaine Prillman.

Financial Report/Proposed Budget 2012-2013:

Kathy Gibbons presented two (2) financial reports. The first report was the final treasurer's report, which had an end date of 06/02/2012 (the date the books were closed). The report shows a checkbook balance on hand of \$2,773.52 that includes one (1) outstanding check 1044 to SERC, Lynda Edwards for \$235.00. The proceeds from the 2012 convention had not been received as of 06/02/2012. There is a savings account balance of \$882.26. No questions from the membership were brought forward, so the reports were filed for audit.

The 2012-2013 proposed budget was then presented. Anticipated income \$7,386.81. Most of the anticipated expenses are comparable to last year with the exception of the inclusion of Convention President's Suite and Full Crown Pin. The increased in State IC Dues, State Website renewal and 2013 IC Convention Loan (repayable). The reported disbursements are \$6,949.00. Our anticipated balance forwarded to the 2013-2014 Treasurer is \$437.81. No questions from the membership were brought forward. Kathy moved that the budget be adopted as presented. President Beth, it has been moved that the proposed budget as presented by the committee and approved by the Executive Board be adopted. Coming from a committee and being approved by the Executive Board it does not require a second. Discussion regarding the VSC Bond renewal every three (3) years the \$500.00, becomes a financial strand every three years.. Therefore, we have added into the budget so the money can be put into the savings account when it is payable. The renewal date has been changed to March. The 2013 IC Loan is just that, a loan and will be repaid before disbursements of splitting convention profits. Shelby Hodges, asked under the 2nd Vice President - IC Membership Seminar \$50.00, if this was a new item? President Beth said it has been in the budget, but not every 2nd Vice President chooses to attend the IC membership workshop. The question is to adopt the proposed budget as presented. The motion was carried and the proposed budget adopted. (NOTE: The financial reports have been filed and are part of the VSC permanent records).

Auditor's Report:

There will not be a report given. The auditing of the books has not been completed.

Reports of Elected Officers:

1st Vice President – Carol Campbell

Carol has challenged the membership to "Step up, step out and step forward" for ESA. She is asking members to volunteer for a position on VSC elected officer or appointed chair. She has placed the forms in each of the chapter folders.

2nd Vice President – Suzanne Smith

Suzanne is encouraging the members to remember their years of involvement with ESA. Think about members you brought into ESA and are they still active? Encourage non-active members to get back involved. Consider attending local events distribute your Chapter ESA brochures or contact cards. Membership is critical to our survival. Chapter Rushing Award forms and a flyer with information regarding 12 months of Complete Party Planning ideas have been placed in the chapter folders. Let's each pledge to get out and share the good works of ESA.

Recording Secretary – Kathy Gibbons

Kathy reminded everyone that gives a report to provide a written copy and email their report to her.

Corresponding Secretary – Sue Danielson

Sue is requesting Chapter rosters be submitted by August 1, 2012 for inclusion in the VSC Yearbook. The can be sent via email or mail the addresses are on the form in your

chapter folders. It would be great if the chapters would include meeting dates, theme and symbol for the year.

Treasurer – Kristine Williamson

Beth, Kathy, and I meet at SunTrust Bank this morning to sign new signature cards. Kristine did not have treasurer report to give. Kristine did a brief biography of her life. Kristine has been in ESA for five (5) years and is still learning. She grew up in Upper State New York near T. Graduated from high school of class of 35, which 34 were cousins. She moved to Virginia in December 1994 with her husband Steven and three children. She has two daughters and a son ages 30, 26 and 21 respectfully. She is now an empty nester. Kristine just received her Bachelor's degree in Accounting. She is looking forward to many years in ESA. (NOTE: No written report on file.)

Parliamentarian – Susan Cadwell

Susan thought long and hard about running for the Board. She had wonderful support from her chapter and members throughout the state. This was very important and touched her greatly in her decision.

Susan thanked Kristine Williamson, outgoing VSC Parliamentarian for revising the VSC Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Contest and Awards Special Rules. The forms are now gender neutral. These forms will be forwarded to the Webmaster for posting on the VSC website. If members would prefer to have the files emailed to them they will need to send an email to Susan at susancadwellva@comcast.net. Copies of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Contest and Awards Special Rules forms were placed in the chapter folders.

Jr. Past President – Ginger Hodges

Assuming the duties as Jr. Past President of the Virginia State Council, I find myself referring to the Bylaws regarding my duties: **1.) Be responsible for receiving written bids for 2014 VA State Convention.** I know we have a spoken courtesy bid, but it must be in written and legal. I need some assistance to fulfill the requirements. **2.) Receive donations to the Disaster Fund.** Our history has proven successful in collecting money at our three council meetings. I will continue to send around my trusty little bucket brought from the sea – to collect money. **3.) Chairman of the Outstanding Chapter President Award.** The award forms are placed in your folders at the Fall Council meeting. I encourage chapters, please nominate your president for this award. **4.) Prepare and conduct Chapter President's Workshop at convention.** This will be my last official duty as your Jr. Past President, so encourage your incoming chapter president's to attend.

Reports of Appointed Officers:

The appointed officers will be known as the piecemakers. Blessed are the children of the piecemakers for they shall inherit the quilts. Quilting with a friend will keep you in stitches.

Association of the Arts – Millie Simmons

Millie is requesting for members to get busy with crocheting, quilting, cross stitching, needlepoint, photography, painting, writing to enter in the state competition, (NOTE: No written report.)

Awards Director – Sue Foy

Sue would like to see the chapters busy and submitting their reports. This will help Virginia receive awards at IC Convention. (NOTE: No written report).

Chaplain – Sue Danielson for Beverley Wright

Beverley, believes she has a very good email list to ensure all the Past Presidents, the VSC Elected and Appointed Officers, and at least one person from each chapter has been identified to receive information about your sisters and their loved ones who need a prayer, a hug, or a shout out of congratulations. If anyone would like to be included please send your request to her email address bmwright@comcast.net. So that this patchwork of communications does not come unraveled, it is imperative that you share what is going on in your chapter with me.

2012 Convention Chair – Betty Allen

Betty presented a check from convention profits to Kristin Williamson, Treasurer for \$143.29. (NOTE: No written report.)

President Beth thought the convention was wonderful. Her installation couldn't have been better, nor she could not have asked for anything more.

2013 Convention Co-Chair – Nicole Lewis

Come join us, on Saturday, May 11 through Sunday, May 12, 2013 for a “Walk in The Park” at the Embassy Suites Richmond – The Commerce Center, located at 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond. Where we will “Picnic in the Park” for lunch and enjoy our “Moonlight and Orchids” banquet Saturday night. Sunday morning will have a Memorial Service prior to reconvening for the meeting. Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by calling 804/672-8585 and use the code **VA State Council ESA**. You can make your reservations on line at www.embassyrichmond.com use the group code **ESA** to get our rates. Hotel rates are \$119.00 per night for a King Suite sleeps (4) and \$129.00 for a Double/Double Suite sleeps (6). Our rates expire on Friday, April 12, 2013. Full registration rate is \$85.00 per Member and \$65.00 per Non-member. For Banquet only guests the registration is \$50.00. Registration deadline must be postmarked by Friday, April 12, 2013. Registrations forms will be placed in chapter folders at the Fall Meeting. An article will be posted in the Lamplighter.

Easter Seals – Anna Black

No report given.

Educational Director – Sue Stone

My first assignment when I joined ESA was to read the book “The Power of Positive Thinking” by Norman Vincent Peale and be prepared to give a review of the book at the

chapter meeting. This experience has been invaluable to me during the past 38 years and the “E” in ESA is dear to my heart. As usual, several pages of “goodies” have been placed in your chapter folders to assist the chapter in planning programs, reporting programs and achieving your educational goals this year. Please make extra copies of the report form for your use or go to the VA website to print a copy. Reporting six (6) educational programs to me will qualify your chapter for a Gold Link Award. To be eligible for the Barbara Midkiff Educational Award, eight (8) reports must be submitted.

There were nine (9) chapters participating last year. I believe we can do better this year. Your assignment is to canvas your chapter’s members for their interest, set a goal, and let your thoughts take flight for beginning a season of education. Each idea can be a starting point.

Finance Chair – Susie Garland

Susie will continue the idea that a chapter will be rewarded for their creativity on their Ways and Means Chinese auction gift. It will be a 10.00 donation to the Disaster Fund and will come out of the proceeds from the Chinese auction.

Foundation Director – Diane McLane

No written report. President stated they are revamping the Foundation and the scholarships will be on the website and the list of winners are listed. The President Beth stated, please see Lynne before leaving to sign your Foundation proxy.

Historian – Shelby Hodges

Shelby gave a cute report – should have written it down. It is my wish that more chapters participate this coming year than ever before. We need to surprise our VSC President, Beth with a full and complete history next June and this can only be accomplished with your help. Type your basic information as to list your new officers, committees, etc. it only takes a few minutes to record a month’s activities. Have your social, educational and philanthropic directors give you a copy of the reports they submit to the state director and then transfer the information. Remember, the history is submitted in outline form so you don’t need to be a storywriter – you just have to remember – to write it down.

Hope for Heroes Coordinator – Lisa Hale

I have placed in the chapter folders a flier that gives you my mailing address as well as my email address. Please send me pictures of your events for the Hope for Heroes Program. I am submitting this information to International Council on VSC’s behalf.

Leadership Conference – Sheen Childress

Leadership is October 6, 2012 at Manassas, VA. I have placed in the chapter folders a registration form. Registration fee is \$32.00 payable to VSC PPA, the deadline is September 5, 2012. Please mail your registration form and payment to Sheen Childress at 9273 Caladium Drive, Manassas, VA 20110. The lodging rates are \$94.99 a night for two queen size beds. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel 571/292-5400. The Holiday Inn Manassas Battlefield is located at 10424 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20109.

News Bulletin Editor – Sandy Reed

Thanks to the VSC Elected and Appointed Board and the chapters for sending articles and pictures for the Lamplighter. Hopefully, there will be a good response again this sorority year. This is an excellent way to share your chapter news with other Virginia chapters. The deadlines for this sorority year are: Fall Issue – September 15, 2012; Winter Issue – January 15, 2013; and Spring Issue – April 15, 2013. Articles can be emailed to me at reedsb2@yahoo.com. If you don't have email please send them to 22 Dayton Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. If you have any questions, email me or call 540/373-4664. The Lamplighter will be emailed to the VSC Officers, Appointed Chairman, Chapter Presidents and PPA's, and the person who sends an article. Please share a copy with your members.

Philanthropic Director – Flora Burns

Last year members in the state of Virginia drove 23,206 miles for ESA. The chapters raised a total of \$653,715.22 in donations and money for projects.

Publicity Director– Ramona Fulwider

I have placed in the chapter folders a **Special Project** flier for designing a trifold brochure to show and give out. The brochure will be reviewed by non-ESAers, looking for the following: Who are we, what are we doing, where are we located, when do we meet? Remember these people hardly know anything about ESA or your chapter. We will get a critique (confidential of course) to analyze how we are doing. A special award will be given at the Fall meeting for the chapters who participate. No rules, use your creativity and imagination. Your goal should be to have everyone in your community know and recognize your chapter and ESA.

Scrapbook Keeper – Theresa Morris

I am excited to be Beth's Scrapbook Chairman this year! I've got some fun ideas, and surprises in store for her. This year, I would like you to email me pictures all year long. Just label them with your chapter and event, we'll keep filling her year-long scrapbook.

SERC Director – Nancy Reece

I have a diamond to raffle off for the SERC project and will have it to present at the Fall meeting.

Social Director – Gaynell Krista

Gaynell was not present but sent an email stating she would have something out to the chapters in a few days. (NOTE: No written report has been received)

St. Jude Coordinator – Sue Danielson for Brenda Orebaugh

Brenda was unable to attend today. Sue Danielson will give her report. The Flora Burns Circle of Life form was placed in the chapter folders. Brenda will email Gill Hodges, Webmaster a copy for the website. Brenda will not be going to IC please know her excitement will be with you Beth as you represent Virginia and hear the amount of money raised for our St. Jude kids.

State Project Director – Judy Williams

It was announced Dot Harcum was giving up her sponsorship for the state project award. Theresa Morris is taking over the sponsorship of the state project. She and I will be talking about it and will release more information. (NOTE: No written report.)

Workshop Coordinator – Marie LaDuke

I would like to set the deadline for your information for the workshop brochure, which is March 16, 2013. You can email the information to me, which will make it easier for me to process. I will send an email report. (NOTE: No written report)

Webmaster – Gil Hodges

Gil was absent from the meeting. President Beth just received a text from Gil. We can make announcement we have a live Facebook page, you will need to search for Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Virginia State Council. If there weren't any objections, he would like to make changes to VSC website. Shelby Hodges was asked to remind those who have forms to please send him a corrected copy and he will place the form on the website. If you do not have capabilities to email send them to Beth to scan in and she will forward it onto Gil. His email address is gil.hodges5@gmail.com. The website is www.ESA-Virginia.com. (NOTE: No written report)

Fun Break! Ice cream and cake

President's Report – Beth Sherron

Members watched a Celebrate ESA Campaign Webinar. ESA has launched this new program to coincide with our 40th anniversary supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Access the Celebrate ESA Webinar: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nr4YXmVGAQ> and the Website located of Celebrate ESA Resources: Member Center >Chapter and Council Management.Celebrate ESA

Unfinished Business:

1. Participating in Hosting the 2015 IC Convention – An email was sent out from what Ennis said about the 2015 IC Convention. I hope you have an opportunity to discuss this with your chapters. I realize there is mixed feelings whether to participate or not. I need to send a response back to Ennis our decision whether Virginia will participate in SERC hosting the 2015 IC Convention in Orlando, Florida.

There was a lot of discussion as to our involvement with the 2015 IC Convention, Sue Foy made a motion for VSC to participate with SERC hosting of 2015 IC Convention and Nicole Lewis seconded. President Beth called for the vote, motion carried. President Beth asked for our preference. The members decided on the no host luncheon for Past IC and Past State Presidents. If the no host luncheon is not available our second choice a reception. President Beth will find out our options and will let the members know. There is no list available at this time of what they need.

2013 IC Convention

Marie LaDuke - I am happy to announce as of today I have received 461 stars and will be receiving another 100 + stars from my chapter and another chapter will be getting them to Nancy.

Sue Foy - I would like to remind you to get your apron orders into Beth. August 3 the IC Board will meet in Norfolk with the staff they mailed us a thick booklet everything that we are suppose to have ready. I want you to know looking over the checklist, we have everything covered and they will be impressed what Virginia has done.

Presentation – Bev Scott

Ginger, this has taught me just to say no from now on. I don't think there is as many people in this whole world I would have spent so much time and love putting together this book. I teased her it would be two books, and in fact in this bag are two books. One book is all about you and the other book is all the chapters.

Ginger gave her a slip monies raised for the Disaster Fund was \$125.20.

New Business:

1. Candidates for 2012-2013 IC Office

If there is no objections from the membership, the Executive Board has approved that we dispense with the reading of the candidates for IC offices, since this information was published on the ESA website.

It is moved that the voting for the candidates for IC office be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance. Having been approved by the Executive Board, no second is required. No discussion. Beth called for the vote. Motion is approved.

2. Standing Rule Change

If there are no objections from the membership, the Executive Board has approved that dispense with the reading of the Standing Rile Change to increase the Chapter and the State or multistate council dues.

It is moved that the voting for the Standing Rule change be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance. Having been approved by the Executive Board, no second is required. No discussion. Beth called for the vote. Motion is approved.

3. There has been a request to help put faces to names. This will help all newer members learn members around the state. It will also help some of the more experienced members to learn the newer members easier.

Beth asked each chapter to take a group picture and identify the members. She would like to receive these by the middle of September. She will have this for everyone at Leadership. Thanking you in advance for your help with this project.

Is there any other new business to be brought before the assembly?

Bev Scott – was asked to assist in taking orders to sell ESA necklaces for IC Representatives, there are three (3) choices \$20.00 each. The money is to help defray IC Representative expenses of traveling to state conventions.

Announcements/Dates to Remember:

July 15-22, 2012 IC Convention will be in Norman, Oklahoma. I will be arriving on Saturday, please let me know when you arrive. Please sign in as a voting delegate and sign the state registration book. Remember to bring your ESA apron that we will be wearing just for the convention site tables on Wednesday. Bring solid color wash cloths to help make Boo Boo Bunnies with the Hands on Project. If you are interested in the SYN Card Tournament Friday night, you need to contact Jamie Atchison to reserve your seat. Easter Seals is asking that we bring board games or soft fabric books for the Child Development Center.

Chapter Presidents:

- If you have not sent in your chapter roster, please do so ASAP to Sue Danielson or myself.
- If you are a Foundation member and have not signed your proxy, see Lynn before your leave.
- Pick up and sign for your chapter folders, if a chapter that is not here is in your areas, please take theirs.
- Give Marie the stars that you have created for the 2012 Convention site table

Dates:

July 15-22, 2012	IC Convention “Red Dirt Rendezvous”, Norman, OK
August 2012	Chapter dues to IC to new Treasurer Ricky Brown
October 6, 2012	Leadership Conference – Holiday Inn Manassas Battlefield, Manassas, VA
October 7, 2012	Fall Meeting – Holiday Inn Manassas Battlefield, Manassas, VA
November 2-3, 2012	SERC Conference, Memphis, TN
March 16, 2013	Spring Meeting, Richmond, VA
May 11-12, 2013	VSC Convention, Embassy Suites, Richmond, VA

My newsletter will be going out around August 1, after I return from IC Convention. If you want to submit anything, please have it to me by July 23rd.

Chinese Auction will be held immediately following the close of this meeting

Memory quilt squares, Sue and Sandy started it at my installation. I will bring it Leadership meeting if you would like to write on a square.

Adjournment/Closing Ritual:

President Beth adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm. All members stood and joined in saying the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gibbons

Kathy Gibbons
VSC Recording Secretary

Submitted for approval on August 26, 2012 to the Minutes Approval Committee

Minutes are approved as corrected by Bev Scott and Betty Allen on September 5, 2012.