

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
61st Annual Convention
May 2 - 4, 2014
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Norfolk Airport, Norfolk, VA**

First General Assembly

Call to Order:

The 61st annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was called to order at 10:20am on Saturday, May 3, 2014 by VSC 1st Vice President Suzanne Smith at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Norfolk Airport in Norfolk, VA.

VSC President Carol Campbell then declared the 61st Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in session. Carol noted that all voting delegates should have a color index card for voting purposes.

Flag Ceremony:

ESA International Council Workshop Coordinator, Deborah Hughes, conducted the opening Flag Ceremony. President Carol requested all current Chapter Presidents join the flag ceremony. Each was introduced and carried a small Virginia State Flag.

Opening Ritual:

All members stood and joined hands to recite the alternate Opening Ritual.

Chaplain's Message:

Amelia Kikos recited a poem called "Happiness" which stated ingredients needed in life.

Introduction of Convention Co-Chairs:

Carol introduced the Convention Co-Chairs, Barbara Smith and Lou Ann Wyer. Carol also thanked Flora Burns for mentoring them as this was their first time in this role.

Introduction of Welcome Speaker:

Carol introduced Flora Burns as the Welcome Speaker. Flora is well known across the U.S. and is a published writer. Flora is known for her quick wit, philanthropy, and her stage presence. She appears often on TV, during the spring months, and has served the Tidewater area for many years.

Speaker's Welcome:

Flora thanked Carol for asking her to be speaker and told her she had great fun this year. Flora especially remembers receiving the mushroom, which was shaped like a male anatomy, at Natural Bridge and the dinner at Calypso in Virginia Beach. Carol spent some time with Flora and, during that time, Flora got to know Carol more. Flora said Carol sometimes has quirky ideas but those ideas turn into wonderful fun. Flora also learned that Carol always has to be busy doing something.

Flora welcomed IC Representative, Deborah Hughes, and SERC Representative, Malinda Remington. Flora told them she knew how they felt and recounted the story of when she went to the state of Missouri and was driven to the hotel on a motorcycle by a big, bearded guy. When she went to the state of North Carolina, Flora didn't realize that the convention would be so close to the beach and, since she hadn't brought a bath suiting, she ended up going swimming in her underwear. Flora told Deborah and Malinda that they wouldn't be put on the back of a motorcycle or have to swim in their underwear; they were only expected to enjoy the food, fun and fellowship of this convention.

Flora asked everyone to write to their State Senator and request some small Virginia flags for future ceremonies.

Response to Welcome:

Carol thanked Flora for speaking.

Recognitions:

Carol recognized IC Representative, IC Workshop Coordinator, Deborah Hughes from Oklahoma, and SERC Representative, SERC Parliamentarian, Malinda Remington from South Carolina. Carol asked the head table to stand and introduce themselves. Priscilla Browning, Parliamentarian, from Alpha Omega; Kathy Gibbons, 2nd Vice President, from Beta Tau; Suzanne Smith, 1st Vice President, from Delta Sigma; Kristine Williamson, Recording Secretary, from Zeta Nu; Elaine Prillaman, Corresponding Secretary, from Delta Kappa; Beth Sherron, Jr. Past President, from Alpha Delta; and Susan Caldwell, Treasurer, from Beta Sigma.

Carol thanked the Executive board for all their hard work in putting the spotlight on Virginia and for all the work done hosting the 2013 IC Convention.

Carol asked all Appointed and General Board members to stand. Carol thanked all the "Showstoppers" for a great job and for accepting her challenge this past year and helping Virginia shine this year.

Carol asked all Past State Presidents to stand and take center stage. Carol challenged them to arrange themselves in the order of the year they served as State President. Once arranged, Carol recognized all the "Red Carpet Celebrities" and told them that it is women like them that have kept ESA and Danny Thomas' dream alive.

Carol then asked all 2013-2014 Chapter Presidents to stand. Carol thanked them for leading their chapter in another successful year with ESA. Carol challenged them to add one new member to their chapter in 2014-2015.

There were no new members in attendance.

Carol invited any first time convention attendees to stand and they were given ESA note cards. Carol then recognized convention attendees in groups of years attended. Nancy Reese has attended the most conventions with this being her 55th.

Carol then recognized all members who have received their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th Pallas Athene degree.

There were no Élan's or DESA's in attendance at this meeting.

Correspondence:

Elaine received the following correspondence:

- Susie Garland – Susie wrote she would not be able to attend convention and requested Elaine to pick up any scrapbook pages.
- Lynn Keffer – Lynn nor Pat (Wertalik), Easter Seals co-chairs, will not be able to attend convention but sent an Easter Seals message to be read at the appropriate time. Elaine went ahead and read the message. Pat and Lynn thanked all the chapters for their support of Easter Seals. Ten chapters participated in the camp scholarship fundraiser and \$540 was raised. Zeta Nu held an Easter Seals event that netted \$1,030 in cash and \$1,257 in donated goods. Camp Easter Seals has a u-tube presentation called "Kiss the Moose". Other ways that ESA supports Easter Seals is volunteering for a special needs class that meets twice a month and doing "chores" that their staff doesn't have time to do, like cleaning out the basement, cleaning up toys and manning a used toy sale.
- Beverly Scott – Bev sent the registration form for 2014 VSC Leadership
- Diane McLane – Diane is unable to attend convention due to medical issues and does not have a report for ESA Foundation.
- Deborah Hughes – Deb requested all Chapter Presidents be in attendance so she can recognize them during the flag ceremony.

- Jean Bowman-Mullikin – Jean thanked all the ESA sisters for sending her notes and cards after the loss of her sister.
- Betty Smith – Betty called Carol because she is unable to write and expressed her disappointment in not being able to attend this year's convention.
- Barbara Midkiff – Elaine and several others met her for lunch and Barbara expressed her appreciation for all the cards.

Credentials Report:

Lou Ann Wyer

➔ Attendance

Chapters on Roll:	20	
Chapters Present at Meeting:	15	
VSC Officers Present:	7	
Members Present:	41	
Élans Present:	1	
MALs Present:	0	
Guests Present:	<u>2</u>	See below
Total Present at Meeting:	65	

Guests: Deborah Hughes and Malinda Remington

➔ Number of Votes

VSC Executive Board/Officer Votes:	7
# Chapter Delegate Votes:	19
Proxy Votes:	<u>0</u>
Total Votes:	26

A quorum was declared.

Rules of Convention:

Priscilla Browning, VSC Parliamentarian, moved that the Rules of Convention, as printed in the Convention Brochure, be adopted. Coming from the Executive Board, no second is required. After calling for any discussion, Carol brought the vote to the floor and the motion was carried.

Financial Report:

Susan thanked everyone for buying 50/50 raffle tickets as she was the winner last night! Susan thanked everyone who helped her with the budget and thanked all the Chapter Treasurer's for using address stickers so she was able to read the name of the person who sent her the check. Susan asked everyone to read her article in the convention booklet which has additional "Thank you's".

Susan has expense vouchers for anyone who needs one.

Financial report as of May 2, 2014:

Balance forward in the checking account was \$2,362.33. Income was \$2,256.19 and disbursements were \$2,373.19, leaving an ending balance of \$2,245.33.

Beginning balance in the savings account was \$6,840.31. Interest earned was \$0.16 plus \$100 was transferred from checking, to accrue for the bond renewal, leaving an ending balance of \$6,940.47.

No questions from the membership were brought forward, so the report will be filed for audit. NOTE: The full financial report has been filed and is part of the VSC permanent records. See Appendix A.

Approval of the March 8, 2014 VSC Spring Council meeting Minutes:

The Minutes approval committee consisted of P-Nut Schools and Theresa Morris. Theresa reported that the Minutes were approved as corrected. The committee was dismissed.

Appointment of Special Committees:

1. **Tellers** – According to Article VI, Section 6 of the VSC Bylaws, the appointment of tellers at this convention is not required.
2. **2014 Convention Minutes Approval Committee** – Suzanne Smith, Priscilla Browning, and Carol Campbell.

Timekeeper:

Priscilla Browning

2015 State Convention Bid:

Beth Sherron introduced the Northern Virginia chapters, Beta Tau and Delta Sigma, who performed a skit showcasing the 2015 VSC Convention:

Date: May 15 - 17, 2015
Location: Fredericksburg, VA
Hotel: Fredericksburg Hospitality House
2801 Plank Rd
Fredericksburg, VA 22404
540-786-8321
Room rate is \$89
Host: Northern Virginia Area Chapters
Theme: ESA - Melodies of the Heart

Friday night will be filled with games, food, music, and dancing. Everyone should wear their favorite band or concert t-shirt. Saturday's luncheon theme is "Saturday in the Park" and the evening event theme is "Some Enchanted Evening". The fun will continue on Sunday. Registration cost is not yet known.

In accordance with Article VIII Section 2 of the VSC By-laws, if only one bid is submitted, voting may be by general consent. With no objections, the 2015 VSC Convention will be held in Fredericksburg, VA.

2016 Convention Courtesy Bid:

Beth Sherron reported that the Roanoke area chapters and the new on-line chapter, Alpha Nu, submitted a courtesy bid for the 2016 VSC Convention.

2017 Convention:

Winchester area chapters are already starting their plans for 2017.

Introduction of 2014-2015 Candidates:

Suzanne Smith, First Vice President, presented the following candidates for the 2014-2015 Sorority year:

First Vice President: Kathy Gibbons
Second Vice President: Kristine Williamson
Recording Secretary: Susan Caldwell
Corresponding Secretary: Sheen Childress
Treasurer: Priscilla Browning
Parliamentarian: Brenda Bowersox
Jr. Past President: Carol Campbell
President: Suzanne Smith

Election of 2014-2015 Officers:

Carol asked for nominations from the floor for each office with the exception of 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary but none were offered. Since there were no nominations from the floor and only one name for each position on the ballot, Suzanne Smith moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Carol brought the vote to the floor, the motion was carried and the officers for 2014-2015 were elected by acclamation.

Philanthropic Project Updates:

VSC State Project – Judy Williams (PPA, Beta Sigma):

Total Monies:	\$5,675.09
Total Hours:	683.5
Chapters participating:	12 (of which, only 7 submitted an awards form)

Donations will be submitted to the turn-around fund with half going to ASK and half going to Special Love. At the spring council meeting, it was voted to continue with ASK and Special Love as the state project.

ESA for St. Jude Coordinator – Marie LaDuke (PPA, Beta Sigma):

Total Monies:	\$274,392.64
Total Hours:	2,490
Chapters participating:	14
Total as reported by IC:	\$517,793.49

Philanthropic – Beverley Wright (PPA, Gamma Pi):

Total Cash:	\$449,993.47
Value of Goods:	\$137,162.79
Mileage:	31,447 miles = \$17,767.27
Grand Total Monies:	\$604,923.53
Total Hours:	9,601
Chapters participating:	14

Message from SERC Representative:

Malinda Remington, SERC Parliamentarian, said she had a great time last night doing the chicken dance and has enjoyed meeting everyone. Malinda has been in ESA since 1994. She heard about ESA at a Boise State football tailgating party and was soon contacted by a chapter in Oregon. When Malinda moved to South Carolina in 2004, she found a local chapter to join.

- ❖ Malinda reminded everyone that if they have any requested changes to the SERC By-laws, they need to be submitted by June 1st.
- ❖ Malinda passed on congratulations to Carol for a great year from Robin Bussey, SERC President, and Robin also extends best wishes to Suzanne in her upcoming year.
- ❖ 1st Vice President, Rhonda Coy, gave Malinda SERC willing to serve forms and nomination forms to pass out to VSC members. These need to be sent in by June 1st.
- ❖ Lynda Edwards, 2nd Vice President, sent information about the upcoming SERC conference in Savannah, GA on October 31 – November 1, 2014. Member fee is \$115 and \$85 for guests. Registration deadline is October 1st. It will be held at the Hilton. Room rate is \$132 for 1 to 4 people. Mention SERC-ESA to get this room rate. There will be a couple of events prior to the convention. On Wednesday, you can go to a musical called "The Jukebox" at the Savannah Theater. Tickets are \$30. On Thursday, there will be a ghost tour at a cost of \$30. Malinda has registration forms and it is also on the SERC website.
- ❖ Denise Holdaway, Treasurer, reminds everyone that donations to SERC are always appreciated.
- ❖ Tammy Akines, Jr. Past President, encourages everyone to make a donation to the Disaster Fund.
- ❖ Melinda also has Association of the Arts forms. These forms need to be sent in by October 15th. Kathy Gibbons is the chairperson.
- ❖ Kristen Corbell, Finance Chair, sent information about the SERC finance project, Fundinco. To date, \$727.55 has been raised. Malinda also has business cards and magnets with information on how to sign up through Amazon for this project.
- ❖ Ennis Karns, Hope for Heroes Chair and Newsletter Editor, sends wishes for a great conference and wants to let everyone know photos may be submitted to her.
- ❖ Susan Meyer, Scrapbook Editor, also requests photos to be sent to her.

Melinda ended her message by sharing cookies called Creole Kisses. The recipe came from Malinda's favorite cookbook, "*Cooking from the South*".

Easter Seals – Lynn Keffer and Pat Buck (Sigma Chi) (Report read by Elaine Prillaman):

Total Monies:	\$1,570
Donated Goods:	\$1,257
Total Hours:	not reported
Chapters participating:	10

President Carol thanked Lynn and Pat for stepping up and taking over the Easter Seals project and for their dedicated work with Easter Seals.

Disaster Fund – Beth Sherron (PPA, Alpha Delta):

Total Monies:	\$1,632.29
Chapters participating:	14

Recess was called at 12:00 PM

Second General Assembly

Call to Order:

The assembly was called back to order by President Carol Campbell at 2:32 PM.

Unfinished Business

- ◆ Proposed VSC By-law and Contest and Awards changes:
The proposed By-law and Contest and Award changes were brought before the membership at the Spring meeting, copies were placed in the Chapter folders, and copies were available at the registration table and, therefore, do not need to be read. Each proposed change comes from the Executive Board, therefore needs no second. Carol called for discussion – there was none. Each change was brought to the floor for voting and each motion was carried.
A complete copy of the approved by-law changes are on file.

New Business:

- ◆ SERC bid to host 2016 convention – Susan Caldwell, Beta Sigma, made a motion for VSC to hold the SERC Convention in Charlottesville. Flora Burns, Beta Kappa, seconded the motion. Carol called for discussion. Beverley Wright, Gamma Pi, took the floor and stated that herself and Marie LaDuke would be willing to co-chair the SERC 2016 Convention and would investigate the possibility of having it in Charlottesville. A courtesy bid can't be submitted until a hotel is secured. Susan amended the motion that the courtesy bid to host the 2016 SERC Convention would not be submitted to SERC unless a hotel in the Charlottesville area is secured. Flora Burns seconded. Vote was brought to the floor and motion was carried.
- ◆ Carol suggested that award plaques discontinue being engraved. Further discussion will follow.

Carol presented Flora Burns, guest speaker, with a gift.

Message from IC Representative:

Deborah Hughes brought greetings from everyone at IC. There are a few things occurring at the upcoming IC Convention that Deborah wanted to share with everyone.

- ◆ Show me the Money – Deborah has tickets for sale. They are \$5 each and you don't need to be present to win. Proceeds help pay travel expenses for IC Representatives to attend state conventions.
- ◆ There isn't going to be a Mystery Night this year. Instead there is going to be a Trivia Night. Deborah has tickets. There can't be any more than 10 people per table/team and you must have a ticket to attend the event.
- ◆ IC St. Jude Challenge – 25th anniversary. This year it is called "Under the Big Top". Photographs of past IC Challenges will be used to make a power point presentation. Pictures may be sent to Charlotte Carloni at the IC office.
- ◆ Keynote Speaker at the IC Convention will be Jana Flaig. Jana is author of the book, "*Fight Fear and Foster Faith*", she is an ovarian cancer survivor and has been on broadcast news in Southern California and has been a TV producer.

- ◆ For those arriving early, there will be a dinner cruise on Saturday and other tours available on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
- ◆ On Tuesday morning, there will be a hands-on craft project. Tuesday afternoon, the PICPA's will share some wisdom with "It's Time". Following that is another workshop called "Nips and Sips" which is an educational on appetizers and they're hoping to pair that with local breweries and/or wineries.
- ◆ Credentials will be Wednesday morning along with Easter Seals and the St. Jude families. Then the convention goes full force on Thursday.

Deborah then presented an activity and broke the group into teams and had each team stand side by side. Each person was given a spoon and, starting at one end of the row, the first person had to place a sugar cube on the spoon and pass it to the next person and that person passed to the next person until the sugar cube got to the end without talking. It was a way to show how we each need to work together to accomplish the task.

After the activity, Deborah provided some advice. She said let new members know they don't have to do everything; they only need to do something. You don't want to scare them off. She talked about a chapter called Eta Pi that formed with the purpose of socializing but, slowly, they became involved in community projects. They became involved at their own pace without being forced. Deborah said we also need to make sure to identify ourselves to the public by promoting the ESA name so we don't miss out on getting new members.

Deborah handed out BOGO cards, which stands for "Be One, Get One". IC is having a membership competition and Virginia, as well as California and Oklahoma, is part of Deborah's team. When we get a new member, she would like this card mailed to her so she can keep track of how many new members are pledged. Deborah gave everyone who pledged a new member a decorated paperclip. Élan's count also. High school students may be required to do community service so they would be good Élan candidates. Deborah suggested using your Christmas card list to find potential members.

Deborah talked about various activities a Chapter can have to promote ESA and get new members such as "Taste of ESA", "Birthday in a Bag", "Hugs for Santa", partnering with Applebee's and having a fundraiser or a Hope for Heroes project. Also, any books that are donated to an organization should have labels placed in the front stating the book was donated by ESA.

Deborah said there are fundraiser projects a chapter can have also to raise funds like "Cake in a Jar" or "Caring Crafters".

Deborah invited everyone to attend the St. Jude walk/marathon that takes place in December. Deborah closed by thanking everyone.

Announcements:

- ✓ No smoking is allowed in the Hotel.
- ✓ Rehearsal for installation will be held immediately following this meeting.
- ✓ Doors to the Ballroom open at 6pm and close promptly at 6:30pm.
- ✓ No pictures are allowed during installation and make sure cell phones are on silent.
- ✓ Final votes for Association of the Arts Best in Show need to be submitted immediately and then entries need to be picked up shortly after from the James River room.
- ✓ Anyone who was a past State Convention Chairman and would like your book back, pick them up from Barbara Smith or it will be destroyed.
- ✓ Please pickup your Chapter yearbooks from Elaine and give her any scrapbook pages.
- ✓ Memorial service is tomorrow at 8:30

The 2nd General Assembly was recessed at 4:01 P.M.

Third General Assembly

Call to Order:

The 3rd General Assembly was called to order on Sunday, May 3, 2014 at 9:13am by Carol Campbell.

Introductions:

Suzanne Smith introduced the 2014-2015 Executive Board and Carol Campbell recognized outgoing Executive Board members, Elaine Prillaman and Beth Sherron, as well as Deborah Hughes, IC Representative and Malinda Remington, SERC Representative.

Registration Report:

Lou Ann Wyer presented the convention registration report.

Women	50	Mixer	62
Men	8	Luncheon	46
Guests	8	Banquet	66
		Total	66

Awards:

Awards Chair Eveleen Harrison presented the awards portion of the meeting. A list of the winners is on file.

Gift to IC Representative and SERC Representative:

Carol presented Deborah Hughes and Malinda Remington with a gift on behalf of the VSC.

Gifts to Convention Co-Chairs:

Carol presented Barbara Smith and Lou Ann Wyer with a gift as Convention Co-Chairs. Carol also recognized Alpha Xi and Beta Kappa for all their hard work this past year and for a wonderful convention.

Dismissal of Appointments:

Carol dismissed all appointments for the 2013-2014 sorority year, with the exception of the Audit Committee and the Committee to Approve the Minutes of Convention. These committees will be dismissed at a later date.

Closing Message:

Carol gave a very emotional closing message. Carol never expected to lead the VSC but each year she became more involved and finally thought, why not? Carol said she realized she had something to offer and she was going to prove to herself that she could overcome her fears and do it. Carol found herself relating to this little man in the Bible, called Gideon. He was unprepared for the job God gave him to do but, with encouragement, he succeeded. Carol said as she accomplished each task, she found strength and was able to move forward to the next task. She had lots of support and found an unexpected friendship in Susan Caldwell. She also thanked Judy Williams for all her support. Carol encourages everyone to look around and find someone who needs to be mentored. Carol thanked everyone for the gold charm she was given as well as all the letters, notes and calls thanking her for the increased communication and how Carol was helping people feel more involved. Carol thanked the Roanoke Chapters, especially Shelby Hodges, who supported her and critiqued her work. Carol told Suzanne that she didn't have any advice for her but for her to just be her own person.

Presentation of the Gavel:

Carol presented the gavel to Suzanne Smith, VSC President for 2014-2015.

Raising and Lowering of Gavels:

Pat Buck lowered Carol's gavel and Sheen Childress raised Suzanne's gavel.

2014-2015 President's Acceptance:

Suzanne said she couldn't believe she was standing before everyone today as VSC President. She hopes she can live up to the legacy of Past VSC Presidents. Suzanne thanked Flora Burns for all of her help, Beth Sherron for the wonderful installation, Deborah Hughes for the inspiring flag ceremony,

Malinda Remington for taking the time to celebrate with us and Carol Campbell for casting a glowing spotlight on the VSC.

Suzanne's theme for 2014-2015 is "ESA - The Song in Our Hearts". ESA is like a piece of music and we are the orchestra. Each member adds something to the composition. Together we make beautiful music.

Suzanne has many goals for this year. First and foremost, making sure everyone knows how much they are needed, appreciated and valued. Suzanne also wants to continue what those before her have done; encourage participation, foster communication and increase membership.

It was only when Suzanne began attending State functions that she realized the true scope of ESA. Suzanne asks everyone to invite a member, or even a non-member, to a state function so they too can experience the fun and fellowship of other ESA members.

Suzanne thanked everyone that chose to work with her this year. Each member's participation in the VSC is crucial and we need to find a way to incorporate our ESA vision into an ever changing world. As the song lyrics say, "changes aren't permanent but change is". Suzanne asks for anyone to share any new ideas or projects. To incorporate IC's suggestion of making business meetings more interactive, Suzanne plans on having a hands-on project at the "Christmas in June" meeting. She hopes this will get more members interested in attending state business meetings.

Suzanne said she will make every effort to attend chapter functions that she is invited to. She encourages everyone to remember why they joined ESA. Suzanne joined to have an outlet to give back and to meet new people. ESA has given her that and so much more. ESA is truly the song in her heart.

In closing, Suzanne thanked her cousin, Sheen Childress, for inspiring her to become President and she thanked her family and friends for coming to celebrate with her last night. Last, but not least, Suzanne thanked her husband, Mike, for being by her side and providing her unwavering support.

2014-2015 Appointed Board:

Suzanne introduced her Appointed Board for the coming year:

Association of the Arts: Nicole Lewis and Amelia Kikos

Awards Director: Shelby Hodges

Chaplain: Lynne Rightmyer

ESA for St. Jude Coordinator: Marie LaDuke

Convention Co-Chairs: Doris Hood and Sandy Reed

Easter Seals: Joy Burton

Educational Director: Judy Williams

Foundation Director: Sue Foy

Finance Director: Flora Burns with Mille Simmons and Debbie Langfitt

Historian: Judi and Jamie Darden

News Bulletin: Sandy Reed

Philanthropic: Beverley Wright

Publicity Director: Doris Hood

Scrapbook: Amelia Kikos

SERC: Theresa Morris

Social Director: Edna Plancon

State Projects Director: Eveleen Harrison

Workshop Coordinator: Sue Stone

Audit Committee: Faye Campbell and Helen Lake

Budget Committee: Susan Caldwell, Priscilla Browning, Carol Campbell and Suzanne Smith

Credentials Committee: Sue Danielson, Lou Ann Wyer and Peggy Smith

Nominating Committee: Kathy Gibbons with Marie LaDuke, Doris Hood and Judy Williams

Webmaster: Mike Smith

Hope for Heroes Coordinator: ***Open***

Disaster Fund: Carol Campbell

Leadership: Beverly Scott

Audio/Visual Tech: Beth Sherron
IC President's Project Chair: Beverly Scott

Induction into the PPAs:

PPA President Sheen Childress "reeled" Carol Campbell into the Past Presidents Auxiliary.

Award for Outstanding Achievement:

Deborah Hughes presented Jane Parrish and Dot Brown an award for outstanding accomplishments and sharing the love of ESA together for over 50 years. Jane's and Dot's biography is attached to the minutes.

Retirement of Flags:

Deborah Hughes conducted the Retirement of the Flags ceremony.

Announcements/Dates to Remember:

- Suzanne thanked the Hotel for the great convention space and food.
- Expense vouchers need to be turned in to Susan Caldwell today or mail it to her ASAP.
- VSC Summer Meeting starts at 10:00am on June 7, 2014 in Ashburn, VA. Executive Board meeting will be at 8:30am, Credentials begin at 9:00am and PPA will meet directly after General Board meeting.
- Chinese Auction will be called "Lucky Numbers". Each chapter should bring a wrapped "Christmas" present(s).
- IC Convention will be July 12-20, 2014 in Portland, OR, "*Passport to Oregon*".
- Remember to bring a gift card to the summer meeting for the IC "Fundfest".
- VSC Leadership will be October 4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke, VA.
- VSC Fall General Board Meeting will be October 5, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke, VA.
- SERC Conference will be October 31 – November 1, 2014 in Savannah, GA.
- 2015 Spring General Board Meeting will be March 21, 2015 in Fredericksburg, VA at the Hospitality House.
- 2015 VSC Convention will be May 15 - 17, 2015 at the Hospitality House in Fredericksburg, VA
- There will be a Budget meeting after the close of Convention.
- Please e-mail Sheen Childress or Suzanne Smith your Chapter's roster for 2014-2015 no later than July 31st, as a Word document, if possible.
- 60th Anniversary VSC pins are still available for \$5. See Priscilla Browning or Suzanne Smith
- Let Suzanne know if you are attending IC Convention and are due to receive a service certificate. Service certificates begin at 25 years and then in 5 year increments.
- Pick up your Chapter's yearbook from Elaine Prillaman.
- Give scrapbook pages to Elaine Prillaman today or at the June meeting.
- If anyone has any items that can be used for future events and conventions, let Susan Caldwell know. Susan will prepare a list of all available items.
- Boxes for trophies can be picked up from the table.
- Dream Home drawing will take place at 11:00pm today.

Adjournment/Closing Ritual:

Since there was no further business to come before the assembly, Suzanne declared the 61st Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International adjourned at 10:40am, with all joining hands for the Closing Ritual.

Kristine Williamson
VSC Recording Secretary, 2013-2014

Submitted for approval on 6/02/14 to the Minutes Approval Committee:
Carol Campbell – approved 6/02/14
Suzanne Smith – approved 6/02/14
Beth Sherron - approved 6/01/14