

**Minutes—62nd Annual Convention
Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
May 15-17, 2015
Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center
Fredericksburg, Virginia**

First General Assembly

Call to Order:

The 62nd annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, International was called to order at 9:59 AM on Saturday, May 16, 2015, by VSC 1st Vice President Kathy Gibbons at the Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

VSC President Suzanne Smith then declared the 62nd Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in session. Suzanne noted that all voting delegates should have a color index card for voting purposes.

Flag Ceremony:

ESA International Council Treasurer, Brenda “B.J.” Voll, conducted the opening Flag Ceremony. Prior to the Flag Ceremony, B.J. introduced the Chapter Representatives and revealed unique facts about each chapter. (Electronic Copy of Ceremony on file)

Opening Ritual:

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

Chaplain’s Message:

Lynne Rightmyer presented a story about a little boy and his interpretation of the New Testament and then led the members in prayer.

Introduction of Convention Co-Chairs:

Suzanne introduced the Convention Co-Chairs, Doris Hood and Sandy Reed and noted their tireless work to make the weekend special and to ensure that every moment would make the members’ hearts sing.

Introduction of Welcome Speaker:

In the absence of the Welcome Speaker, Mayor of Fredericksburg, Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Sandy Reed delivered the Welcome. Sandy explained the absence of Mayor Greenlaw.

Recognitions:

President Suzanne recognized the following

- Her “Conductors—the VSC Executive Board—1st Vice President, Kathy Gibbons; Recording Secretary, Susan Caldwell; Corresponding Secretary, Sheen Childress; Treasurer, Beth Sherron; Parliamentarian, Brenda Bowersox; and Jr. Past President, Carol Campbell.
- The IC Representative—Brenda “B.J.” Voll, IC Treasurer
- The SERC Representative—Lynda Edwards, SERC 1st Vice President

Suzanne thanked the Executive Board for guiding her through the VSC year noting that the Executive Board was a cohesive team that prompted each board member to strive to be her best self.

President Suzanne recognized our 2nd Vice President, Kristine Williamson, who passed away on Easter Sunday noting that she was a shining light on the board, that she exuded enthusiasm, embodied kindness, and truly had a sparkle about her. Suzanne led the VSC in a moment of silence in honor of Kristine.

- Her “Orchestra”—the VSC Appointed Board and Committee Members
- Her “Composers”—the Past VSC Presidents
She asked each Past President to share her favorite project or moment and included information sent by email from Dot Harcum and Beverley Wright
- Her “Chorus”—the 2014-2015 Chapter Presidents

There were no new members in attendance.

Suzanne invited any first time convention attendees to stand and introduced the following:

- Lynda Edwards, SERC Representative
- B.J. Voll, IC Representative
- Mike Smith, Delta Sigma
- Ann Taylor, Alpha Omega
- Deborah Langfitt, Delta Rho
- Pat Hoover, Beta Tau
- JoAnn Rott, Oklahoma, an ESA friend of Kathy Gibbons

President Suzanne polled the members for a count down of number of VSC Conventions attended. She announced that Nancy Reece had broken her leg and could not attend Convention making this the first Convention she has missed since 1959. She asked members to sign a card for Nancy.

There were no members in attendance who received a 1st Pearl this year.

Suzanne 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:

Sheen received the following correspondence:

- Beverly Scott – Card of thanks for donations to the Kristine Williamson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Credentials Report:

Sue Danielson, Lou Ann Wyer & Peggy Smith—Report given by Sue Danielson

→ Attendance

Chapters on Roll:	17
Chapters Present at Meeting:	14

VSC Officers Present:	7
Members Present:	53
Élans Present:	0
MAL's Present:	1
Guests Present:	<u>5</u>
Total Present at Meeting:	66

→ Number of Votes

VSC Officer Votes:	6
# Chapter Delegate Votes:	24
Proxy Votes:	<u>0</u>
Total Votes:	30

A quorum was declared.

Rules of Convention:

Brenda Bowersox, VSC Parliamentarian, moved that the Rules of Convention, as printed on page 18 of the Convention Brochure, be adopted. Coming from the Executive Board, no second is required. After calling for any discussion, Suzanne brought the vote to the floor and the motion was carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Beth Sherron reported the following:

Financial report as of May 16, 2015

Balance forward in the checking account was \$3,262.21. Income was \$2,327.00 and disbursements were \$2,962.43, leaving an ending balance of \$2,626.78.

Beginning balance in the savings account was \$6,940.47. Interest earned was \$0.68 and \$500.00 was transferred to the VSC Checking Account for the ESA Foundation Life Active Membership fee leaving an ending balance of \$6,441.15.

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

Approval of the March 21, 2015 VSC Spring Council meeting Minutes:

The Minutes approval committee consisted of Sue Foy and Doris Hood. Sue reported that the Minutes were approved as published. 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. **2015 VSC Convention Minutes Approval Committee** –Theresa Morris, Faye Campbell, and Suzanne Smith

Timekeeper:

Brenda Bowersox

2016 State Convention Bid:

Carol Campbell, VSC Jr. Past President, relayed the following information:

Date: May 20--May 22, 2016
Registration Fee: TBD
Location: Roanoke, Virginia
Hotel: Holiday Inn Tanglewood
Room rate is \$94
Host: Roanoke Valley Area Chapters
Theme: Vignettes of the Blue Ridge

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 2016 VSC Convention will be held in Roanoke, VA.

2017 Convention Courtesy Bid:

Carol Campbell reported that the Alpha Omega Chapter and the Delta Rho Chapter submitted a courtesy bid for the 2017 VSC Convention in Winchester, VA.

Introduction of 2015-2016 Candidates:

Kathy Gibbons, First Vice President, presented the following candidates for the 2015-2016 VSC year:

First Vice President: Susan Caldwell
Second Vice President: Eveleen Harrison
Recording Secretary: Lou Ann Wyer
Corresponding Secretary: Judy Williams
Treasurer: Barbara Smith
Parliamentarian: Deborah Langfitt
Jr. Past President: Suzanne Smith
President: Kathy Gibbons

Election of 2015-2016 Officers:

President Suzanne asked for nominations from the floor for each office with the exception of 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary but no nominations were offered. Since there were no nominations from the floor and only one name for each position on the ballot, Kathy Gibbons moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Suzanne called for discussion and none was brought forward. Suzanne brought the vote to the floor, the motion was carried, and the officers for 2015-2016 were elected by acclamation.

Messages from ALSAC and St. Jude Parent

Renee Fairchild, ALSAC Associate Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region, spoke to the VSC members covering the following:

- St. Jude is thankful for the support of ESA for 43 years
- ESA has raised \$191+ million
- ESA is supporting the “Push to \$200 Million” Project for St. Jude
- Update on the St. Jude Walk—New name--the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer; New date--September 26; Registration fee of \$10 has been added; Incentive levels have been increased; Registration is open; ESA is a National Gold Sponsor; Gold is the new color for the event

Laura Slye, the mother of AJ, a former patient at St. Jude, spoke eloquently and touchingly of AJ’s journey to become a St. Jude patient as well as the treatment he and his family received from St. Jude.

President Suzanne and ESA for St. Jude Coordinator, Marie LaDuke, presented a thank you gift to Renee and to Laura.

Message from SERC Representative: Moved from 2nd General Assembly

Lynda Edwards, SERC 1st Vice President, spoke about the following

- ❖ Lynda passed on congratulations to Suzanne and her boards for a great year.
- ❖ Deadline of June 15, 2015, for SERC willing to serve forms—Forms can be found online
- ❖ Information about the upcoming SERC Conference 2015 in Little Rock, Arkansas—Lynda will be installed as SERC President
 - October 30 – October 31, 2015.
 - Wyndham Hotel Riverfront, Little Rock, AR
 - Hotel Room Rate--\$109.95, single/double, \$119 triple, \$129 quad
 - Hotel Room Block Reservation Deadline—October 7, 2015
 - Breakfast included
 - Free airport shuttle—Arrange with hotel for pickup
 - Registration and Tours forms-download from the SERC website
- ❖ Next SERC meeting—at ESA IC Convention in Orlando
- ❖ SERC Conference 2016—Glen Allen, VA hosted by the VSC—Lynda presides

Announcements

Scrapbook pages need to be turned in to Amelia Kikos

Vote for Best in Show in the Association of Arts room

Recess was called at 12:02 PM.

Second General Assembly

Call to Order:

The assembly was called back to order by President Suzanne Smith at 2:02 PM.

Philanthropic Project Updates:

VSC State Project – Eveleen Harrison (Theta Mu):

Power Point Presentation—Will be shown at later Assembly

Total Monies: \$4,708.30

Total Hours: 85

Chapters participating: 13

Donations will be submitted to the turn-around fund with half (\$2354.15) going to ASK and half (\$2354.15) going to Special Love. At the spring council meeting, it was voted to continue with ASK and Special Love as the state project.

Easter Seals –Joy Burton (Alpha XI) (Report read by Suzanne Smith):

Total Monies: \$1,857.30

Donated Goods: \$420

Total Hours: 343

Chapters participating: 8

Disaster Fund—Carol Campbell (Delta Kappa)

Chapters Participating 14

Total Monies \$1,625.95

Philanthropic – Beverley Wright (PPA, Gamma Pi) by Email Report: (Report read by Suzanne Smith)

Chapters participating: 15

Total Hours: 7,884

Total Mileage: 22,044 miles

Value of Miles \$13,746.17

Value of Donated Goods: \$310,058.51

Grand Total Monies: \$501,710.86

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

Chapters participating: 15

Total as reported by IC: \$583,157.44

Message and Workshop presented by IC Representative: Brenda “B.J.” Voll, IC Treasurer

Workshop—“Building Membership is Like Building a Snowman—ESA Needs More Flakes Like You!”

The Executive Board received a cookie with “melted” snow (white icing) that represented declining membership.

Each VSC members constructed a snowman from marshmallows, mini-chocolate chips, orange tic-tacs, pretzel sticks, chocolate kisses, and a wooden skewer. The different parts of the snowman represented the following:

The 1st marshmallow—the body--Our foundation/individual members

The 2nd marshmallow—the middle—What keeps you in ESA?

The 3rd marshmallow—the head—New members

The eyes—What do new members see in our chapters?

The pretzel arms—Branching out for new members

The nose—Changes needed in chapters to attract and/or retain new members

The buttons—Changes that could make a chapter more appealing or hold it together

Top Hat

Pledge card—“ESA Needs Flakes Like You”—Be Unique—Add 3 names of prospective members

IC Update

IC Convention, Orlando, Florida

July 12—19

Registration Deadlines-Download form-1st deadline was May 1st

Tour Forms—Download from ESA/IC Website

Ad for program book—Info online

Build a Snowman Tickets and Levels—Supports the travel of the IC

Executive Board

Trivia Night Tickets

Personal Message—BJ shared her story of her family and her professional life. She indicated that she would make a donation to Kristine’s scholarship in honor of VSC President Suzanne Smith and in-coming VSC President Kathy Gibbons.

Message from ESA Executive Director, Charlotte Carloni

Beth Sherron played a message from Charlotte who thanked VSC members for their hard work. She highlighted the “Push to \$200 million for St. Jude” project.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes—Brenda Bowersox, VSC Parliamentarian

- Article 3—Members

Brenda paraphrased the bylaw change concerning when chapters must pay VSC dues for new chapter pledges as the change had been distributed earlier.

Discussion

Beth Sherron, Alpha Delta, asked how the VSC Treasurer would know when a chapter would need to pay VSC dues for a new pledge.

Betty Allen, Alpha Chi, responded that the chapter would pay when the new Pledge becomes a Jewel Pin Member not just a Pledge.

Bev Scott, Zeta Nu, asked if Pledge Members should or could be counted on Awards forms.

Parliamentarian Brenda responded that Pledges could be counted on attendance totals for Awards.

Vote—No second was required—The motion carried

- Standing Rule—VSC Contest and Awards J. Publicity Award—Sandy Reed
Brenda paraphrased the standing rule change noting that the change would bring requirements for the award into the 21st century by allowing new technologies.

Discussion—None

Vote—No second required—The motion carried.

- Purchase of AV Equipment by the VSC
Brenda paraphrased the proposal as the information was distributed earlier.

Discussion

Sue Danielson, Alpha Delta, asked who would care for the equipment, how it would be insured, who would store and transport the equipment.

President Suzanne responded that the VSC President would bear the responsibility of caring for, storing, and transporting the equipment and that the VSC AV Tech would operate the equipment on site.

Sue Danielson suggested that guidelines needed to be established for the use and/or lending of the equipment.

Beth Sherron, Alpha Delta, remarked this it would be a lot for the AV Tech to assume responsibility for the equipment, but she stated that the current equipment is too dated and needs to be replaced.

Flora Burns, Beta Kappa, offered to store and insure the equipment.

Vote—No second required—Motion carried

New Business

Kristine Williamson Foundation Scholarship

Bev Scott, Zeta Nu, provided an update on the endowment set up through the ESA Foundation in Kristine Williamson's name. Bev reported that \$2,340 was collected at the Celebration of Life for Kristine as well as \$655 for St. Jude, and \$238 for Easter Seals. She said that additional monies have been donated at the VSC Convention. She read a note from Kristine's family thanking everyone for the donations and announcing that the family is contributing \$5,000 to ensure the full funding of the Foundation Scholarship. The current total for the scholarship endowment is \$7, 940.

Ad for IC Convention Orlando program book

Marie LaDuke, Beta Sigma, made a motion that the VSC purchase a full-page ad costing \$100 for the IC Convention Orlando program book. Sue Danielson, Alpha Delta, seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Announcements:

- ✓ No smoking anywhere inside the hotel at any time.
- ✓ Rehearsal for installation will be held at 4:00 PM.
- ✓ Silent Auction items will be on display in the Madison & Monroe rooms beginning at 6:00 PM.
- ✓ Doors to the Ballroom open at 6pm and close promptly at 6:30 PM.
- ✓ No pictures are allowed during installation and make sure cell phones are on silent.
- ✓ Entries for the Association of the Arts and Chapter Yearbooks need to be picked up by 4:00pm.
- ✓ The Celebration of Life will take place tomorrow in the Washington & Jefferson rooms at 8:00 AM.
- ✓ The receiving line for the 2015-2016 VSC Executive Board and the IC and SERC representatives will be held in the Madison & Monroe rooms on Sunday morning from 8:45 AM-9:00 AM.

The 2nd General Assembly was recessed at 3:24 PM.

Third General Assembly

Welcome

Edna Plancon, Beta Tau, welcomed the members and guests to the Brunch, “Sunday Morning Sidewalk” hosted by Beta Tau.

Invocation

Chaplain Lynne Rightmyer gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

The 3rd General Assembly was called to order on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 9:14 AM by President Suzanne Smith.

Introductions:

Suzanne Smith introduced the 2015-2016 VSC Executive Board and the 2014-2015 outgoing VSC Executive Board as well as B.J.Voll, IC Representative and Lynda Edwards, SERC Representative.

Registration Report:

Doris Hood presented the convention registration report.

Women	63	Mixer	77
Men	12	Luncheon	68
Guests	2	Banquet	88
MALs	1	Brunch	66
Total Registration for VSC Convention 78			

Hotel Staff Thank You

President Suzanne saluted the hotel staff and thanked them for excellent service.

Replays

Beth Sherron replayed the video message from Charlotte Carloni, ESA Executive Director. She showed the Power Point Presentation of the State Projects, ASK and Special Love, prepared and narrated by State Project Director, Eveleen Harrison.

Awards:

Awards Chair Diane McLane presented the awards portion of the meeting. A list of the winners is on file. The winners are as follows:

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2015 Virginia State Council Award Recipients

Distinguished Athenian

1. N/A

Easter Seals – Fran Lanning

1. Delta Kappa, Roanoke
2. Zeta Nu, Smith Mountain Lake
3. Sigma Chi, Roanoke

ESA for St Jude – Flora Burns

1. Alpha Xi - Norfolk
2. Beta Tau - Woodbridge
3. Alpha Delta - Richmond

Mileage – Nancy Reece

1. Delta Kappa, Roanoke
2. Beta Kappa, Norfolk
3. Alpha Nu (3 Roanoke, 1 Richmond)

Outstanding Chapter President Leadership – Lucy Davis

1. Bev Scott – Zeta Nu
2. Lynne Rightmyer – Beta Sigma
3. Charlotte Notzelman – Alpha Omega

Philanthropic Monies – Dot Brown

1. Alpha Xi - Norfolk
2. Beta Kappa – VA Beach
3. Delta Kappa - Roanoke

Social – Lisa Files

1. Zeta Nu – Smith Mountain Lake
2. Theta Mu - Richmond
- 3.

VSC Rushing

1. Zeta Nu – Smith Mountain Lake
2. Alpha Chi - Waynesboro
3. Beta Sigma - Richmond

Educational – Barbara Midkiff

1. Zeta Nu – Smith Mountain Lake
2. Beta Tau – Woodbridge
3. N/A

History – Betty Allen

1. Beta Tau, Woodbridge
2. Alpha Chi, Waynesboro
3. Beta Sigma, Richmond

Outstanding Chapter – PPA

1. Zeta Nu – Smith Mountain Lake
2. Alpha Omega - Winchester
3. Alpha Chi - Waynesboro

Philanthropic Hours – Beverly Wright

1. Delta Kappa - Roanoke
2. Theta Mu – Richmond
3. Alpha Nu - Online

Publicity – Sandy Reed

1. Alpha Omega - Winchester
2. Beta Sigma - Richmond
3. Zeta Nu – Smith Mountain Lake

State Project – Theresa Morris

1. Delta Kappa - Roanoke
2. Alpha Delta - Richmond
3. Beta Sigma - Richmond

VSC Yearbook

1. Theta Mu – Richmond
2. Zeta Nu – Smith Mountain Lake
3. Beta Sigma - Richmond

Association of the Arts

Association of the Arts – Best in Show – Catherine Gorham

1. Diane McLane, Theta Mu

<p>Fine Arts</p> <p>1. Nicole Lewis, Theta Mu</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>		<p>Literature</p> <p>1. Suzanne Smith, Delta Sigma</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>Visual Arts</p> <p>1. Lauren Hewitt, Alpha Chi</p> <p>2. Susan Caldwell, Beta Sigma</p> <p>3.</p>		<p>Folk Art</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>Wearable Art</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>		<p>Holiday Art</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>Fine Needlework</p> <p>1. Diane McLane, Theta Mu</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>		<p>Original Masterpieces</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>Chapter Crafted Project</p> <p>1. Sue Stone, Alpha Nu</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>		

IC Award:

B.J. Voll presented the “Back Burner” Achievement Award to Betty Allen for her 55 years of service to ESA.

Special Presentations:

President Suzanne presented B.J. Voll, IC Representative and Lynda Edwards, SERC Representative with gifts on behalf of the VSC. President Suzanne and B.J. Voll presented Doris Hood and Sandy Reed with gifts as Convention Co-Chairs.

Drawing of SERC Raffle Ticket Prize

Theresa Morris, VSC SERC Director, sold a few more raffle tickets and then held the drawing for the donated Visa Gift Card. The winner was President Suzanne Smith. The total raised was \$575 with a check written to SERC on 5/17/15 to be mailed to Susan Knudson. (Announced as \$585 but corrected by Treasurer, Beth Sherron)

Dismissal of Appointments:

Suzanne dismissed all appointments for the 2014-2015 VSC year, with the exception of the Audit Committee and the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the VSC Convention. These committees will be dismissed at a later date.

Applause

The VSC members gave Mike Smith, Webmaster and Photographer, a round of applause for a job well done.

Closing Message:

Suzanne gave her closing message highlighting her year as VSC President as follows:

Well, it's been an entire year since I first stood in front of you as your newly installed President. In that time, I have traveled a lot, learned a lot, talked to many of our VSC members, sent tons of emails and pictures and overall, had an amazing journey.

When I spoke at convention last year, I told you I wanted to deliver happiness and try to convey how appreciated and valued you each are to ESA. I hope you feel that I accomplished that goal and that at some point, I was able to make you smile. I can certainly tell you that I laughed hard and often. The members of the Virginia State Council are some of the most authentic, caring and fun loving people I've ever met. You give of yourselves each and every day in the name of ESA.

I am so very thankful you invited me to join you at your events. I am truly overwhelmed at all the projects you have done this past year and how ESA still sings in your hearts.

I am also thankful for all the wonderful calls, notes and emails of love, support and encouragement you have sent me this year. I had my moments of utter panic, but your unwavering support allowed me to refocus and carry on.

I want to thank my board members. You have each shared your special gifts with me and for that I will be eternally grateful.

I have been so fortunate to have 2 fabulous chapter members that made sure I never had to travel this road alone – Mike & Sheen. I could not have gotten through this past year without your love and support. Thank you!

I truly appreciate all that I have experienced, learned and gained because of your belief in me.

I thank each and every one of you for the privilege and honor of serving as your president and I wish Kathy and her new board a very successful year.

Presentation of the Gavel:

Suzanne presented the gavel to Kathy Gibbons, VSC President for 2015-2016.

Raising and Lowering of Gavel Pins:

Sheen Childress lowered Suzanne's gavel pin and Judy Williams raised Kathy's gavel pin.

2015-2016 President's Acceptance Speech:

Kathy presented her Acceptance Speech as follows:

It is a tremendous honor to serve as your VSC President. I am not only living my life's dream and my dear sister's Jane Shamblin. ESA has a wealth of multi-talented and amazing members in our Organization; I truly hope I can be successful in meeting everyone's expectations and continue to move VSC forward.

I would like to thank each of you for your continued support and words of encouragement over the year. I would like to especially thank Suzanne Smith and Judy Williams for all of their help and wisdom, Doris Hood and Sandy Reed for a lovely installation ceremony, BJ Voll for the beautiful flag ceremony and Lynda Edwards for taking the time to come to Virginia and celebrate with us, and Suzanne Smith for keeping ESA – the song in our hearts throughout the year.

I would like the members to please stand up and give Suzanne a hand of applause for the incredible job she did this year as President. It is going to be hard to follow in her footsteps.

My theme is "Live Life's Dreams." I have chosen a dove and red rose for my symbols. I believe everyone has dreams that haven't been fulfilled (i.e. professional, personal goals and our bucket list.) Dreams can inspire you and create enthusiasm. A dove symbolizes hope, promise, loyalty, friendships, love, purity, innocence, gentleness and affection. A red rose symbolizes deep love and affection. I believe this is an excellent representation of ESA members.

My goal this year is ensuring each of you knows that you are truly appreciated and are very much needed to maintain the existence of VSC. Speaking to several of the members during my recruitment for the Appointed

Board, I heard repeatedly that the members are getting tired and need to scale down on responsibilities. Even worse, members are considering on going MAL. We need to increase our membership so our veteran members are willing to stay active. We need their talent and wisdom. I want to continue to do what those before me have done –encourage participation, foster communications and increase membership.

ESA Headquarters is encouraging us to move away from our traditional business-meeting format and move towards a more interactive and project-based gathering. Leadership presented some exciting new ideas, which are needed to attempt this year. I plan scheduling our meetings late morning so the members don't have to always stay overnight. I plan on rotating meeting locations to give all members the opportunity to attend our VSC meetings.

2015-2016 Appointed Board:

Kathy announced her Appointed Board for the coming year as follows:

Association of the Arts: Judi Brigg and Beth Sherron

Awards Director: Pat Holtsclaw

Chaplain: Theresa Morris

ESA for St. Jude Coordinator: Carol Campbell

2016 VSC Convention Co-Chairs: Beverly Scott and Stephanie Hess

Easter Seals: Lynn Keffer

Educational Director: Edna Plancon

ESA Foundation Counselor: Sue Foy

Finance Director: Nicole Lewis with Millie Simmons and Sherry Flesher

Historian: Flora Burns

News Bulletin Editor: Diane McLane

Philanthropic Director: Sandy Reed

Publicity Director: Joy Burton

Scrapbook Keeper: Amelia Kikos

SERC Director: Theresa Morris

Social Director: Doris Hood

State Projects Director: Judi Darden

Workshop Coordinator: Sheen Childress

Audit Committee: Marie LaDuke and Lynne Rightmyer

Budget Committee Chair and Committee: Beth Sherron with Barbara Smith, Suzanne Smith, and Kathy Gibbons

Credentials Committee Chair and Committee: Sue Danielson with Sharon Davis and Barbara Bradford

Nominating Committee Chair and Committee: Susan Caldwell with Brenda Bowersox and Marie LaDuke

VSC Webmaster: Michael "Mike" Smith

Hope for Heroes Coordinator & IC Projects Chair: Lauren Hewitt

Disaster Fund: Susan Smith

Audio/Visual Tech: Flora Burns

Leadership: Flora Burns and Sue Foy

Titles for the following:
Executive Board members – White Doves
Appointed Board members – Rose Buds
PPA – Diamond Doves
Chapter Presidents – Rose Gardens

Induction into the PPAs:

PPA President Judy Williams inducted Suzanne Smith into the Past Presidents Auxiliary.

Retirement of Flags:

B.J. Voll conducted the Retirement of the Flags ceremony.

Announcements/Dates to Remember:

Kathy Gibbons shared the following announcements as follows:

- All the information I am about to share regarding upcoming events will be distributed via my President's newsletter – to be published early June.
- Expense vouchers need to be turned in to Beth Sherron today or mail it to her ASAP.
- Please email either Judy Williams or me your chapter roster for next year and include each member's birthday and each member's number no later than July 31, 2015.
- The VSC Summer meeting will be held on June 20th in Stafford at the John M. Porter Library off of Garrison Road (610). Who is planning to attend? We will have a group dinner for anyone wishing to attend and is arriving on Friday. I will have more details in my newsletter. I would like to have the Executive Board meeting Friday evening. Credentials will begin at 9:00am and the General Board meeting will start at 9:30am. The Lucky Numbers will follow after adjournment. The PPA meeting will follow the General Board meeting. We will have coffee and refreshments at the meeting. We have the room from 9:00am-12:30pm we are on a tight schedule; therefore we must start on time and have the room cleaned for another group.
- IC Convention hosted by SERC will be July 13-19, 2015 in Orlando, Florida. Who is planning to attend? The VSC has been asked to bring a gift basket for the ESA Foundation Fest. Since I will be flying to Orlando, small and lightweight items (i.e. gift cards) would be appreciated. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the summer meeting. If you won't be attending but want to donate, let me know and we can figure out how to connect before IC.
- If you are attending IC Convention in Orlando and are due to receive a service pin of 25 years or more, please let Suzanne or myself know today. They will be giving certificates only to those in attendance. The service must be 25 years or more and in five year increments.
- VSC Leadership will be held October 3, 2015 in Norfolk, VA.
- VSC Convention 2016—May 20—22, 2016 Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke VA
- There will be a Budget meeting after the close of Convention.
- Mail additional pictures or scrapbook pages to Amelia Kikos

Adjournment/Closing Ritual:

Because there was no further business to come before the assembly, Kathy Gibbons declared the 62nd Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International adjourned at 11:25 AM, with all joining hands for the Closing Ritual.

Susan Caldwell
VSC Recording Secretary, 2014-2015

Submitted for approval on 05/21/15 to the Minutes Approval Committee:

Faye Campbell
Theresa Morris
Suzanne Smith

Corrected on 5/26/15 and emailed