



**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA, International**  
**VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL – GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – May 19-20, 2018  
Holiday Inn Staunton, Staunton, VA

*“Learning More about our ESA Friends”*

**Workshop Summary**

The convention started with a Chapter Presidents Workshop presented by Susan Caldwell and a Fitness Workshop presented by Mindy Boyd.

**FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Call to Order** – Debbie Langfitt

First Vice President Debbie Langfitt called the 2017-18 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International to order at 9:45 a.m. This meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Staunton, Staunton, VA.

**Introduction of the 2017-18 VSC President Eveleen Harrison** - Debbie Langfitt

**Declaration of Convention**

- Eveleen declared the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International in session.
- Eveleen asked that if you were a voting delegate, you should have a color index card for voting purposes; and that we should silence all phones during the meeting.
- Terri Olson, our International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, conducted our /Flag Ceremony.

**Flag Ceremony** – Terri Olson

Each VSC Chapter was recognized with a member carrying their chapter banner and a Virginia flag. The following flags and flag bearer were then presented:

- |                       |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • ESA Foundation flag | carried by Sue Foy          | VSC Foundation Counselor            |
| • St Jude flag        | carried by Suzanne Smith    | VSC St Jude Coordinator             |
| • SERC flag           | carried by Mary Smith       | SERC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| • All Faiths flag     | carried by Beverley Wright  | VSC Chaplain                        |
| • ESA flag            | carried by Diane McLane     | VSC Corresponding Secretary         |
| • Virginia flag       | carried by Debbie Langfitt  | VSC 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President  |
| • American flag       | carried by Eveleen Harrison | VSC President                       |

**Opening Ritual** - all were asked to stand for the opening ritual.

*Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet again to pledge ourselves anew to the vows of our ritual which we accepted in the golden glow of a candle-lighted room. Let us be ever mindful of the responsibilities, we pledged to our organization, keep faith with ourselves and our members, be tolerant and sincere and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor, truthfulness, friendliness and loveliness.*

**Chaplain’s Message** – Beverley Wright

The last Chaplain’s message was sent to the membership yesterday. Beverley read a poem about “When I grow old and live with my children”.

**Introduction of the Convention Co-Chairs**

Eveleen introduced the Convention Co-Chairs, Brenda Bowersox and Sue Graham, both members of Alpha Chi.

**Convention Welcome** – Brenda Bowersox

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Bruce Allen, Mayor of Waynesboro, was unable to attend. Brenda gave details about the area and welcomed all.

**Recognitions and Introductions** – Eveleen Harrison

- The Executive Board 2017-18, “The Hand Holders”,
- She then introduced her appointed board, “The Shining Lights”.
- The VSC Chapter Presidents “The Friendship Ambassadors”
- The Past VSC Presidents “The Guiding Lights”
- There was one guest, an ELAN, Autumn Nagel; and two first-time attendees (members of Alpha Chi).
- With those being recognized for attending multiple VSC conventions, there were two in attendance that have attended 50+ years (Mildred Edwards with 52 years and Betty Allen with 55 years)

**Correspondence** – Diane McLane

None at this time.

**Credentials Report** – P’Nut Schools (full report on file)

Attendance:	Chapters on Roll	17		
	Chapters Present	14		
	Officers Present	8		
	Members Present	48		
	Élans	1		
	MAL’s	2		
	Guests	2		
			<u>Total Attendance:</u>	<u>61</u>
Votes:	Officer Votes	7		
	Delegate Votes	20		
	Proxy Votes	1		
			<u>Total Votes:</u>	<u>28</u>

**Quorum** – Eveleen Harrison

According to the Virginia State Council Bylaws, Article 8 Section 4, a quorum shall consist of representatives from five Virginia chapters in good standing with VSC and IC and one Officer. There being a quorum present, all business voted upon shall constitute effective action.

**Rules of the Convention** – Dee Eaheart

Dee announced that, “By direction of the Executive Board, I move that the rules of the Convention as printed in the Convention program book be adopted.” Coming from the Executive Board, no second is needed. Delegates votes in favor; the Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Jamie Hafer (full report on file)

2017-18 Treasurer Jamie Hafer presented the financial report. She stated that the ending balance as of May 17 is \$2616.47 in Checking, with \$4,527.48 in Savings. James requested that if anyone has any vouchers, please make sure that she receives them as soon as possible.

**Minutes Approval Committee**

- **Spring General Board Meeting** - March 24, 2018  
The minutes for the Spring Board meeting were approved by Tammy James (Beta Kappa, VA Beach) and Flora Burns (Beta Kappa, VA Beach) and are on file. This committee is now dismissed.
- **65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention** – May 19-20, 2018  
The committee to approve the minutes of this Convention are: Sandy Reed (Beta Tau, Woodbridge), Betty Cason (Beta Omicron, Staunton) and Eveleen Harrison (Theta Mu, Richmond).

**Appointment of Special Committees**

- **Tellers** - According to Article 6 Section 6 of the VSC bylaws, the appointment of tellers at this Convention is not required.
- **Timekeeper** – Dee Eaheart

### **Convention Bid**

- **2019 Convention Bid** – Susan Caldwell and Judy Williams  
May 18,19, 20 – 2019      Registration: \$140 members/\$95 guests  
Embassy Hilton, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA  
Room rate: \$155/King Rm w/living room w/sofa bed - \$175 Double Rm w/living room w/sofa bed  
Note: *Hilton Honors* participants can book on your own for perhaps a better rate and your room will be transferred to our Convention Block)  
Co-Chairs – Susan Caldwell and Judy Williams  
Theme – “Celebrate – Every day is a Holiday in ESA”

In accordance with Article 8 Section 2 of the VSC By-laws, if only one bid is submitted, voting may be by general consent. There were no objections; we will attend the 2019 State Convention in Richmond, VA.

- **2020 Convention Courtesy Bid**

Beta Kappa, VA Beach has put in a bid for the 2020 Convention. More details at a later date.

### **Election of 2017-2018 Candidates**

Debbie Langfitt introduced each candidate

- 1) President – Debbie Langfitt
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lou Ann Wyer
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Brenda Bowersox
- 4) Corresponding Secretary – Jenny Brunelle
- 5) Recording Secretary – Marie LaDuke
- 6) Treasurer – Diane McLane
- 7) Parliamentarian – Sheen Childress
- 8) Jr. Past President – Eveleen Harrison

Eveleen stated nominations from the floor are now being accepted. None were presented.

According to Article 5 Sections 3 and 5, of the VSC Bylaws, the current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is President Elect and the Corresponding Secretary is her running mate, so nominations will not be accepted for these offices. Two minutes are allowed for any candidate to be nominated in order that his/her qualifications may be presented. There were no nominations from the floor.

Eveleen stated that since there is only one name for each position on the ballot, she moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. The motion approved. Officers were elected by acclamation.

### **State Project – Theresa Morris**

Theresa encouraged all to purchase quilt raffle tickets, the monies donated to our State Projects. The drawing will be Sunday morning and details of that raffle will be given afterward.

### **St Jude Introduction – Suzanne Smith**

Suzanne introduced Michael Krause, ALSAC, St. Jude Representative from the VA Beach Office. Mike gave details about St. Jude Children’s Hospital and showed a film.

All tickets were sold for The Dream home in Hampton Roads bringing in \$1.38M+ for St. Jude. The Richmond Dream also sold all their tickets; they will have that drawing in June. It is being considered to have a Dream Home in Roanoke next year (2019).

Virginia State Council donated a total of \$150,000 to St. Jude last year.

### **Introduction of Convention SERC Representative**

- Mary Smith (North Carolina), SERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President was introduced.
- Mary gave us a message from SERC: “ESA...A Recipe for Success”, i.e., develop a menu: appetizer (get them there), first course (have information ready), main course (St. Jude), sides (other local charities) and dessert (friendship, leadership, education, and fun)!

- 2018 SERC will be held in Lafayette, LA, Nov 2-3, theme: “Fais-de-do”. Early registration is \$120.00 (\$135.00 after deadline)
- 2019 SERC will be in New Bern, NC, October 25-27, 2019.
- There is a courtesy bid for 2020 from Florida. It was asked, by a show of hands, who might be interested in having a three-day cruise for this meeting. The plans are still in the working stages and there will be more information as plans are firmed up.

#### **Announcements**

- Association of the Arts will have voting after this meeting for the “Best in Show”.
- Foundation delegates not going to IC, please see Sue Foy to assign a proxy.

### **PPA LUNCHEON** “Buzzing Around the Alpha Chi”

**Welcome** – Sue Graham

**Installation** (preceded the luncheon) - Sue Stone

Sue installed Suzanne Smith as President (her theme: “You’ve Got a Friend in the PPA”), Kathy Gibbons, Vice President and Susan Caldwell, Secretary.

#### **Awards and Recognition**

<u>Award</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>First</u>
Education Award	Theta Mu	Alpha Omega	Beta Tau
Outstanding Chapter	Beta Tau	Theta Mu	Beta Kappa

#### Other Awards

Membership:	Beta Kappa		
Foundation:	Sue Foy		
Pallas Athens:	Susan Caldwell		
Member of the Year:	Beta Omicron – Betty Cason		
	Beta Sigma – Susan Caldwell		
	Beta Sigma – Marie LaDuke		
	Beta Tau – Sandy Reed		
Years of Service:			
Members:	Thirty years:	Trisha LeBlanc	Bev Scott
	Fifty years:	Flora Burns	Betty Cason
Chapters:	Twenty:	Sigma Chi	
	Twenty-five:	Theta Mu	
	Fifty:	Theta Kappa	Beta Omicron
	Sixty-five:	Alpha Omega	Alpha Chi
			VSC

### **SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **Call to order**

The Second General Assembly was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Eveleen Harrison.

#### **Introduction of Convention IC Representative**

Terri Olson (Minnesota), IC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President shared a message from IC and presented a workshop on what we would like our ESA legacy to be. Reinforced that change and being different are not bad things. Encourage men into our membership, reduce meeting times by combining business, education and fun into one! Try it ... you might like it; and if you don’t you can always go back to the way it was!

## Philanthropic Projects Updates

**VSC State Project Report** – Theresa Morris will give this report tomorrow after the quilt raffle and the totals are calculated.

<b>Easter Seals Report</b> – Bev Scott	Chapters Participating	7
	Total Hours	133
	Value of Donated Goods	\$ 600.00
	Total monies	\$ 1,735.37
<b>Disaster Fund</b> – Susan Caldwell	Chapters Participating	17
	Total Monies	\$ 2585.84
<b>Philanthropic Report</b> – Doris Hood	Chapters Participating	15
	Total Hours	8,775.5
	Total Miles	23,565.7
	Value of Miles	\$ 12,512.95
	Value of Donated Goods	\$ 391,537.58
	Cash Monies Donated	\$ 153,082.07
	Total Monies	\$ 557,132.60
<b>ESA for St Jude Report</b> – Suzanne Smith	Chapters Participating	17
	Total Hours	502
	VSC Total Monies Donated	\$ 844,593.23 (reported at banquet)

## Unfinished Business

Every two years we select a State Project. Theresa Morris indicated that ASK and Special Love have been nominated as our 2018-19 State Project with monetary donations to be split equally between the organizations.

Standing Rule 4d states that proposed projects shall be submitted to the VSC Executive Board at least thirty days in advance of the Spring VSC Meeting. There being only one nomination for the State Project, the State Project for the VSC for 2018-20 will be ASK and Special Love with funds collected being split between them.

## Proposed Standing Rules Changes – Dee Eaheart

There is one proposed Bylaw change (the deleted sentence is lined out with the new proposed sentence noted in red); it is under “Appointed Officers and Standing Committees Duties”. The reason: We no longer give trophies nor plaques.

1. Awards Director – ~~The Awards Director shall receive trophies and plaques at the Spring Meeting, insuring that they are in good condition for presentation at the convention.~~ **The Awards Director shall coordinate with the Past President’s Auxiliary as to items that will be presented in recognition of 1<sup>st</sup> place winners at the convention.**

The proposed Bylaw change has been approved by the Executive Board so no second is needed. By a show of delegate votes the motion carried.

## New Business

None.

## Announcements

Installation Rehearsal will take place following the recess of this meeting.

Eveleen then recessed the meeting until 9:15 Sunday, May 20.

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE – Sunday (no minutes until Assembly called to order)

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Celebration of Life – Beverly Wright	Ballroom
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Incoming President Receiving Line	Ballroom
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Brunch	Ballroom

## THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Call to Order

The Third General Assembly was called to order by Eveleen Harrison.

### IC Announcement & “Inspire” Recognition – Terri Olson

The State of Arkansas will host the 2019 IC Convention in Memphis, TN where Terri will be installed as President.

Our 2018 IC President, Sandy Alexander’s theme this year is “Inspire”. She has asked that as each of us, as IC Reps, as we visit to spy on you!! To see if there is someone you met or talked to that has really inspired you and can be a real inspiration in their state to move forward for change, for excitement and for new opportunities. I am honored to make this award to Debbie Langfitt.

### State Project Drawing and Totals – Theresa Morris

Quilts made for a raffle for our State Project. The winners of the quilts are: Romona and P’Nut

<b>VSC State Project Report</b> – Theresa Morris	Chapters Participating --	17
	Total Hours	478
	Total Monies to date	\$7,863.00

### Awards and Recognition – Marie LaDuke, Susan Caldwell and Lynn Righmyer

<i>Catherine Gorham Association of the Arts</i>	<i>Teresa Morris</i>	<i>Best in Show: Lou Ann Wyer</i>
<i>Betty Allen History</i>	<i>Betty Allen</i>	<i>Recognition: Beta Tau / Sigma Chi / Alpha Omega</i>

<u>Award</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipients</u>		
		<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
<i>Flora Burns ESA for St. Jude</i>	<i>Suzanne Smith</i>	Beta Kappa	Alpha Xi	Alpha Omega
<i>Fran Lanning Easter Seals</i>	<i>Bev Scott</i>	Beta Sigma	Delta Kappa	Alpha Xi
<i>Nancy Reece Miles to Convention</i>	<i>Mildred Edwards</i>	Beta Kappa	Beta Tau	Theta Mu/Beta Sigma
<i>Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President</i>	<i>Doris Hood</i>	Tammy James	Edna Plancon	Diane McLane/Dec Eaheart
<i>Dot Brown Philanthropic Monies</i>	<i>Dot Brown</i>	Delta Kappa	Alpha Chi	Alpha Delta
<i>Sandy Reed Publicity</i>	<i>Sandy Reed</i>	Alpha Omega/Beta Tau		
<i>Lisa Files Social</i>	<i>Carol Campbell</i>	Zeta Nu	Beta Tau	Theta Mu
<i>Theresa Morris State Project : Monies</i>	<i>Theresa Morris</i>	Beta Sigma	Alpha Omega	Theta Mu
<i>: Hours</i>		Alpha Omega	Beta Sigma	Beta Tau
<i>Beverly Wright Philanthropic Hours</i>	<i>Beverly Wright</i>	Delta Kappa	Beta Sigma	Alpha Nu

### Registration Report – Brenda Bowersox

Women	59	Mixer	72
Men	12	Luncheon	67
Guests	3	Banquet	77
MALs	1	Brunch	59

### Appreciation and Gifts – Eveleen Harrison

- **IC Representative:** Thank you to Terri for traveling to VA to be with us this weekend. A special thank you for the knowledge shared in your workshop.
- **SERC Representative:** Mary, thank you for driving to VA and telling us about the SERC Convention that will be held in NC in 2019.
- **Convention Chapter and Chairpersons:** Thank you Alpha Chi for a wonderful convention; as chairmen in planning this convention, a special thanks to Brenda Bowersox and Susan Graham; they made this convention run smoothly and were such a joy to work with. Thank you for the time and the energy you gave to our 65<sup>th</sup> annual convention.

### Dismissal of Appointments

All appointments for the 2017-2018 service year are now dismissed, with the exception of the Audit Committee and the committee to approve the minutes of this convention.

**Closing Remarks - 2017-2018 VSC President's**– Eveleen Harrison

**Change of Elected Officers**

- **Presentation of Gavel** – Eveleen Harrison outgoing VSC President to Debbie Langfitt, VSC President 2018-19
- **Lowering of the Gavel** – Diane McLane lowers Eveleen's gavel
- **Raising of the Gavel** – Jenny Brunelle raises Debbie's gavel

**Acceptance Speech - 2018-2019 VSC President**– Debbie Langfitt

Debbie's theme "Design Your Gift for ESA". One of the things that makes a designer stand out is the ability to see the beauty in the things around them. Debbie asked that we take the ordinary, make it beautiful to achieve a more beautiful world through our ESA projects.

**Induction into the PPA** – Carol Campbell

Eveleen Harrison was inducted into the PPA.

**Retirement of the Flags** – Terri Olson

**Announcements** – Debbie Langfitt

- If you have any expense vouchers, please submit them to Jamie Hafer.
- The Summer Meeting will be held at June 16, 9:00 a.m. the Hampton Inn, 9800 Winchester Rd, Front Royal, VA (540-634-1882). Room rate is \$129 with breakfast included (deadline for room May 15). A picnic will be the preceding evening (June 15<sup>th</sup>) for those that can attend (564 Lewis St, Front Royal, RSVP to Debbie (540-683-4963, [deborahlangfitt@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahlangfitt@yahoo.com)) by June 1.
- If you are attending IC Convention in July and have 25 years of service or more, in five-year increments, please give your name to Debbie so that you can receive your service pin at convention
- There will be a budget committee meeting following this convention.
- Jackie Parker, Alpha Tau, Richmond passed away yesterday.

**New Business**

There was no further business and Debbie declared the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual VSC Convention of ESA International adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

**Closing Ritual** - all were asked to stand for the closing ritual.

*Eternal Father, master of all good works, guide and direct us that we remain steadfast in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded that graciousness, poise and friendliness are our goals, and as we go our separate ways, may we ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light.*

Marion Rodgers  
VSC-ESA Recording Secretary 2017-2018

Submitted to the Minutes Approval Committee	5/ 21/ 2018
Approved:	
Betty Cason (Beta Omicron, Staunton)	5/ 22/ 2018
Sandy Reed( Beta Tau, Woodbridge)	5/ 22/ 2018
Eveleen Harrison (Theta Mu, Richmond)	5/ 24/ 2018