

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
59th Annual Convention
May 25-27, 2012
Best Western Inn & Conference Center, Waynesboro**

First General Assembly

Call to Order:

The 59th annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was called to order at 9:06am on Saturday, May 26, 2012 by VSC First Vice President Beth Sherron at the Best Western Inn & Conference Center in Waynesboro, VA. Beth introduced the 2011-2012 VSC President Ginger Hodges. Ginger then declared the 59th Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in session. Ginger noted that all voting delegates should have a color index card for voting purposes.

Flag Ceremony:

ESA International Council Parliamentarian Sandy Alexander conducted the opening Flag Ceremony.

Opening Ritual:

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

Chaplain's Message:

Mildred Edwards shared a cute story about children and religion. She ended with a wish that we all have a good day.

Introduction of Convention Chair:

Ginger introduced Betty Allen. Ginger shared an interesting side note – Betty was also the Convention Chair 46 years ago at her mother, Shelby Hodges, convention.

Introduction of Welcome Speaker:

Betty introduced our Welcome Speaker, Lorie Smith. Lorie is a life long resident of Waynesboro, married with 2 children. She has served the Waynesboro City Council, the School Board and many other organizations as well as being a past member of the Waynesboro Junior Women's Club.

Speaker's Welcome:

Lorie Smith spoke of what we as women can do; the abilities, expertise and the power's we possess. She challenged each of us to embrace the adversities we have as opportunities in our lives as this will help to make each of us as well as ESA stronger in the future. "We are all better as a community when we hold each other up, support each other and contribute to the things that make us the communities that we are." Lorie ended with a wish that we have a lovely weekend in Waynesboro and that she hopes the weekend helps to charge each of us to move enthusiastically forward to continue the great works we do.

Response to Welcome:

Ginger thanked Lorie for speaking.

Recognitions:

Ginger introduced the head table: Kristine Williamson, Parliamentarian; Sandy Alexander, IC Representative and IC Parliamentarian; Suzanne Smith, Recording Secretary; Judy Williams, Jr. Past President; Beth Sherron, First Vice President; Carol Campbell, Second Vice President; Sue Williams, SERC Representative and SERC Jr. Past President; Gaynell Krista, Corresponding Secretary and Kathy Gibbons, Treasurer. Ginger thanked everyone for a wonderful job.

Ginger then asked the General Board members to stand. She thanked them for accepting her challenge to STAND UP AND SAY YES I AM ESA.

Ginger recognized each Past VSC State President in attendance and asked them to share the location and theme of their state convention.

The following in attendance were also recognized:

Ginger thanked the 2011-2012 Chapter Presidents for their leadership.

Guests: Marie LaDuke (Beta Sigma) introduced Shasean Clopton. Pat Buck (Delta Kappa) introduced her sister Wanda Gale Green.

Members attending their first VA State Convention: Debbie Frazier introduced Alpha Chi's new members Eleanor Sampson, Sue Graham and Evon Nagel.

Ginger had everyone stand and be recognized for the number of VSC Conventions they had attended. Nancy Reece (Alpha Xi) and Betty Smith (Alpha Omega) have attended the most with 54 conventions each!!

Members receiving their First Pearl: Sue Graham and Evon Nagel of Alpha Chi.

Members receiving Degrees of Pallas Athene:

1st – Sue Graham (Alpha Chi)

3rd – Kathy Gibbons (Beta Tau)

5th – Sue Foy (PPA, Beta Kappa) and Lisa Hale (Beta Delta)

Correspondence:

Gaynell Krista received a letter of absence from Sharon Shaffer. She also read a letter of congratulations to Ginger from B.J. Clark (Executive Director, ESA).

Credentials Report:

Jane Harris

→ Attendance

Chapters on Roll: 19

Chapters Present at Meeting: 17

VSC Officers Present: 8

Members Present: 58 Includes IC & SERC Reps

DESAs Present: 0

MALs Present: 2 See names below

Guests Present: 5 See names below

Total Present at Meeting: 73

MALs: Vilma Graves & Barbara Midkiff

Guests: Shasean Clopton, Gale Green, Cathy Wickline (Doris Hood's sister), Lorie Smith & April Mann.

→ Number of Votes

VSC Executive Board/Officer Votes: 7

Chapter Delegate Votes: 23

Proxy Votes: 0

Total Votes: 30

A quorum was declared.

Rules of Convention:

Kristine Williamson, 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, Ginger brought the vote to the floor and the motion was carried.

Financial Report:

Kathy Gibbons congratulated everyone on a fantastic year. She also thanked Ginger for the opportunity to serve on the VSC Executive Board.

Kathy reported that upon the express wishes of the VSC Executive Board, she contacted our Bond Company - Tabb, Brockenbrough & Ragland, LLC (TB&R). Kathy worked with Donna Bizgrove (Bond Operations Manager) to have the bond renewal date changed from June to March 31. Since our VSC fiscal year ends in May, it creates a dilemma for financial record keeping with the changeover for the incoming treasurer. Donna contacted the Bond Underwriter and was able to change the VSC Bond expiration date. The renewal bond payment will now be March 31, 2014.

Expense vouchers are due to Kathy no later than June 7, 2012.

Kathy also provided a second amended March 24, 2012 financial report with a corrected beginning balance of \$2372.01, not \$3329.15. The ending balance on hand as of March 23, 2012 should be \$1529.38. Kathy also provided the May 25, 2012 financial report. The checking account balance on hand as of May 25, 2012 is \$2127.38. The savings account balance on hand as of May 25, 2012 is \$882.26.

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.

Approval of the March 24, 2012 VSC Spring Council meeting Minutes:

The Minutes approval committee consisted of P-Nut Schools and Beverly Scott. P-Nut 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. **2012 Convention Minutes Approval Committee** - Shelby Hodges, Brenda Orebaugh & Ginger Hodges.

Timekeeper:

Kristine Williamson

2013 State Convention Bid:

Nicole Lewis with the assistance of members from the Richmond area chapters shared details of the 2013 VSC Convention.

Date: May 11 & 12, 2013
Location: Richmond, VA
Hotel: Embassy Suites
2925 Emerywood Pkwy
Richmond, VA 23294
804-672-8585
800-EMBASSY
Host: Richmond Area Chapters
Theme: Walk in the Park

A complimentary breakfast is served each morning in the atrium. A nightly Manager's Reception features your favorite complimentary beverages and light snacks. Workshops will begin at 11am and the opening ceremony approximately 11:30am. Room rates will be \$119/night for a King Suite (sleeps up to 4) and \$129/night for a Double/Double Suite (sleeps up to 6). Registration costs will be provided at the June 2012 VSC Meeting.

2014 Convention Courtesy Bid:

Judy Williams reported that Beta Kappa and Alpha Xi submitted a bid for the 2014 VSC Convention.

Introduction of 2012-2013 Candidates:

Beth Sherron, First Vice President, presented the following candidates for the 2012-2013 Sorority year:
First Vice President: Carol Campbell
Second Vice President: Suzanne Smith
Recording Secretary: Kathy Gibbons
Corresponding Secretary: Sue Danielson
Treasurer: Kristine Williamson
Parliamentarian: Susan Caldwell
Jr. Past President: Ginger Hodges

Beth reported that there are still a few appointed positions that need to be filled. Please see her if you are interested in serving.

Election of 2012-2013 Officers:

Ginger 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, Beth Sherron moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Sue Foy seconded the motion. Ginger brought the vote to the floor, the motion was carried and the officers for 2012-2013 were elected by acclamation.

Philanthropic Project Updates:

VSC State Project – Diane McLane (Theta Mu):

Total Monies: \$4000
Total Hours: 387
Chapters participating: 13 (of which, only 5 reported hours)

It was brought to the attention of the executive board that an organization was not proposed at the Spring meeting. It was moved and approved by the Executive Board that we continue supporting the same two organizations - ASK Foundation and Special Love. Coming from the Executive Board, no second is required. Ginger brought the vote to the floor. The motion was carried.

Easter Seals – Anna Black (Pi Rho):

Total Monies: \$1929
Total Hours: 302
Chapters participating: 6

Disaster Fund – Judy Williams (PPA, Beta Sigma)

Total Monies (as of 5/25/12): \$1565.70
Additional donations were received today, therefore...
Total Monies (as of 5/26/12): \$1615.70
Chapters participating: 10

Donations for this sorority year are still being accepted through the end of May.

St. Jude (Circle of Life) – Brenda Orebaugh (PPA, Gamma Pi):

Total Monies: \$425,954.22
Total Hours: 2911
Chapters participating: 10

Philanthropic – Flora Burns (PPA, Beta Kappa):

Total Monies: A whole lot
Total Hours: Many
Chapters participating: Almost All

Recess was called at 10:15 AM

Call to Order:

The assembly was called back to order by President Ginger Hodges at 10:35 AM. Ginger introduced Sue Williams.

Message from SERC Representative:

Sue Williams, SERC Jr. Past President, brought us greetings from the entire SERC Board and President Ennis Karns. She shared the reason why she joined ESA, which was friendship. And those friendships are what keep her in ESA. She was touched by all the get well cards she received since her surgery – from ESA friends she knew and some she didn't. We all need to think of why we are in ESA and how we can bring in new members. Even if you don't think someone is going to want to join ESA, just extend an invitation anyway. Their answer may surprise you.

Sue recognized the 3 first time convention goers and presented each with a jonquil pen: Shasean Clopton, Sue Graham and Evon Nagel.

SERC decided to do away with all their fundraisers this year, except to sell a few SERC branded items (t-shirts and a few jewelry items). If you are interested in purchasing any of these SERC items, please contact Ennis Karns or visit the SERC website.

http://www.serc-esa.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=140&Itemid=127

Sue shared a few details regarding the 2012 SERC Conference:

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| Date: | November 1-3, 2012 |
| Location: | Memphis, TN |
| Registration: | Full member \$110 Guest \$80 |
| Hotel: | Marriott Downtown Memphis 901-527-7300 888-557-8740 When you call to book your room, mention ESA/SERC and event #8117230. |
| Room rates: | \$119 single/double/queen/king |
| Parking: | \$12/day There is a trolley that runs all over downtown & it goes right in front of the hotel. |
| Theme: | "Elvis Has Left the Building" |
| NOTE: | St. Jude tours will be available. |

She ended by thanking the VSC for their hospitality.

Introduction of St. Jude Representative:

Ginger introduced April Mann of ALSAC.

St. Jude Presentation:

April thanked all the members of ESA for all the work we do. She shared a few updates about St. Jude:

- ◆ This year, St. Jude celebrates the anniversary of its 40 year partnership with ESA as well as its 50th anniversary of the day the hospital doors were opened in 1962.
- ◆ In honor of the 40 year partnership with ESA, St. Jude has created a limited edition commemorative pin, which you can receive with a \$40 donation to St. Jude. Visit the website: <http://www.stjude.org/esa>
- ◆ There will be a SPECIAL tour of St. Jude available for attendees of the SERC Conference in Memphis this year. The tour will be on Friday, November 2nd at 4pm. It will take about 1.5 hours. If you are planning to attend SERC, be sure to make arrangements to attend this SPECIAL tour. And wear comfortable shoes.

- ◆ Throughout this year there will be Facebook and Twitter updates. Also, be sure to “Like” St. Jude on Facebook. They will be posting info about St. Jude as well as breaking news and event updates. And once per month, there will be a post about ESA.
- ◆ The Give Thanks Walk will be held on November 17, 2012. It will be held in 92 different communities - all on the same day. Registration begins on July 1st.

April also wanted to share a bit of information regarding St. Jude Radiothons: If you recruit Radiothon volunteers, your chapter will receive credit for that volunteer, regardless of whether or not they are an ESA member.

Response to Presentation:

Brenda Orebaugh presented April with a gift of appreciation.

St. Jude Update:

Brenda Orebaugh announced the “little red wagon” will be at IC Convention again this year. IC has asked all chapters to roll quarters and put them in the wagon. Over \$1000 was raised last year with this fundraiser. The “little red wagons” are used to transport the children around the hospital – instead of using wheelchairs.

Brenda then asked for a drumroll....

The total VSC money raised for St. Jude from July 1-May 26, 2012 was: \$600,798.54!!

Brenda presented President Ginger with a gift of appreciation for appointing her as St. Jude Coordinator.

2013 IC Convention Update:

Marie LaDuke reported that convention updates were published in the 2012 VSC Convention brochure.

- More stars are needed for the 2012 IC Convention. VSC members will be handing them at our convention bid table. Instructions on how to make the stars were printed in the Spring Lamplighter.
- Beth Sherron is embroidering aprons that all members in attendance need to wear during the 2013 IC Convention. They are \$8. Please contact Beth to place your order.

Special Presentation:

Gaynell Krista presented President Ginger Hodges with a gift of appreciation from the VSC membership for a job well done. Ginger thanked the membership.

Recess was called at 11:12 AM

Second General Assembly

Call to Order:

The assembly was called back to order by President Ginger Hodges at 11:30 AM. Since lunch isn’t scheduled until 1pm, we will continue on with the 2nd General Assembly. Ginger introduced Sandy Alexander.

Message from IC Representative:

ESA International Council Parliamentarian Sandy Alexander addressed the assembly. She thanked her Virginia family and shared her excitement for being here at convention. She then presented President Ginger with a gift of appreciation.

Sandy recognized Betty Allen as the 2012 VSC Convention chairman and presented her with a gift of appreciation. The entire convention committee was asked to stand. Betty also recognized Debbie Frazier as her convention co-chair.

Sandy extended best wishes to Incoming President Beth Sherron and her board for a wonderful year. She presented Beth with a gift.

Sandy thanked the VSC for giving her the honor to preside over the Flag Ceremony. That is her favorite ceremony during convention.

Sandy thanked Flora Burns for serving ESA as the IC President. She also thanked Flora for all the help she provided in preparing for her VSC Convention visit. And her "On the Road Again" articles in the Lamplighter are a "hoot" to read!

Sandy then presented SERC Representative Sue Williams with a gift of appreciation.

She commended everyone for the VSC newsletter. The Lamplighter articles are so informative and you can tell we are having a great time. Sandy Reed was also recognized for her hard work.

IC is encouraging each State Council and Chapter to host a "Celebrate ESA" event this year. Invite everyone, let them know what we are doing and share our association with St. Jude.

Sandy shared some 2012 IC Convention info:

1. It is being held in Norman, OK on July 15-22, 2012 and the theme is "Red Dirt Rendezvous".
<http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/member-center/chapter-management/international-council/2012-IC-Convention>
2. There is a tentative agenda available on the website:
<http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/getattachment/member-center/chapter-management/international-council/2012-IC-Convention/Agenda-At-a-Glance--No-Location-Excel.pdf.aspx>
3. Rose Pasillas (IC President) has done something special this year – the first and second general assemblies will be held on Thursday and the third general assembly will be on Friday afternoon. These will be short meetings!
4. ESA Foundation Fun Fest will be on Tuesday night. This is their fundraiser. There will be a silent auction, live auction and games.
5. The Murder Mystery will be on Thursday night. The cast consists of IC Past Presidents. Tickets are \$25 to enter
6. "Show me the Money" tickets are also for sale. They are \$5 each and you do not need to be present to win. This is a fundraiser that helps to offset the costs of bringing IC Reps to each state. The proceeds will be distributed as follows: 50% - IC Council, 25% - 1st ticket drawn, 15% - 2nd ticket drawn & 10% - 3rd ticket drawn. Last year's first place winner wasn't at convention, but still won over \$1000!!
7. Recognition and years of service (25 years and above) will take place during a dinner on Friday night.
8. There will be a SYN (card) Tournament on Friday night, July 20th, 2012 at 10:15pm. Limited to 200 participants. There is a \$30 initial entry fee. 1st place wins \$600, 2nd place wins \$300 & 3rd place wins \$100. Contact Jamie Atchison for more information: jamiea2@mindspring.com or 309-452-2323.
9. There will be a "Boo Boo Bunnies" workshop during convention. Please bring soft white washcloths (preferred) but pastels will work too.
10. The IC Council is selling ESA necklaces as a fundraiser. The necklaces are \$20 each and available in black, red and blue/turquoise.
11. The annual Philanthropic report, Disaster form and guidelines have been updated and are available on the ESA website.
12. There will be a Standing Rule change brought before the membership during IC Convention:
 - Raise the annual dues of a chapter from \$35 to \$40
 - Raise the annual dues of multi-state groups (like SERC) from \$40 to \$45

Sandy shared a few thoughts about ESA as a whole - As we look to the future, our goals, ideals and purpose remain the same, but we are met with many different challenges of this modern world. The opportunities to thrive are endless and can only be identified by the members of ESA today. Individual effort is what has been and will always be the core of ESA. Technology can help us communicate our message, but it takes one person asking another person to create a new member; it takes one person, giving their time and effort to raise dollars for our many worthy causes and it takes one person planning a

special program to make an educational program that stirs our imagination. Our challenge is to continue ESA, reach out to our neighbors and educate our communities to the purposes and ideals of ESA. We have the same problems now that our founders did: money and time. However, we are all united by a common cause.

Sandy recognized and thanked the members that have joined ESA within the last 5 years. Sandy also recognized and thanked the 3 first time convention goers and presented each with a gift: Shasean Clopton, Sue Graham and Evon Nagel. Sandy asked any member with over 50 years in ESA to stand and be recognized and thanked. Those members are Betty Allen, Betty Smith, Mildred Edwards, Nancy Reese and Shelby Hodges.

The VSC was encouraged to pledge new members this year. New members bring in new ideas and cultivate enthusiasm. Membership is critical. ESA is the best kept secret – but it shouldn't be. We need to get the word out. "If it is to be, it is up to me".

Bright Ideas Workshop:

Sandy then presented a Celebrate ESA workshop. The first part is how to come up with 50 prospective new members in just 5 minutes. The second part, we were asked to break up into groups and discuss 2 questions: "What is YOUR vision for the Future of ESA"? "What Can "I" Do for the Future of ESA"?

We broke at 12:10pm for the workshop

Call to Order:

The assembly was called back to order by President Ginger Hodges at 12:33 PM.

Celebrate ESA:

Beth Sherron mentioned that the Celebrate ESA program was introduced at IC Leadership. There is information about it on the ESA Website. If you are unable to access the website, please notify Beth and she will print off the information for you.

The idea of Celebrate ESA is to celebrate within ourselves but we must also celebrate in the community. To that end, Beth is making sure members of the Virginia State Government are informed about ESA. We each need to get the word out about how wonderful we are, because we are incredible.

Beth then asked a representative from each group that assembled during Sandy's workshop to share their ideas:

1. Chapters come in many varieties (be flexible), but there must also be a personal touch.
2. Allow members to be as involved as they are able to be – everyone does not have to do everything.
3. Invite back previous members.
4. Create a chapter registration scholarship to help members attend convention.
5. Adjust your meeting times and locations to accommodate members' schedules.
6. Assign new members with a mentor (Big Sister) within the chapter to guide and help them.
7. Community events bring in new members.
8. Give prospective members ESA brochures and contact information.

In closing, Sandy Alexander thanked the VSC for their hospitality.

2012 VSC Summer Meeting update:

Beth announced that the 2012 VSC Summer Meeting will be held at Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond at 1pm on Saturday, June 23, 2012. Credentials will begin at 12:30pm. The Executive Board meeting will be at 11:30am.

Recognition:

Ginger welcomed Lisa Files. She was able to join us today with her daughter, Denise.

New Business:

- ◆ Proposed bylaw changes
4 proposed bylaw changes were brought before the membership. Each proposed bylaw change comes from the Executive Board, therefore needs no second. Ginger 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 bylaw changes are on file.

- ◆ SERC states to host 2015 IC Convention
Ennis Karns contacted Ginger via email and requested VSC participation with the 2015 IC Convention, being held in Orlando, FL. We will need more information before we can make an informed decision. Beth Sherron will request additional information from Ennis and provide that to each VSC chapter. Beth made a motion to table discussion and voting until the summer VSC General Board Meeting. Sue Stone seconded the motion. Ginger brought the vote to the floor and the motion was carried.

The 2nd General Assembly was recessed at 1:00 P.M.

Third General Assembly

Call to Order:

The 3rd General Assembly was called to order on Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 9:13am by Ginger Hodges.

Invocation:

Mildred Edwards gave the invocation.

Introductions:

Ginger introduced the head table, which included the previous and current Executive Board members as well as our IC Representative, Sandy.

Registration Report:

Millie Simmons presented the convention registration report.

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| Women | 76 | Mixer | 93 |
| Men | 16 | Luncheon | 81 |
| Guests | 4 | Banquet | 91 |
| DESAs | 0 | Brunch | 74 |
| MALs | 2 | Total | 96 |

Hotel Recognition:

Betty Allen asked the members to recognize the wonderful job done by the staff of the hotel and food service.

Awards:

Awards Chair Doris Hood took over the awards portion of the meeting. A list of the winners is on file.

History Presentation:

Beth Sherron introduced Elaine Prillaman, who presented Ginger with her History.

Special Presentation:

Sandy Alexander recognized the following members with “Because of your Efforts” certificates from the International Council and IC President, Rose Pasillas:

- Carol Campbell - Outstanding Service to ESA
- Lynne Rightmyer - Supporting the VSC President
- Lisa Hale - Supporting the VSC President
- Betty Allen - Congratulations on a wonderful Convention
- Debbie Frazier - Congratulations on a wonderful Convention

PPAs (Sue Stone accepted this on behalf of all the PPAs) – Outstanding mentorship and leadership.

Gift to IC Representative:

Ginger presented Sandy Alexander with a gift on behalf of the VSC.

Gifts to Convention Co-Chairs:

Ginger presented Betty Allen and Debbie Frazier with gifts in recognition of their hard work in organizing our VSC Convention. Millie Simmons (on behalf of Alpha Chi) presented Betty and Debbie with bouquets of yellow roses in thanks for all their hard work.

Dismissal of Appointments:

Ginger dismissed all appointments for the 2011-2012 sorority year, with the exception of the 2013 IC Convention Committee, the Audit Committee and the Committee to Approve the Minutes of Convention. These committees will be dismissed at a later date.

Closing Message:

Ginger started with a reading from 1 Corinthians 13. Ginger shared many of the journey's she experienced while she was the VSC President. Ginger also shared some of the good works the VSC accomplished this year. Ginger added 2 new committees to the VSC – Hope for Hero's and the New Member Task Force.

It is now time to dock our sailboat, but we will never lose the wind from our sails. She left us with an inspirational thought: Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve; your subject and verb don't have to agree to serve; you don't have to know the 2nd theory in Physics to serve; you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.

Presentation of the Gavel:

Ginger presented the gavel to Beth Sherron, VSC President for 2012-2013.

Raising and Lowering of Gavels:

Shelby Hodges lowered Ginger's gavel and Sue Danielson raised Beth's gavel.

2012-2013 President's Acceptance:

Beth thanked the VSC for their support and encouragement, Sue Danielson for serving with her on the board this year, Sandy & Sue for the beautiful installation ceremony and Ginger for her grace and fabulousness!

The talent and enthusiasm on the board this year is really exciting and will hopefully be the catalyst of great things to come. Beth's theme this year is ESA Memories – A Patchwork of Love and Laughter. Her goal is to increase membership. We will also be celebrating our 40th year partnership with St. Jude. We need to get the word out about our great organization. We will also have a little celebration at the summer meeting to kick this off.

In closing, Beth shared that she is looking forward to making a patchwork of memories with everyone this year.

Announcements/Dates to Remember:

- The VSC Summer Meeting will be held at 1pm on June 23, 2012 in Richmond at the Monument Heights Baptist Church. The Executive Board meeting will be at 11:30am. Credentials will begin at 12:30pm. The PPA meeting will be after the General Board meeting.
- IC Convention will be July 15-22, 2012 in Norman, OK
- VSC Leadership will be October 6, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Manassas, VA
- VSC Fall General Board Meeting will be October 7, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Manassas, VA
- SERC Conference will be November 1-3, 2012 in Memphis, TN
- 2013 VSC Spring General Board Meeting will be March 16, 2013 in Richmond, VA

- 2013 VSC Convention will be May 11 & 12, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Richmond, VA
- 2013 IC Convention will be July 15-21, 2013 in Norfolk, VA
- A Get Well card is being passed around for Dot Brown.
- There will be a Budget meeting after the close of Convention.

2012-2013 Appointed Board:

Beth introduced her Appointed Board for the coming year

Association of the Arts: Millie Simmons

Awards Director: Sue Foy

Chaplain: Beverley Wright

St. Jude Coordinator: Brenda Orebaugh

Convention Co-Chairs: Nicole Lewis and Pam Cook

Easter Seals: Anna Black

Educational Director: Sue Stone

Foundation Director: Diane McLane

Finance Director: Susie Garland (Nicole Lewis & Lynn Keffer)

Historian: Shelby Hodges

News Bulletin: Sandy Reed

Philanthropic: Flora Bums

Publicity Director: Ramona Fulwider

Scrapbook: Theresa Morris

SERC: Nancy Reece

Social Director: Gaynell Krista

State Projects Director: Judy Williams

Workshop Coordinator: Marie LaDuke

Audit Committee: Sheen Childress and Faye Campbell

Budget Committee: Kathy Gibbons, Ginger Hodges, Kristine Williamson and Beth Sherron

Credentials Committee: Jane Harris, Betty Cason and Jackie Nash

Nominating Committee: Carol Campbell

Webmaster: Gil Hodges

Hope for Heroes Coordinator: Lisa Hale

Induction into the PPAs:

PPA President Sue Stone inducted Ginger "the Fledgling Bird" Hodges into the Past Presidents Auxiliary "Flock".

Retirement of Flags:

Sandy Alexander conducted the Retirement of the Flags ceremony.

Adjournment/Closing Ritual:

Since there was no further business to come before the assembly, Beth declared the 59th Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International adjourned at 11:19am, with all joining hands for the Closing Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith

VSC Recording Secretary, 2011-2012

Submitted for approval on 6/15/12 to the Minutes Approval Committee:

Shelby Hodges – approved as corrected 6/18/12

Ginger Hodges – approved 6/18/12

Brenda Orebaugh - approved as corrected 6/19/12