



CULTIVATE

*VSC President's Newsletter
May 2020*

Cultivate – verb

- **To promote or improve the growth of by labor and attention**
- **To develop or improve by education or training; train; refine**
- **To promote the growth or development of; foster**
- **To devote oneself to**
- **To seek to promote or foster**

Each of these definitions embody what we do for ESA. Let's cultivate new members this year. Let's cultivate more education about ESA to our friends, families and communities (talk it up!). Let's inspire leadership and service by bringing good people together to pursue programs and projects that make a positive difference.

President's Report—Lou Ann Wyer

I want to get a few bits of information out to you from IC. Some of you may have already heard this in other sessions, but many have not, so I want to keep everyone informed.

I hope everyone is managing to stay busy and sane, if you are one that is staying at home. If you are an essential worker, I say "thank you" for all you are doing! We are proud of the contributions that you bring to our community every day.

For our VSC mothers, may God bless you for all you give to your families, near and far. You will forever know the true meaning of love. You have felt it and lived it, and you are so much more because of it. May your ears continue to really listen, your arms continue to hug and hold, and your love never end.

While the pandemic keeps us in a very fluid environment, please be aware that changes may be necessary for each of us to stay safe while following recommendations from our federal and state leaders. Please follow emails from our ESA sisters and brothers so we all can stay up to date on any changes to VSC convention, IC convention and correspondences from our members. Please post articles and pictures of interest to the VSC Facebook page to stay connected.

IC Convention status

Are you wondering the status of the IC Convention in Grapevine, TX? Per Terri, in the next few weeks, the IC Executive Board, the Convention Chairs, the Hotel Contracts Chair, ESA Headquarters, and the Convention Hotel have a planned meeting to determine the state of things. Since each day brings change, we remain hopeful that COVID-19 is soon under control. Being realistic, we continue to pray that an answer is soon found.

IC Voting

IC will be moving to an electronic voting system for the candidates running for office. Everyone will have a vote! A “cheat sheet” of Instructions will be provided in the email with your ballot. Election Runner, the software, allows adding information about each candidate so IC is working on attaching a short video for each candidate.

Don't forget to caucus with your chapter members if you don't know the candidates or if you want to know more about them. I have attached a file with the candidate's bios for you to review.

I will supply to Terri Olson, IC President, the current email address on file for each VSC member in order for you to receive your ballot.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

1. There are no proxy ballots. Every eligible voter **MUST** complete their own ballot.
2. Ballots are emailed on **Wednesday, July 1, 2020** and are available for one week, closing on **Wednesday, July 8, 2020** at midnight Mountain time.
3. If you do not receive your ballot on July 1, 2020: a. First, check your Spam folder.
b. Second, **email Charlotte charlottec@epsilonsigmaalpha.org or Mackeigan at mackeiganw@epsilonsigmaalpha.org** for a backup link to the election.
4. Some members will receive more than one voting ballot via email (see example 4a and 4b below). It is important to vote on **each** ballot you currently carry. Once the vote is submitted, it **CANNOT** be changed.

Example:

a. I receive a ballot that reads: Terri Olson (because I am an International Council member in good standing with a current email address). This is my **personal** ballot.

b. I receive another ballot that reads: State of Minnesota Z924 (because I am the incoming State President for Minnesota – *not really, sample only*) This is my **State** ballot.

5. When you receive the email containing the link to your ballot, it also contains a voter ID and voter Key. You may not be required to enter those credentials to get into your ballot. This information is only required if you do not use the unique link in the email to access the ballot.

Years of Service & Jewel Pin Ceremony at IC

See attached form to send to Julene if you will be in attendance to receive your years of service pins.



2020 IC Convention –Grapevine, Texas
Years of Service Ceremony & Jewel Pin Ceremony

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of years for Service Recognition (Please Circle)

25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65

Over 65 years _____ (enter the number of years) ***

*** Those celebrating 50 years or more will be recognized at the Banquet Saturday Night.

Recipients must be in attendance at the
International Convention to be recognized.

Please do not bring or mail service pins.

*****JEWEL PIN--SPECIAL RECOGNITION!!!!*****

IF you are a new pledge that will be attending IC Convention and will be eligible to
receive your jewel pin by that time, please sign up to be recognized in a special

ceremony. PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX

Please return this form to:

Julene Donnay, IC Corresponding Secretary
17763 Oakland Drive NE, Ham Lake MN 55304

julenedonnay@icf.com 612-805-9098

Please return by June 15, 2020



*“God could not
be everywhere, and
therefore he made
mothers.”*

- RUDYARD KIPLING

