

Virginia State Council, ESA
General Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 13, 2021

VSC President, Brenda Bowersox, called the ZOOM format meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

The Opening Ritual was repeated by all in attendance.

Chaplain's Message – Susan Caldwell

Susan shared the following quote in view of the struggles we have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic and Brenda's theme, "We Rise by Lifting Others"...
"Rise Up, Start Fresh, See the Bring Opportunity in Each New Day"

Welcome – Brenda Bowersox

Brenda welcomed all online participants and asked that everyone stay muted, unless speaking. Participants were requested to raise their hand or type their question into the chat box if they needed to speak. Hopefully, meeting capacity restrictions will be lifted or raised so we can have an in-person VSC Convention in May.

Guest Speaker – Mark Casper, Tech for Troops

Mark was introduced by Marie LaDuke. Mark is the President and Executive Director of Tech for Troops (T4T). T4T is the fastest growing veterans' organization bridging the digital divide for active duty transitioning military, homeless and impoverished veterans and their families in the USA. T4T a non-partisan 501c-3 non-profit corporation that provides veterans with skills, computers and IT workforce training. Though located in Richmond they have a global reach. Their efforts not only support the military but keep electronics out of the landfills through responsible recycling. All were encouraged to contact their website (<https://techfortroops.org/>) to learn more about exactly what type of equipment they are looking for. Marie will attempt to coordinate a pickup of equipment, chapters want to donate, prior to or at the VSC Convention, if we can meet in-person.

Roll Call/Credentials – Beth Sherron for Theresa Morris

Chapters Represented Online – 15
Officers Present Online - 8
Members Present Online (not counting officers) – 27
Total Present Online – 35

Quorum -Brenda Bowersox

According to VSC Bylaws, a quorum shall consist of representatives from five (5) Virginia chapters and one (1) officer. There being a quorum present, all business voted upon shall constitute effective action.

Rules of the Meeting – Brenda Bowersox

The rules of the meeting are part of the Standing Rules and as such do not need to be read at each meeting.

First time VSC Meeting attendee, Roxie Leonard, Delta Rho, was recognized with hopes of meeting in-person in the near future.

Report of Minutes Approval for 2020 VSC Fall Meeting/Mini Convention

Minutes of the meeting were approved as published. This committee (Bev Scott/Sandy Reed) was dismissed.

Minutes Approval for 2021 VSC Spring Meeting

The appointed committee to approve the minutes of this meeting are Debbie Langfitt, Delta Rho, and Suzanne Smith, Delta Sigma.

Correspondence – Bev Scott

- Received from Robin Bussey, IC 1st VP/President Elected ... IC Elected Officer Ballot – the official ballot will be presented at the IC Convention, July 30, 2021 in Louisville, KY. Below are the names of the candidates/offices – Brenda will send out the listing with their credentials in her next newsletter.

President – Robin Bussey, South Carolina

1st VP/President Elect – Denise Holdaway, Arkansas

2nd VP – Brenda Meyers, Ohio

Recording Secretary – Linda Schmidt, Kansas and Malinda Remington, Florida

Corresponding Secretary – Tammy Gregg, South Carolina

Treasurer – Lynda Edwards, Alabama and Jaycee Peak, Indiana

Parliamentarian – Mary Humphrey, Colorado

Workshop Coordinator – Gail Marchant, Georgia and Celeste Webb, Illinois

- IC Bylaws – proposed change – Section 2. Voting (proposed to read)
“Candidates shall be elected according to a preferential electronic voting system, approved by the Executive Board, by vote at the annual meeting. A ballot containing the names of the nominees shall be distributed via email before the date of the annual election. Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices with the exception of President. “Notice of Intent to Nominate” for all offices, with the exception of President from the floor, shall be submitted in writing to the First Vice President, 60 days prior to the annual election. Candidates so nominated must conform to provisions of Article V. Nominations for each office shall not exceed five. Voting shall begin after the close of the First General Assembly.”

Brenda will include this proposed change and the IC candidates/qualifications in her next newsletter as well. Voting at the upcoming IC Convention will be handled manually as in the past.

Financial Statement – Beth Sherron (full report attached)

	<u>Checking Account</u>	
Balance Forwarded 9/10/2020		\$1,977.51
Deposits		\$1,650.00
Disbursements		\$ 241.44
Ending Balance 3/13/2021		\$3,386.07

	<u>Savings Account</u>	
Balance Forwarded 9/10/20		\$4,828.77
Deposits		\$ 0.24
Disbursements		\$ 0.00
Ending Balance 3/13/2021		\$4,829.01

Report will be filed for audit.

Reports of Elected Officers

1st Vice President – Diane McLane

Diane attended the Zoom (virtual) IC Leadership conference. The theme was “Making Lemonade out of Lemons”. There were presentations and breakout groups resulting in a lot of fun and new things to learn. Diane will go into more detail in the next Lamplighter.

Diane thanked everyone for the cards and prayers she received as a result of the many medical issues she has had to deal with in the past few months. As a result, she has made the decision to step aside as VSC President for 2021-22 to improve her health. She appreciates everyone’s support as this was a very difficult decision. Mindy Boyd will be moving up to the VSC President position.

2nd VP/Membership Director – Mindy Boyd

Headquarters implemented a new computer application which has resulted in chapter rosters being skewed with missing members, transfers, etc. Mindy has already contacted several chapter presidents questioning the latest printout of members and requested that each chapter treasurer review their current roster. Mindy reminded everyone that they will need to change their password on the new IC application (if they haven’t already done so). There are a lot of new options and programs on the IC website. Currently Virginia is showing 17 chapters and 104 members. Thanks to Beta Kappa for their one new member and one reinstatement.

IC is sponsoring a Bingo night demonstration for membership on Friday, March 26. The registration deadline has passed but those interested can call Headquarters or go online to request a registration.

Recording Secretary – Beverley Wright

No report.

Corresponding Secretary – Bev Scott

No report.

Treasurer – Beth Sherron

Beth congratulated Priscilla Browning, Alpha Omega, and asked that she please let her know who she wishes to gift the ESA Foundation Life Membership to, so that those funds can be paid out of the treasury.

Parliamentarian – Brenda Orebaugh

A proposed change to VSC bylaw Article XII, Section 2.p. and 3.h. will be included in the electronic chapter folder coming from President, Brenda Bowersox. This will be voted on at the May meeting.

Jr. Past President – Lou Ann Wyer

A total of \$580 has been submitted to the IC Disaster Fund through March 6, 2021. This represents 4 chapter and 4 personal donations. All chapters are encouraged to contribute prior to April 15th.

President – Brenda Bowersox

One of the best things about being state president are the visitations to chapter functions. Unfortunately, that has not been possible this year. Thanks to all who have attended the 2 virtual Zoom meetings in November and January.

The IC representative to our convention will be Linda Schmitt, IC Corresponding Secretary. At this time, we do not know who will be the representative from SERC.

An electronic chapter folder, in PDF form, will be created and sent to the membership. Deadline for information is by end of day on Tuesday, March 16.

It was a difficult decision for Diane to make to step down and also a difficult one for Mindy to step forward a year. I challenge the membership to also step up and help Mindy fill a spot on her board.

Reports of General Board

Association of the Arts – Pricilla Browning

Encouraging all to put their talents to good use and get your creative juices flowing. All entries are to be brought to convention with the exception of Literature, which must be mailed by April 15. The entry form can be found on the ESA-VA website.

Awards Director – Lynne Rightmyer

Reminder to forward the winners of each award to Lynne as soon as each has been determined. Suzanne Smith is in possession of the green roses, which are awarded to the 1st place winners. Lynne will work out the presentation, and any assistance needed, once we can confirm whether the convention will be in person or virtual.

VSC Chaplain – Susan Caldwell

During these difficult times Susan hopes we are all exhibiting patience, positivity, and generosity. Some examples she has gleaned from emails and calls: providing rides to meetings and events, homeschooling children and grandchildren during virtual school, providing childcare while parents work, showing appreciation to those who are helping us, saluting and supporting all frontline personnel. May we embrace this quotation, “The essence of living is giving”.

VSC Convention 2021 – Sandy Reed for Doris Hood

As of March 8, 2021, the 10 or less limit on group gatherings remains in effect. Bonnie Martin, GM of the hotel, hopes to have some firm guidance by March 22. Doris will contact Bonnie and then update President, Brenda B.

Disaster Fund – Lou Ann Wyer

Refer to information under Jr. Past President’s report.

Easter Seals – Lynn Keffer/Susie Garland

The campaign on behalf of Camp Easter Seals Virginia is over and donations in the amount of \$475 were given to Alex Barge, Camp Director; seven (7) chapters contributed. Though we fell short of our goal, thanks to all who contributed. The deadline for entry in the Fran Lanning Easter Seals Award is March 31 and the form can be found on the ESA-VA website.

Educational Director – Sandy Reed

Only one chapter has submitted educational reports to Sandy. The deadline for all reports is April 15 and can be emailed to Sandy at reedsr2@gmail.com or send via U.S. mail to 22 Dayton Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

ESA Foundation – Sue Foy

The work of the ESA Foundation has continued through these difficult times; applications for scholarships are coming in and the foundation has held Zoom meetings and will continue to do so in the future. An ESA Foundation Zoom Workshop is planned for March 16, 2022 and registration is underway for the “Totally Rad 80s Gone Bad Murder Mystery” event taking place on April 17, 2021. Reservations can be made online at <https://esa-foundation-event.square.site/>. The ESA Foundation meeting will be held on July 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. EST, and will be a virtual format.

There is a new “Member Suites” database at Headquarters. Click on “My Account” to enter “Member Suites”. From there you can pay dues, donate to the foundation, and other business. The new database foundation reports begin with January 2021 so any donations, other than dues, are not visible. Thanks to the 14 members and 8 chapters who have paid their dues for this year. Continue to encourage members and chapters to join the foundation.

ESA for St. Jude – Carol Campbell

I am delighted to announce that COVID-19 has not stopped some of our great fundraisers such as the dream homes and Country Cares radiothons. Virginia has three (3) dream homes in progress – Hampton Roads, Richmond, and Central Virginia. Although we can't work the radiothons in person, we can donate and encourage business and friends to donate as well. I have participated in one Zoom meeting with ESA for St. Jude at headquarters and have had no contact with the ALSAC representative for over a year.

Remember to send donations directly to ESA for St. Jude at headquarters in Ft. Collins, CO and let me know what you have contributed so I can ensure it appears on the monthly printout.

Carol recognized Stephanie Hess, Zeta Nu, and her friend for participating in the St. Jude marathon in December 2020.

Finance – Lou Ann Wyer for Jessica Udan

There is nothing to report at this time.

Historian – Brenda B. for Stephanie Hess

Reminder that the form for History Award is on ESA-VA website.

Hope for Heroes – Ginny Hatchell

Ginny thanked Marie for arranging the presentation by Mark Casper of Tech for Troops this morning. She has received information of chapters participating in Troopons, Wreaths Across America, Welcome Home Program, and recently Beta Kappa has started supporting four female veterans at the Vet House in Virginia Beach; continue to support our military.

Philanthropic – Marie LaDuke

Thanks to the chapters who have submitted philanthropic reporting form and reminder that the deadline is April 15. The Philanthropic Reporting Form is on the ESA-VA website.

Marie had planned to collect any electronics chapters might have to contribute to T4T at this meeting, had it been in person; however, she will make some plans to arrange for a collection in the future. In the meantime, check out the T4T website, <https://techfortroops.org/> to view of listing of what they will and will not accept and as you gather items for donation, be sure to tag them with your chapter name so your chapter will get credit for the donation. Let Marie know if you have anything to donate.

Photobook Keeper – Bev Scott

Bev will be creating a photo book (similar to Shutterfly) for Brenda B. and asks that each chapter send her pictures to be included. Remember to identify who is in the photo and the chapter name/event. Bev has 'borrowed' some photos from Facebook so please send her current photos you would like to have included.

Social – Bev Scott for Jane Parrish

Due to having an older computer, please submit the social reports via U.S. mail to Jane at 308 Ridge Avenue, Winchester, VA 22601. Also, due to delays by the post office, be sure they are postmarked on or before April 15 and mail early.

State Project – Judy Williams

Thanks to the chapters who have submitted donations. The deadline for the awards form is April 15 and it can be found on the ESA-VA website. Raffle tickets are still available at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and sales will be open until convention. Send money to Judy and she will send tickets to you via U.S. mail. One or two quilts will be given away at convention depending on ticket sales.

VSC Website – Lou Ann Wyer

Thanked Rusty Udan for all his hard work on creating the new website. Send any forms, etc. to be added to the website to Lou Ann, also any photos of chapters involved in service projects so all are represented. If anyone encounters any problems or has questions, please let Lou Ann know.

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

1. Finances – the VSC treasury is in good financial health, even though we have been unable to have our regular “Lucky Numbers” Ways and Means events at each meeting. Even with anticipated expenses over the Spring/Summer, we remain solvent and will be able to meet our obligations this fiscal year so at this time, no additional monies are being requested.
2. Beta Sigma is hosting a trivia night by Zoom on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The information is on the ESA-VA website under Dates to Remember. The deadline for registration was March 11 but contact Marie LaDuke, marieladuke@comcast.net if you want to participate. This project will benefit ASK and Special Love.
3. Beth Sherron asked that we participate in celebrating the 102nd birthday of a friend's patient by sending a card to: Birthday Girl, C/O Hospice of Virginia, 2235 Staples Mill Rd., Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23230. Please send by April 1.

Announcements

1. Second half VSC membership dues must be mailed on or before April 1.
2. Articles for the President's newsletter are due to Brenda B. by April 1.
3. Articles for the Lamplighter are due to Sheen Childress by April 15.
4. All Awards/Association of the Arts forms are to be postmarked by April 15.

Suzanne took screen shots of those in attendance.

There being no additional business to be brought before the council, this meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

The Closing Ritual was repeated by all in attendance.

Beverley M. Wright
VSC Recording Secretary 2020-21

Responses from Minutes Approval Committee:

Suzanne Smith – March 20, 2021
Debbie Langfitt – April 3, 2021

**ESA International - Virginia State Council
Financial Report
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Checking Account

Balance Forwarded	9/10/2020		<u><u>\$1,977.51</u></u>
Deposits:			
2	9/28/2020	Dues - Beta Sigma Chapter	\$110.00
		Dues - Alpha Nu Chapter (Full Year)	\$198.00
		Dues - Beta Kappa Chapter	\$187.00
		Dues - Zeta Nu Chapter (Full Year)	\$110.00
		Due - Delta Sigma Chapter	\$44.00
		Dues - Alpha Delta Chapter	\$22.00
			\$671.00
3	9/28/2020	Foundation 2 tickets Lou Ann Wyer	\$20.00
		Foundation 2 tickets Beth Sherron	\$20.00
			\$40.00
4	10/2/2020	Dues - Beta Omicron	\$33.00
		Dues - Beta Tau	\$33.00
		Dues - Delta Rho	\$110.00
		Dues - Alpha Chi (Full Year)	\$154.00
			\$330.00
5	10/2/2020	Foundation 1 ticket Ginny Brunelle	\$10.00
			\$10.00
6	10/20/2020	Dues - Alpha Omega	\$121.00
		Dues - Sigma Chi	\$66.00
			\$187.00
7	10/20/2020	Foundation 1 ticket Susan Caldwell	\$10.00
		Foundation 2 tickets Elaine Prillaman	\$20.00
			\$30.00
8	10/30/2020	Foundation 2 tickets Suzanne Smith	\$20.00
		Foundation 3 tickets Beverley Wright	\$30.00
		Foundation 2 tickets Sue Foy	\$20.00
		Foundation 2 tickets Brenda Bowersox	\$20.00
		Foundation 5 tickets Priscilla Browning	\$50.00
			\$140.00
9	11/13/2020	Dues - Theta Mu Full Year	\$110.00
			\$110.00
10	12/30/2020	Dues - Alpha Xi Full Year	\$66.00
			\$66.00
11	3/10/2021	Dues - Beta Delta 2nd Half	\$66.00
			\$66.00
Total Deposits:			<u><u>\$1,650.00</u></u>
Total Available:			<u><u>\$3,627.51</u></u>
Disbursements:			
Checks		Purpose	Amount
1266	12/30/2020	ESA IC Dues	\$45.00
1267	1/22/2021	Suzanne Smith - Website Renewal	\$196.44
Total Disbursements:			<u><u>\$241.44</u></u>
Ending Balance	3/10/2021		<u><u>\$3,386.07</u></u>

Savings Account

Balance Forward	9/10/2020		<u><u>\$4,828.77</u></u>
Deposit	9/30/2020	9/30/2020	\$0.12
	12/31/2020	12/31/2020	\$0.12
		Total	<u><u>\$0.24</u></u>
Disbursements		None	
Ending Balance	3/13/2021		<u><u>\$4,829.01</u></u>

Submitted by
Beth Sherron
VSC Treasurer 2020-2021