

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
69th VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL ANNUAL CONVENTION
ROANOKE, VA
“Southern Starts Here”
Saturday, May 21-23, 2022

Convention Minutes

Chapter Presidents’ Workshop were held from 8:00a to 8:45a Presented by Brenda Bowersox, Beverley Wright, Mindy Boyd and Marie LaDuke.

IC Representative Message from Tammy Gregg, IC Corresponding Secretary. Tammy shared how she joined ESA and talked about going out of the box to identify and support new members. She encouraged everyone to attend the IC Convention in July. (Full report on file)

SERC Representative Message from Laura Gnewuch, SERC 2nd Vice President. Laura shared how to pronounced her name, and how to laugh and make the best of most situations. Laura also shared how ESA impacted her life when she joined, and how her ESA Sister helped her become the strong woman she is today.

First General Assembly – at 10:00am, Beverley Wright called the 69th Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council to order and introduced the 2021-2022 President Mindy Boyd. Mindy Boyd then declared the Convention in session. Mindy asked that all cell phones be silenced and voting delegates should have a colored index card for voting purposes.

Flag Ceremony - Tammy Gregg, IC Corresponding Secretary conducted with the theme a Symbol of Heritage.

Mindy thanked Tammy for the inspiring ceremony and asked all members to stay seated to recite the Opening Ritual.

Introduction of Convention Co-Chairman – Mindy thanked Ginger Hodges and Elaine Prillaman, for all their hard work.

Welcome Address - Ginger Hodges introduced the Welcome Speaker, Patricia White-Boyd, Vice Mayor of the City of Roanoke. Patricia is a wife, mother, grandmother, and married for 29 years. Patricia welcomed everyone, spoke on how impressive ESA was, talked about events going on in the area (Including the 2024 USA Cycling Training Team). She then thanked Gaynell for reaching out and asked all to enjoy themselves while intown.

Mindy thanked Patricia for her gracious welcome, asked her to stay for lunch, and gave her a gift.

Chaplain’s Message – Brenda Orebaugh shared Lessons from Life, Beauty Travels from the Face to the Heart.

Mindy replied, thanking Brenda for always providing an uplifting message.

Recognitions – Mindy introduced the Executive Board:

1 st Vice President, president elect	Beverley Wright
2 nd VP	Priscilla Browning
Treasurer	Jenny Brunelle
Corresponding Secretary	Marie LaDuke
Recording Secretary	Theresa Morris
Parliamentarian	Beth Sherron
Jr Past President	Brenda Bowersox

She thanked all for enhancing our Kindred Spirits this year.

Mindy introduced IC representative, Tammy Gregg, the International Corresponding Secretary from South Carolina, and the SERC representative, Laura Gnewuch, SERC's 2nd Vice President from North Carolina.

Mindy then asked the Appointed and General Board to stand, saying if it weren't for these members we could not succeed as we've done.

Mindy asked the Chapter President's please stand, and stated they are the busiest positions in our state and keep our wings moving!

The Guardian Angles, stand by us through thick and thin, our past President's.
Mindy asked them to stand and remind us of your theme the year you were President.

Mindy asked to recognize any MAL's, Elan's or new members. Members attending their first convention: Ruth Claderbuck-Delta Rho, Susie Levenson-Zeta Nu, Sandra Wood-Alpha Nu

Mindy then challenged all to remember how many conventions they had attended. Attending the most, Beverly Wright 45yrs, Doris Hood 47yrs, Sandy Reed 48yrs, and Shelby Hodges 55yrs.

Correspondence – Marie LaDuke read a note from Theta Hall, SERC 1st Vice President Congratulating Mindy for a great year, and with Beverly Wright all the best for her year. She stated, as Mindy's Corresponding Secretary, I compiled and distributed the VSC Yearbook last fall, updated some information and will pass it onto the next Corresponding Secretary. I assisted Mindy whenever needed and traveled with her to events for which she received invitations. It has been a fun year as we returned with caution to a more normal time in our own and ESA lives.

Credentials Report by Sue Danielson

ATTENDANCE		VOTES	
Chapters on Roll	16	Officer Votes	7
Chapters Present	15	Delegates Votes	15
Members Present	38	Proxy Votes	0
Officers Present	8	Total Votes	22
ELAN	0		
MALs	0		
Guests	3 (Lucille McMillan, Tammy Gregg, Laura Gnewuch)		
Total Attendance	49		

A Quorum was declared by Mindy Boyd, per our Bylaws.

Rules of Convention were adopted as printed in the convention booklet, by the Executive Board.

Financial Report was presented by Jenny Brunelle

Balance forwarded	\$2,224.77
Total Deposits	\$1,140.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 391.00
Balance on Hand	\$2,982.77

Savings Account	
Balance forwarded	\$4,829.57
Deposits (interest)	\$.08
Balance on Hand	\$4,829.65

(Full report on file)

2022-23 Proposed Budget as present by Jenny Brunelle. Mindy stated the proposed budget was printed for each of you at the registration table. It was moved to accept the adoption of 2022-23 proposed budget, and the motion carried.

Minutes Approval for the Spring VSC Meeting – LouAnn Wyer state they were approved with Corrections. Mindy dismissed this committee.

Convention Committee Appointment for the minutes of this convention are Pam Cook, Beta Sigma and Doris Hood, Beta Tau.

Timekeeper for this convention is Beth Sherron.

Brenda Bowersox presented the 2023 and 2024 Convention Bids.

2023 VSC Convention Bid

DATE: May 19-21, 2023

LOCATION: The Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg, VA

HOSTS: Alpha Chi and Gamma Pi

THEME: Turning the Pages with ESA

Sue Danielson presented the 2024 Convention Courtesy Bid from the Richmond area.

All convention bids were approved. (Full report on file)

Introduction of 2022-2023 Candidates presented by Beverley Wright

The Candidates were introduced during a skit, themed Sleeping Beauty, and the Dwarfs.

Having no nominations from the floor, and only one name for each position, it was moved and accepted all candidates were elected. Pictures were taken.

The State Project Message was presented by Pam Cook, for Judy Williams. Special Love is resuming all activities this summer and will be hosting events in Northern VA, Tidewater and Maryland. ASK has also resumed many of their in-person programs with the goal of gathering and reconnecting families together for support. ASK had a record-breaking Gala this year and are excited about the possibilities for next year. (Full report on file)

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35. All were asked to clear the room for the Luncheon set-up.

Past Virginia Sate Presidents Luncheon Hosted by Sue Stone & Alpha Nu
Theme: "Southern Starts Here – Welcome to Hospitality, Fun & Friendship"
Welcome was presented by Sue Stone and Pat Holtsclaw.
Sue Stone gave the Invocation
PPA Luncheon food service was a wonderful buffet.

The Installation of 2022-2023 PPA Officers was presented with the stroll.
President: Carol Campbell – Theme: Getting Back Into the Swing of Things in ESA
Vice President: Brenda Bowersox
Secretary/Treasurer: Debbie Langfitt

St Jude Presentation was presented by Crystal Gregory with ALSAC. She talked about the history of St Jude since 1962, share 2 videos, and thank the ESA VSC for all our support over the years. Mindy thanked Crystal and gave her a gift.

Awards and Recognitions presented by Brenda Bowersox.
*** Award winner list on file

Barbara Midkiff Educational, Fran Lanning Easter Seals, Flora Burns ESA for St. Jude, Philanthropic Hours, Philanthropic Monies, State Project, Lisa Files Social Award, Betty Allen History, Nancy Reece Mileage, PA Outstanding Chapter. (Full report on file)

Second General Assembly was called to order by Mindy Boyd at 2:33

Easter Seals Message was presented by Whitney Civets, Camp Director. Whitney said the average age of their clients, range from 8-22. They are in need of arts and crafts costumes. Mindy thanked Whitney and gave her a gift.

Reports on Philanthropic projects for the past year
Easter Seals Report: Lynn Keffer
Chapters Participating: 6
Total Monies: \$1,225.00

ESA for St. Jude Report: Susan Caldwell
Chapters Participating: 13
Total Hours: 798
Total Monies: Report at Banquest

Philanthropic Report: Sue Stone
Chapters Participating: 12
Total Hours: 4,641
Total Miles: 11,244
Value of Miles: \$6,465.30
Value of Donated Goods: \$150,626.61
Total Monies: \$648,473.10

VSC Sate Project Report: Pam Cook Smith
Chapters Participating: 9
Total Hours: 96
Total Monies: \$2,650

Disaster Fund Report: Brenda Bowersox
Chapters Participating: 10
Total Monies: \$1,726

Unfinished Business

Proposed Bylaws Changes was presented by Beth Sherron.

Proposed VSC Bylaws Changes:

Proposed: Remove the part of Article VI,

Election of Officers, Section 3, that reads – “ No member shall succeed herself/himself”.

The motion PASSED

New Business:

Mindy stated: The International Council Slate of Officers was presented to the membership in the spring journal of the Journey and individual copies at registration table yesterday and this morning. We will dispense with presenting again. The executive Board recommended/moves that the voting for these officers be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance to the IC Convention.

The motion PASSED

Announcements were presented.

4:00pm Installation Rehearsal or immediately following Second General Assembly – South Peak Ballroom

Doors for Installation and Banquet South Peak Ballroom open at 5:30pm and close promptly at 6:00pm

5:30 pm Silent Auction items will be displayed

No pictures to be taken during Installation but can be taken following the ceremony

Meeting was Adjourned at 3:03. The assembly was recessed until Sunday morning at 10:15am.

Saturday Night Installation and Banquet Hosted by Bev Scott & Zeta Nu, themed: Magnolias and Moonshine.

Installation of Officers by Lynn Righmyer

President: Beverley Wright

1st Vice President: Priscilla Browning

2nd Vice President: Marie LaDuke

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Orebaugh

Recording Secretary: Katrina Saunders

Treasurer: Stephanie Hess

Parliamentarian: Nicole Lewis

Junior Past President: Mindy Boyd

Welcome by Bev Scott

Invocation by Brenda Orebaugh

Introductions were made by Mindy Boyd and Beverley Wright

Food Service was provided.

Years of Service Awards by Brenda Bowersox

Shelby Hodges was presented her 50 year service award from her family

St Jude Children's Research Hospital presentation of Monies by Susan Caldwell
\$729,575.00 was announced for this year's total monies raised.

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Celebration of Life was presented by Orebaugh, Chaplain

Third General Assembly was called to order by President Mindy Boyd at 10:10

Registration Report given by Gaynell Krista

Women: 45	Luncheon: 50
Men: 9	Banquet: 63
Guests: 14	Brunch: 43
MALs: 0	
TOTAL Registration: 68	

A Breakfast Buffet was served. Hosted by Carol Campbell & Delta Kappa with the theme –
Theme: "Down South Grits, Gravy and Gratitude"

Awards and Recognitions (Continued), presented by Brenda Bowersox.

Membership (Rushing), Members of the Year Recognition, Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter Leadership Award, Pallas Athene, Catherine Gorham Association of the Arts. (Full report on file)

Special Presentations by Mindy Boyd

- ✓ Tammy and Laura were recognized and given gifts.
- ✓ Ginger and Elaine were both recognized given gifts.

Mindy dismissed all appointments for the 2021-22 year, with the exception of the Audit committee and the committee to approve the minutes of Convention.

Closing Message by Mindy Boyd on file

The gavel was presented to Beverley by Mindy

Mindy's Lowering of Gavel was done by Marie LaDuke

Beverley's Raising of Gavel was done by Brenda Orebaugh

2022—2023 President's Acceptance by Beverley Wright

Message on File

Presentation of Executive Board by Beverley Wright

PPA Induction by Carol Campbell

Retirement of Flags by Tammy Gregg

Announcements by Beverley Wright

1. Recognition and a great thank you to the Hotel staff, and all who help make the convention successful.
2. Submit all expense vouchers to Jenny ASAP, if you wish to be reimbursed.

Beverley Wright declared the 69th annual convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International adjourned at 12:15
All stood for the closing ritual.