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President's Corner

VSAP President traveled through the beautiful blue skies to the windy city of Chicago, Illinois to reach the NAP 41st Biennial Convention held at the Westin Hotel. With great expectation and excitement she traveled a day early for the Leadership Conference and two days to register for the NAP Convention.



Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

There were eight delegates representing VSAP, units and club.



Seated: Margie Booker, PRP and Cynthia Mayo, PRP, Standing: Marian Martin, PRP, Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP and Beatrice Squire. Not shown: Martha Rollins, Donald Garrett, PRP and Nancy Parker

Leadership Conference

The Leadership Conference was the only session scheduled for Thursday morning. Can you imagine staying up until 1:30 a.m. to ensure that all materials, manuals, etc. were in the proper places and ready to go in the morning? Here we are testing the computer equipment and making those last minute touches before the class started.



Dr. Cynthia R. Mayo, PRP, Coordinator and Margie R. Booker, PRP, Assistant Coordinator

There were more than 35 attendees at the session. The leadership session began with introductions of the Board of Directors, who were gracious enough to leave their early board meeting to attend the Leadership Conference. They discussed their responsibilities and duties as leaders of NAP.



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2015-2017 NAP Board: Parliamentarian Roger Hanshaw, PRP, Director At Large Ann Rempel, PRP, District Director Representative to the Board Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP, Director At Large Allison Wallis, PRP, Director At Large Darlene Allen, PRP, District Director Representative to the Board Kevin Connelly, PRP, Treasurer Wanda Sims, PRP, Secretary Teresa Stone, PRP, Vice President James Jones, PRP (not shown) NAP President Mary Randolph.

Prior to the Leadership Conference, attendees were given several assignments. However, during the session attendees participated in many interactive group activities on future trends in leadership development, leadership styles, presiding and planning and implementing business practices for associations, units and club.



Leadership Conference attendees

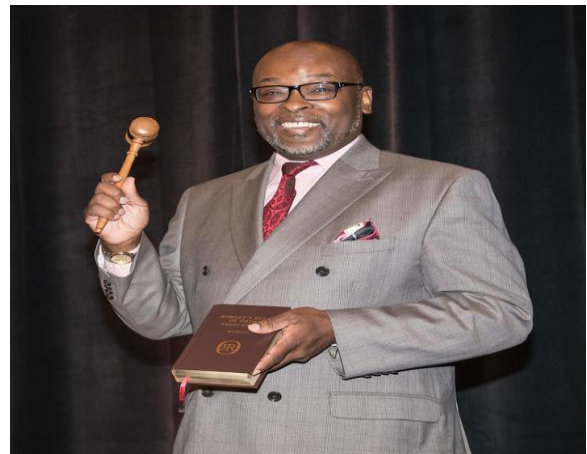


Convention Opening

The Convention Business meeting opened on Saturday with 409 delegates and guests in attendance. President Mary Randolph along with other NAP Board members presented their Biennial reports. It was noted that membership for this year increased by 2% which indicated an upward trend in growth compared to the past several years. The dues will increase slightly after being unchanged for eleven years.

The following officers were elected for the years 2017-2019:

President James N. Jones, PRP
 Vice President Darlene T. Allen, PRP
 Secretary Kevin Connelly, PRP
 Treasurer Wanda Sims, PRP
 Director-at-Large Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP
 Director-at-Large Allison Wallis, PRP
 Director-at-Large Ann Rempel, PRP
 Districts Director Roger Hanshaw, PRP
 Districts Director Larry Martin, PRP.



NAP President James N. Jones, PRP

President Jones expressed that during his tenure, NAP will focus on (1) increasing membership growth, retention and support; (2) increasing support to associations and units; (3) increasing educational materials, and (4) increasing revenue generation.



NAP Past Parliamentarian Thomas J. Balch, PRP and NAP Vice President Darlene T. Allen, PRP



Presenter Donald Garrett, PRP

VSAP was truly elated and proud to have one of our own, Donald Garrett, PRP, to be the only convention presenter to have two workshops. Topics were: “Back to Basics: The 5 Types of Deliberative Assemblies” held on Sunday and then on Monday, he discussed, “Knowledge is (Negotiating) Power.” *What an inspiration!*



Immediate Past President Mary Randolph, PRP and District 2 Director Roger Hanshaw

In addition to having an ad in the Souvenir Journal VSAP also provided a basket for NAP Education Foundation program, titled, “*Virginia is for Lovers*”

In your President’s opinion, voting on the Bylaws Amendments went much smoother and timely than in the 40th Biennial Convention. It is worth noting here that Amendment 8 regarding RP and PRP recertification was postponed indefinitely. Other results will be published by NAP, so there is little need to include them in the Gaveletter.



Gifts included the basket (a map of Virginia); Virginia is for Lovers T-shirt, cap and several magnets, Lance cheese crackers, Uitz pretzels and those famous Virginia peanuts.



Membership News

Thanks to Donald Garrett, PRP, Informational Technology Chairman, VSAP has now launched its website at (<http://www.VirginiaParliamentarians.org>). Please feel free to send your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP has been appointed to the planning committee for our 2018 District 2 Convention.

Repeat: In case you missed the grant process and still want to submit a proposal ...see below:

NOTE: The following units received funding through “Grow Your Own.”
Chesapeake Unit of Parliamentarians
Catherine Wittman Unit
Northern Virginia Marching and Gavel Society Unit (NOVAMAGS)

Units and club are encouraged to submit your proposals for the “Grow Your Own” “Project and/ or “Presiding with Passion” project. The **guidelines** are as follow:

Requests for Proposals (RFP)
**INCREASE MEMBERSHIP IN
NAP/VSAP**

Proposal Objectives:

1. Conduct outreach workshops through units to increase parliamentary knowledge.
2. Expose NAP/VSAP resources to assist in increasing parliamentary knowledge

3. Provide funds to units to conduct community outreach to organizations, youth and others activities.

Funds will be provided to VSAP units and club to conduct outreach workshops for the community and persons seeking **membership and credentialing** status.

Each unit and club will be required to provide the following information to seek funds up to \$350.00.

Each unit and club will submit a plan detailing how funds will be used to conduct community outreach and increase membership.

The details of the plan should address the following outline:

- Objectives
- Date and Place of Workshop
- Program Outline
- Evaluation
- Budget

Provide a summary before April 15, 2018, of the project or program, including dates, time, and number attending.

(Units and the Parliamentary Law Club may submit proposals by email to:

Margie R. Booker, PRP
VSAP President
mrasbooker@aol.com

If the request is a continuation grant proposal using the same objectives as the prior year and program outline unchanged, submit a brief letter indicating this. State the total budget amount requested, which may or may not change.

Units and Club News

Congratulation!

Northern Virginia Marching and Gavel Society Unit (NOVAMAGS)

You may recall that Donald Garrett, PRP, reported at the VSAP Convention that he was working with FBLA students. The parliamentary procedure team received 9th place in the Virginia National Awards competitions during the 2017 State Leadership Conference.



Donald Garrett. PRP

Announcements

SAVE the Dates

VSAP Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2017

11 am – 1 pm

Oliver Garden

4467 S. Laburnum Ave

Henrico, VA 23231

(804) 226-0973

61st Annual Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians Convention

May 5-6, 2018

Marriott Hotel

740 Town center Drive

Newport News, Virginia

757 873-9299

NAP Leadership Conference

Thursday, September 7-9.2018

Hyatt Regency Buffalo

Buffalo, New York

NAP 42nd Biennial Convention

Thursday, September 5-8, 2019

Westgate Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nevada

