

**61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians**  
 Newport News, Virginia  
 May 5 – 6, 2018  
**Program Evaluation - Summary**

	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Workshops</b>					
<i>Tune in or Lose Out</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Beyond the Ranking 13</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>How to Develop and Present*</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>The Best PowerPoint Ever*</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>RONR: It's in the Book – Where to Find It</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Teaching Parliamentary Procedure Hiding Veggies in Food</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Meeting facilities</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Length of Conference</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Room Accommodations</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Quality of Food</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Overall weekend experience</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

*\* Note: The “How to Develop and Present” and “The Best PowerPoint Ever” was one combined workshop. The evaluation results reflect responses for each component as listed on the evaluation versus a true evaluation of the workshop as presented.*

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**Suggestions for future workshops:**

- Tell us upfront how we will get presentation info, be consistent, provide handouts for each one, for instance.
- No suggestions at this time.
- Deal /more substantive issues: difficult motions or bring back motions.
- Conduct workshops and living facilitation at hotel with accessibility for handicapped member.
- Make all workshops interactive! Great participation from attendees.
- A study workshop for people who are interested in taking the RPR or the PRP test.
- Sticky situations which have one or more solutions. Workshops on specific motions: for example, previous question, amend.
- Great fire alarm system.
- Bylaws, Parliamentarian's roles, Committees.
- Location issues: conference room – little cold. Conference hallway – cold.
- More info re: preparing for RP and PRP exams.
- Provide the seminar schedule in advance.

**Overall weekend experience:**

- Fire alarms: be more clear what room we are in (people got lost/in wrong room Saturday morning)
- Found workshops to be a nice variety – change of pace with presenters not the same as each year in past. Need variety/can also do co-presenters.
- Obtain tips that can be useful when presenting Parlipro lesson.
- Meeting space too far from hotel.
- Informative, new and refreshed information.
- A wonderful time.
- Really enjoyed everything. Learned a lot of information and having the opportunity to meet people.
- “Tune in or Lose Out” – excellent – more time would have been great.
- “Beyond the Ranking 13” – loved the exercise
- “RONR: It's in the Book – Where to Find It” – Although a repeat, info still fresh.
- Excellent!!
- Presenters all super.
- Great convention.
- Full agenda and relevant info.
- This was a wonderful, educational, experience.

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***Additional comments and/or suggestions:***

- My favorite workshops were “Beyond the Ranking 13” and “Teaching Parliamentary Procedure...” but they all went well together. Good job planning team!
- This was a great group – we had fun.
- A preliminary outline of convention time schedule would have been helpful prior to convention – all I knew was that check-in at registration started at 8 am for VSAP.
- Send schedule out in advance. Maybe have items available for purchase.
- Consider changing to biennial convention – expense and effort not worth it for 28 people.
- Wanted all workshops to be related to RONR motions especially the more difficult ones and other items in RONR.
- I appreciate the privacy of our meeting rooms w/other group in the hotel. A far walk for some senior members.
- Can’t wait for the next one
- The credentials chair was not present for initial registration and was tardy later. Would have been great if the registration chair and credentials chair were better coordinated.
- The entertainment was outstanding. Loved the diverse music, and warmth and engaging spirit/personality of the singers.
- Although not within control of VSAP, it would have been appreciated and less stressful if the hotel had made an announcement the night of May 5 concerning the fire alarm and action needed, if any.
- The room size was ideal – lots of space to move between aisle and sufficient spaces between chairs (seats) were more than adequate.
- I am so glad that I attended this conference. I learned a lot and met and got to know better, more people.
- Really good to not have workshops overlapping.
- Very well-organized conference.
- This was my first time attending and I enjoyed the knowledge I gained while at the conference.
- Great conference.
- Outstanding conference
- Thanks so much for everything.