

# The Virginia Gavelletter

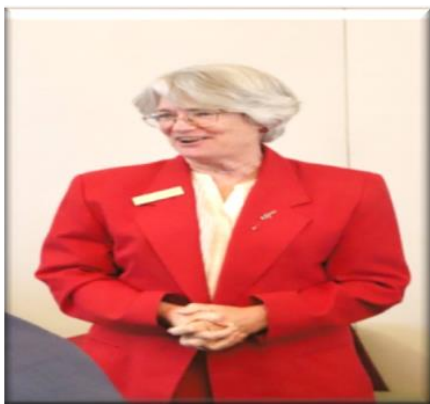
## President's Corner

Dear Members:

Your President wishes to thank VSAP members who participated in the 61st Annual Convention held at the Newport News Marriott at Center City, in Newport News, Virginia.



The convention was hosted by the Virginia Peninsula Unit lead by President Yulanda Humphreys, Convention Coordinator and President of the Virginia Peninsula Unit. She gracefully welcomed everyone.



Yulanda Humphreys, Convention Coordinator and President Virginia Peninsula Unit of Parliamentarians

The Unit did a fantastic job which began with an organized and affable registration on

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May 4, 2018. The Honorable Tina Vick, Vice Mayor for the City of Newport News welcomed the association on behalf of the City Council and citizens of Newport News. During the Saturday morning session, greetings were also extended by Darlene T. Allen, PRP, Vice President of the National Association of Parliamentarians. Your President welcomed the twenty-eight attendees which included eight first-timers.

## First Business Meeting

The President had the opportunity to introduce the 2017-2019 elected and appointed officers to the convention. She thanked the officers for their hard work and dedicated support during the year.



Left to Right: First Row. Cora Salzberg, PhD, PRP, Secretary, Beatrice Squire, 2nd Vice President, Margie Booker, PRP, President, Cynthia Mayo, PhD, PRP, Treasurer and Immediate Past President, Second Row: Rhiannon Liker, Historian, Donald Garrett, PRP, Corresponding Secretary and Technology Chair, Lynda Baer, PRP, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Darlene Allen, PRP, Vice President, National Association of Parliamentarians.

The President expressed her sincere thanks to Ray Duke, PRP-R for volunteering to serve as convention parliamentarian in the absence of VSAP Parliamentarian Mary Loose DeViney, PRP.



Raymond Duke, PRP-R, VSAP Past President, Virginia Peninsula Unit of Parliamentarians

The roll call was done by the Units and Club displaying creative flags representing their brands. Is your unit shown below? Why not design and give your unit a unique brand?

CATHERINE WITTMAN UNIT  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA



PARLIAMENTARIANS



Northern Virginia Marching and Gavel Society Unit

NOVAMASS



Fredericksburg Parliamentary Club



Parliamentary Rule Club

Robert's Rules of Order

Richmond, Virginia



VSAP added color to its brand. In fact, three flags were made to represent parliamentary procedure leadership in Virginia.



VSAP flags were presented by 1st Vice President Lynda Bear, PRP, President Margie Booker, PRP and 2nd Vice President Beatrice Squire

VSAP said its last goodbye to LaVonne Parker Ellis, 2nd Vice President of VSAP, with a memorial service led by Gladys W. Jordan. A choral concert by The Virginia Voices was the highlight of the banquet. They were excellent entertainers.



## Convention Workshops

**Theme: Parliamentary Procedure: Best Practices** - Workshops were both engaging and interactive and most of all educational.

*"Tune in or Lose Out"* was the first workshop which was related to the four communication skills. Beatrice Squire, 2nd Vice President, reminded us that listening is paramount to learning.



Beatrice Squire, 2nd Vice President, VSAP and President, Northern VA Marching and Gavel Society Unit.

*“RONR: It’s in the Book – Where to Find It,”* A look up session, which suggested that parliamentarians must spend time learning the outline of *RONR*. The index may not be the best source in quickly locating information.



Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP, Bylaws Committee Chair, VSAP Past President, Chesapeake Unit of Parliamentarians



*“Beyond the Ranking 13”*, facilitated by Cynthia Mayo, PhD, PRP, focused on incidental motions and motions that bring a question again before the assembly. Members were very active participants as shown in the next column.



Cynthia Mayo, PhD, PRP, Treasurer and VSAP Immediate Past President, M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians



Angela Wilson, Karen Clemons, and Angela Lewis, all from Fredericksburg Parliamentary Unit, Muriel Laliberte, President Catherine Whittman Unit, and Valarie Jones, Esq., PRP, Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond, VA.



Martha Rollins, President Chesapeake Unit of Parliamentarians, Marquitta Joyce, Roanoke Valley Unit, Rhiannon Liker, M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians

*“How to Develop and Present the Best PowerPoint Ever”* was the fourth workshop facilitated by Donald Garrett, PRP. He showed members what can be done to make presentations stand out, which included color and graphics, etc.



Donald Garrett, PRP Corresponding Secretary and Information Technology Chair

*“Teaching Parliamentary Procedure Hiding Veggies in Food”* provided creative ways to teach parliamentary procedure to various types of audiences and to make it enjoyable.



NAP Vice President Darlene T. Allen, PRP

## **Elected Nominating Committee**

Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP, Chair  
Mary Loose DeViney, PRP  
Donald Garrett, PRP  
Cynthia Mayo, PhD, PRP  
Nancy Parker

## **Bylaws**

The convention passed the following bylaws amendments to bring VSAP Youth Development Committee in line with NAP Youth Development Committee, and to align the VSAP Youth Development name in line with the NAP Youth Committee. The bylaws now read:

### **Article X Section 1 Committees**

Standing Committees shall be Budget, Bylaws, Education, Lifetime Achievement Award, Membership, Publicity/Public Relations and Youth Development. The President shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

### **Article X Section 2 Duties Item G**

The Youth Development Committee shall:

1. Support the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) Youth Committee in carrying out its goals.
2. Encourage youth participation in NAP programs.
3. Promote partnerships and increase participation in youth organizations.
4. Provide training in coaching and judging youth competitions to VSAP units and the Parliamentary Law Club.
5. Assist youth organizations in providing effective instructions to members.
6. Develop and enhance leadership skills through the study and practice of parliamentary procedure.
7. Work cooperatively with the NAP Education Foundation.

## Membership Growth

The convention voted to continue the Growing Our Own initiative with funding up to \$5,000 for the next few years. Grant funding to support the association, units and club shall implement programs that will grow membership in NAP. Units and club may submit proposals effective immediately. Organizations should plan to complete the projects by April 1, 2019, so that results can be included in the convention program booklet and a brief oral summary presented during the convention.

The guidelines are as follow:

Funds will be provided to the association, units and club up to \$350 for the 2018-19 fiscal year to conduct outreach workshops for the community and persons seeking membership and credentialing status.

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

Proposal Objectives:

1. Conduct outreach workshops through units and club to increase parliamentary knowledge.
2. Expose NAP/VSAP resources to assist in increasing parliamentary knowledge.
3. Provide funds to units and club to conduct community outreach to youth and adult organizations.

Each unit and club will be required to provide the following information:

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
- Time and Program Outline
- Food served, if any
- Evaluation
- Budget
- Provision for membership application

Provide a summary of the project or program including dates, time, number attending, and indicate the number of members joining the unit or club as provisional and member of NAP by April 1.



## **NAP Educational Foundation**

In the bylaws, the nominating committee usually is described in the article on:

- Members
- Officers
- Meetings.
- Committees

(See page 6 for the correct answer)

## **Congratulations!**

**New NAP Members**

**March**

Fredericksburg Parliamentary Unit

Angela V. Lewis

**April**

M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians

Kimberly Deneen Braxton

Shirley LaVerne Smith

Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond, VA

Justine J. Baugham,

Alden G. Vaughan

**MAL**

Judith Williams Holland

Stephanie Denise Sanderson-Garrett

Nicole Jackson-Williams

## Convention Program Evaluation Summary is attached.

(Some photos by Sala Powell-Dabney)



## SAVE THE DATES

### NAP Leadership Conference

Thursday, September 7-9, 2018  
Hyatt Regency Buffalo  
Buffalo, New York

### VSAP 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

Friday, May 4-5, 2019  
Hilton Garden Inn  
4500 South Peak Boulevard  
Roanoke, Virginia

### NAP 42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention

Thursday, September 5-8, 2019  
Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### NAP Educational Foundation

Answer: B  
RONR (11th ed.), p. 573, ll. 8-9

### What's VSAP up to with all these FLAGS?

Do you really want to know the answer?  
Answer: Branding our Association, Units and Club, "You will not only know us by name, but when these flags are flying high, it will forever be in your mind by sight. That's Virginia...They are from Virginia and a part of VSAP!!"



Flags were on display throughout the convention



Muriel Laliberte, President  
Catherine Wittman Unit



Martha Rollins, President,  
Chesapeake Unit of Parliamentarians



Lynda Baer, 1st Vice President, VSAP and President of Fredericksburg Parliamentary Unit



Donald Garrett, PRP  
VSAP Corresponding Secretary  
and Information Technology Chair,  
Northern VA Marching and Gavel Society Unit



Fredericksburg Unit of Parliamentary  
Angela Lewis, Angela Wilson, Lynda Baer, PRP, VSAP 1st  
Vice President and President Fredericksburg Parliamentary  
Unit and Karen Clemons



Nancy Parker, President  
Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond, VA



Beatrice Squire, 2nd Vice President VSAP  
and President, Northern VA  
Marching and Gavel Society Unit



Marquitta Joyce, Roanoke Valley Unit