



# THE VIRGINIA GAVELETTER

## President's Corner

Your President, like many of you, was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ms. Patricia Ryan Ashlaw, the 27th President of the Virginia Association of Parliamentarians, 2007-2009. She became a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians November 10, 1997. Patricia was a member for more than twenty-five years of the M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians, founded by her father and named in his honor. Her father Mr. M. Stanley Ryan, PRP, founded, chartered and was elected its first president. He also founded the Virginia Alpha Unit of Registered Parliamentarians, served as Chairman of the committee that wrote educational television programs for NAP and rewrote the parliamentary law training manual for Toastmasters International. Patricia Ashlaw served as President of the Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond, Virginia, 2001-2002.



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Margie Booker, PRP, VSAP President and Marian Martin, PRP, President, M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians

Your President wishes to thank Marian Martin, PRP, President and members of the M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians for the invitation to their “A Celebration of Life, Honoring our Friend, Devoted Member and Mentor” on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Indeed, the late Patricia Ryan Ashlaw would have given her approval and stated “Well Done!” Your President presented to the members of the M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians a resolution in Loving Memory of Patricia Ryan Ashlaw.

## NAP Training Conference

The conference provided educational and self-developmental workshops for all interest levels from the beginner to more advanced attendees. The conference began on Thursday evening with a gracious

reception of tasty food and music in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel, Buffalo, New York. VSAP had ten members to attend the conference. Later some members shared information procured during workshops.

Steve Hicks, RP, Lynda Baer, PRP, Margie Booker, PRP,



Steve Berke, Angela Lewis, Eugene Kinard, Karen Clemons, Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP, Marian Martin, PRP and Beatrice Squire.

### A New Unit

Congratulations to a studious and dedicated teacher of parliamentary procedure who continues to foster the mission of NAP by really recruiting new members. VSAP is extremely proud of Marian J. Martin, PRP, President of the M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians.



Seated: Dawn Stanton, Jim Jones, PRP, NAP President Marian J. Martin, PRP, President, Marian J. Martin, PRP, President Marian J. Martin Blue and Gold Gavel Electronic Unit, Loretta Tillery, PRP, NAP Shirley Smith, Treasurer. Other officers: Dacia Robertson, First Vice President, Robin Walthour, Second Vice President and Natalie Bennet, Secretary, Sanya Allen-Shaw, Historian and Parliamentarian

Marian was instrumental in establishing a new electronic unit called the Marian J. Martin Blue and Gold Gavel Electronic Unit. Marian, the unit founder, initiated the process in the spring of 2018. The unit was chartered in early August with 27 inaugural members and 7 chartered NAP members.

The Fredericksburg Parliamentary Unit had the most members represented at NAPTC among the Virginia Association.



Eugene Kinard, Karen Clemons, Burke Balch, PRP, Lynda Baer, PRP, Jim Jones, PRP, NAP President and Angela Lewis

### Workshop

“Your Opinion Matters,” was among the many workshops held at the National Training Conference. Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP and Margie Booker, PRP were the presenters for this workshop.



Alice Bartelt (right) introduced Dr. Cynthia R. Mayo, PRP and Margie R. Booker, PRP

This was an interactive workshop where groups wrote and later presented a parliamentary opinion writing based on a case they were given to study. Using the necessary steps for writing an opinion, each group told the session the final opinion and indicated what factors from the case that influenced their opinion. As shown in the picture below there were more than 35 attendees in “Your Opinion Matters” workshop.



### Excursion

One of the highlights of the trip to Buffalo was having the opportunity to meet new friends while taking the excursion to visit Niagara Falls. Below is the Horseshoe Falls which is the largest of the three waterfalls that collectively form Niagara Falls on the Niagara River along the Canada and United States border. It is truly a fantastic fall to see!!



### Membership News

President Jim Jones, PRP, announced in his “Presidential Year-In-Brief” report that membership had increased by 8% over last year, and in addition seven new units have been chartered. VSAP members your diligence in conducting workshops, recruiting and retaining members has been rewarding. As reported, Virginia is the **SECOND LARGEST ASSOCIATION** in NAP. Continue the good work of providing parliamentary procedure to the community.

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

One way to continue increasing membership in Virginia is for Units and Club to submit proposals for the “**Growing Our Own**” project and/or “Presiding with Passion” project.

Funds up to \$350.00 are available to conduct outreach workshops for the community and to support persons seeking membership and credentialing status. Grant guidelines are included in prior The Virginia Gaveletters. Proposals may be emailed to:

**Margie R. Booker, PRP**  
**VSAP President**  
**[mrashooker@aol.com](mailto:mrashooker@aol.com)**



## **NAP Educational Foundation**

A motion to exclude nonmembers from all or part of a meeting:

- A. Is an incidental motion
  - B. Is question of privilege of the assembly
  - C. Can be ruled out of order by the chair
  - D. Can be made only by the sergeant-at-arms
- (See bottom of page 4 for the correct answer)

## **New NAP Members May-July** *Congratulations!*

### **Catherine Wittman Unit**

George Chavis  
Deneen Snow

### **Fredericksburg Parliamentary Unit**

Millisa Gary

### **Grace Welborn**

Charlotte Clinger

### **No. VA Marching & Gavel Soc. Unit**

Steven Berke

### **Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond**

Rosa Oden  
Evalyn Page

### **MAL**

Delores Bagby  
Roxann Battis  
Karen Bazemore-Person  
Valerie Beard  
Cassandra Cooks  
Judith Cooper  
Delores Forrest  
Jacqueline Gooden-Seay  
Sylvia Layne  
Cherite Lewis  
Jacqueline May  
Cantrise Mayfield  
Natasha Mercer  
Kimberly Morgan  
Ceres Perry  
Karen Smaw  
Glenda Turner  
April Wiggs

Starlyn Wilfred  
Korri Williams  
Kenneth Wright

### **Announcement**

NAP is selling beautiful, engraved porcelain tiles to fund improvements in headquarters. Titles will be prominently displayed on a wall. You can purchase as many tiles as you like. Units and club are encouraged to support this fundraiser. The details are on NAP website.

### **SAVE the Dates**

#### **VSAP Board of Directors Meeting**

Saturday, October 27, 2018

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Oliver Garden

7113 W Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23294

804 672-6220

### **National Association of Parliamentarians**

#### **District 2 Conference**

November 2-4, 2018

The Omni Homestead Resort

7696 Sam Snead Highway

Hot Springs, VA 24445

800 838-1766

Concierge 540 839-1766

### **62nd Annual**

#### **Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians Convention**

May 4-5, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn

4500 South Peak Boulevard

Roanoke, VA 24018

### **NAP 42nd Biennial Convention**

September 5-8, 2019

Westgate Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nevada

### **NAP Educational Foundation**

Answer: B

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