



# THE VIRGINIA GAVELETTER

## President's Point

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Your President has had a cornucopia of Zoom and GoToMeeting opportunities. My first meeting was the Annual Meeting of VAURP before our Virtual Special Meeting in lieu of our State Conference. Both were wonderful. Many thanks to Donald Garrett for his help in producing our meeting and allowing for a ballot vote for the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee. Please help this Committee with its responsibilities of finding the next Board of Directors by suggestions of members or even volunteering yourself.

It was also delightful to have NAP President Darlene Allen and NAP Vice President Wanda Simms and our very own District Director 2 Dr. Cynthia Mayo participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting of VSAP and of any NAP Association.

This officer had the great pleasure of being invited to the virtual meeting of the M. Stanley Ryan Unit. It was impressive to hear all the dialogue and learning that transpired. I look forward to attending the meeting of the Catherine Wittman Unit on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

As District 2 Director, Dr. Cynthia Mayo has organized two Zoom learning opportunities: 30 Minutes Parli-Pro. Mary Loose DeViney presented *Presiding on Zoom – Tips to Presiding Online*. Beatrice Squire will present *Meetings That Matter* on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

What a strange, scary, and sad time we are experiencing. I pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. As I remind you to please follow the CDC regulations, I realize as parliamentarians we are good at following rules. Other actions at this time has left me heartbroken and horrified. Clearly this is a kairos time, a time full of meaning and potential for change. This Greek term has given me hope as I navigate the world and especially our country. God Bless You All.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Town Hall

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-9:30 PM. This is presented by NAP President Darlene Allen. If you have a question that you would like answered submit it to [townhall@nap2.org](mailto:townhall@nap2.org) That evening the connection is [Nap.adobeconnect.com/townhall](https://Nap.adobeconnect.com/townhall)

**Congratulations** to VSAP 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Donald Garrett, PRP, who presented a webinar for NAP.

### **Electronic Voting and Elections**

*Presented by Donald Garrett, PRP, and Brandon Walters, PRP*

**Part 1**, presented by Donald Garrett, PRP, is a case study of one association's experience with electronic voting and elections. This webinar discusses the implications of using an electronic voting systems under Robert's Rules of Order.

**Part 2**, presented by Brandon Walters, PRP, explores the processes of absentee voting, examines the pros and cons of each, and discusses the best practices for voting and holding elections fairly and honestly.

Both Webinars are free to members of NAP through the NAP Store.

### **NAP Celebrates 90th Anniversary**

"Through all the years of the growth and development of the National Association of Parliamentarians, our greatest assets have been the members themselves and their efforts to build a professional parliamentary organization that would serve a democratic society." (*History of the National Association of Parliamentarians*, NAP)

June 23, 2020 marks the 90th Anniversary of NAP. Our organization has come a long way from our first meeting, and we look forward to many more years ahead.



*Save the Date!*

## **2020 National Training Conference**



Hopefully, we can continue to make plans to go to San Antonio for the National Training Conference, August 28 – 30, 2020. Registration and hotel forms continue to be available.

If the Conference is changed to a Virtual Meeting the fees will be returned. Stay tuned to the NAP website [www.parliamentarians.org](http://www.parliamentarians.org) for the latest information.

The publication of the new RONR is scheduled to be released at the same time as the Conference. Have you ordered your new copy? There is also a 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of RONR, in Brief.

Knowing how to help organizations change their bylaws to allow electronic meetings seems to be our most important skill these days!

## Executive Committee

### Elected Officers

President Lynda Baer, PRP  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Beatrice Squire, RP  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Donald Garrett, PRP  
Recording Secretary Rhiannon Liker  
Treasurer Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP

### Appointed Officers

Corresponding Secretary  
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Historian Yulanda Humphrey  
Parliamentarian  
Mary Loose DeViney, PRP  
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Education Beatrice Squire, RP  
Membership Gerry Gunn  
Publicity/Public Relations  
Gladys Jordan and Vivian Minor  
Youth Development  
Dr. Cora Salzberg, PRP

### Special Committee

Information Technology  
Donald Garrett PRP

## Welcome!!

### *New Members*

Alvin S. Brown  
Sheree Elain Brown  
Jacqueline Hudson Davis  
Winifred Gilmore  
Lytwaive L. Hutchinson  
Leslie Anne Murray  
Phyllis Moore Razeeq

## NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

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SPRING IS NOT CANCELLED  
RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOT CANCELLED  
LOVE IS NOT CANCELLED  
READING IS NOT CANCELLED  
DEVOTION IS NOT CANCELLED  
MUSIC IS NOT CANCELLED  
IMAGINATION IS NOT CANCELLED  
KINDNESS IS NOT CANCELLED  
CONVERSATIONS ARE NOT CANCELLED  
HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED

