

VSAP Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of Parliamentarians was held via ZOOM on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 11:00 AM with President Lynda Baer, PRP-R presiding.

Members attending were:

Karen Clemons, RP
Donald Garrett, PRP
Yulanda Humphreys
Brenda Jackson, RP
Gladys Jordan
Rhiannon Liker
Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP
Sala Powell-Dabney

Dr. Robert Pettis, Sr.
Dr. Cora Salzberg, PRP
Beatrice Squire, RP
Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP
Willie Watson, PRP
Mary B. White

The President called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Cynthia Mayo presented the Treasurer's Report with the ending balance of \$3,873.66. Explaining the return of an erroneous Netflix charge and that a new card was received for the account.

Beatrice Squire, 1st VP presented a report on types of programs for the VSAP convention. She stated the District 2 workshop was helpful and is interested to know if similar presentations would be in order.

Donald Garrett, 2nd VP also attended the District 2 conference. He is working on sending out a supplemental directory and needs to confer with the Treasurer on the budget for that.

Yulanda Humphreys, Historian, said she will have a history report out over the next few months and is open to suggestions.

Michael Wagner-Diggs as Bylaw Chairman noticed the Bylaws do not allow for an electronic convention and we would need to amend the bylaws to have one, which would require meeting in person. Therefore, instead of a VSAP Convention, the President will call a Special Meeting which is covered under electronic rules.

Beatrice Squire reported on Education. She asked for members to reach out with needs and she wants to know their interests.

Gladys Jordan reported on the upcoming Gaveletter that it will have a Call to the VSAP Special Meeting Convention.

President Baer reported that Membership Chair Gerry Gunn moved to Texas but will continue for as Chair for now but could not attend this meeting due to a conflict.

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Dr. Cora Salzberg, as Youth Chair, reported on an award to the M. Stanley Ryan Unit for Richmond Public Schools with a Parliamentary Workshop on Zoom in the works.

Donald Garrett reported on IT, he's assisted in re-vamping the richmondparliamentarians.com website. Also, the District 2 pilot of online registration and sending the Gaveletter electronically.

UNIT REPORTS

CATHERINE WITTMAN (Mary White)

The Unit has a parliamentary workshop scheduled in April (currently same day as VSAP Special Meeting) with a \$10 fee that is virtual. Tim Wynn is scheduled as a presenter. They will elect new officers at the May meeting. They are growing in new members and one is an RP.

VDEER (Cora Salzberg)

13 members, 4 NAP members, prep for RP, presented to Petersburg Delta Omega Chapter

VA Alpha Unit (Cora Salzberg)

Kudos to Karen Clemons, Stephen Burke, and Brenda Jackson on newsletter, President Salzberg noted the loss of Ray Duke as Treasurer and Willie Watson is new Treasurer. Michael Wagner-Diggs handles parliamentary questions. Marian Martin is Chair of Public Relations. Nominating Committee Michael Wagner-Diggs, Margie Booker, and Beatrice Squire.

NOVAMags (Beatrice Squire)

Still have low attendance considering membership but core group is dynamic. All meetings are by Zoom and all active members are leading workshops. March 18 meeting next using member's account for Zoom. Nominating committee reporting next month, elect officers at April annual meeting. Discuss a workshop with 11 members.

FREDERICKSBURG (Karen Clemons)

Burke Balch, PRP, does educational presentations, next meeting March 1st week, with 15 members.

M. STANLEY RYAN (Sala Powell-Dabney)

Continue holding meetings via Zoom 6:30-7:00 followed by educational session to 8:30

Elected and installed new officers-VSAP President installed

Three new members joined.

New 1st VP James Carney making educational sessions interactive.

Marian Martin presented at most recent meeting.

Workshop Sat. April 10th 10:00 - 2:00 - Three scheduled presentations

Will send info - World of Parli, Becoming Parli...

Goal 5 new NAP members

RPS on hold but hope in Spring

VIRGINIA PENINSULA (Willie Watson)

Total 20 members, 13 NAP

Lost Ray Duke - filling his shoes is difficult.

Meeting via Zoom, next Saturday

Postponed Parl Workshop - not sure yet when it will be scheduled.

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CHESAPEAKE (Michael Wagner-Diggs)

Purchased Zoom account and electronic meetings authorized, planning public seminar, when and where is in the air, and all renewals done on time.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW CLUB

Gladys Jordan began reporting on the Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond. Rev. Dr. Pettis, President of the Club finished the report and announced the 70th Anniversary of the Club. Chartered 1951 They welcome any historical info anyone can provide. 12-15 members attend meetings. New members learn by presenting. Dr. Pettis is the Pastor and Chair of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and they are doing parliamentary labs around the state and BGC has a grant for nonprofits to use Zoom and they will keep the partnership.

President Baer noted District 2 meeting had strong attendance and the presentations were well received.

President Baer reported we will have the VSAP Special Meeting on April 24th for the purpose of electing officers and hearing reports and any other business as may arise.

Beatrice Squire reported on the Lifetime Achievement Award. The committee refined the purpose. This is the most prestigious award for VSAP - current and former VSAP members eligible, if a VSAP member at least five years. Nominate self or others using application. The Committee will review applications. Chair will send application to each unit. On behalf of the committee, she moved adoption of the award. The motion passed. The deadline date of April 3, 2021, will be considered by the Committee.

Nominating Committee report was presented by Chair Karen Clemons:

President – Beatrice Squire, RP

1st Vice President – Donald Garrett, PRP

2 Vice President – Cynthia Mayo, PRP

Recording Secretary – Rhiannon Liker

Treasurer – Arlene Skinner, RP

She thanked members Margie Booker, PRP, Beatrice Squire, RP, Sala Powell-Dabney, Dr. Cora Salzberg, PRP

Announcements:

Beatrice's mother, Lucy Mason, passed away and her funeral and memorial, viewing, visitation, are at Jenkins Funeral Home Saturday, Feb. 27 to Monday, March 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Rhiannon Liker

Secretary