

Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians

Special Meeting

April 24, 2021

The special meeting of the Virginia Association of Parliamentarians was held via ZOOM on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 AM with President Lynda Baer presiding. The link was posted on www.Virginiaparliamentarians.org/meeting.

Attendees: Registered via Zoom

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*. An inspiration was shared by Sala Powell-Dabney followed by the Moment of Silence and Memorial Service provided by Gladys Jordan.

Reports of Convention Committees

Credentials Committee: Donald Garrett, PRP, Chair

Credentials Committee Report as of April 24, 2021 as of 10:07 am

State Officers and Chairmen	9
Past Presidents*	1
Law Club and Unit Delegates	17
Members at Large Delegates	2
Total Voting Delegates	29
Units Represented	11

Law Club and Unit Alternates	4
All Other Guests	8

Total in Attendance **41**

*Note: Some Past Presidents who are present at the meeting are credentialed under other Bylaws provisions.

Donald Garrett's motion "That the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the convention" was adopted by voice vote.

President Baer declared a quorum present.

With no objection, the Standing Rules were not read. Rhiannon Liker, Chair of the Standing Rules Committee, presented the Proposed Standing Rules, which were adopted by voice vote. President Baer called for unanimous consent that voting be done by voice vote.

Beatrice Squire, RP, Chair of the Program Committee, presented the program which was adopted by voice vote.

President Baer referred the attendees to review the previously emailed Reports of Officers, Standing Committees, Special Committees, Units, and Clubs at their leisure.

Rhiannon Liker presented the report of the Audit Committee provided by Audit Committee Chair Theo Jones. The report was adopted by voice vote.

The budget for 2021 to 2023 was shown. Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, Donald Garrett, presented a summary and notable changes. The budget was adopted by voice vote.

Beatrice Squire, Chair of the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, reported that Raymond Duke, PRP-R was chosen for this honor posthumously.

Karen Clemons, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominations Committee report:

Beatrice Squire, RP – President
Donald Garrett, PRP – 1st Vice President
Dr. Cynthia Mayo PRP – 2nd Vice President
Rhiannon Liker – Recording Secretary
Arlene Skinner, RP – Treasurer

Election

President Baer named each nominee and called for nominations from the floor. Ballot voting provided the following results:

Teller's Report

Necessary for election to each office: Majority

For President

Votes Cast	26
Beatrice Squire, RP received	26

For First Vice President

Votes Cast	26
Donald Garrett, PRP received	26

For Second Vice President

Votes Cast 26
Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP received 26

For Recording Secretary

Votes Cast 26
Rhiannon Liker received 24
Other/Write-In received 2

For Treasurer

Votes Cast 26
Arlene Skinner, RP received 26

The Chair declared Beatrice Squire elected President; Donald Garrett elected 1st Vice President; Dr Cynthia Mayo elected 2nd Vice President; Rhiannon Liker elected Recording Secretary; and Arlene Skinner Treasurer.

President Baer stated that VSAP is entitled to approximately 26 delegates for the NAP Biennial Convention, scheduled virtually for September 9 - 12, 2021. Article VI, Section 6, of the VSAP Bylaws assigns the President and First Vice President as ex-officio delegates, so the special meeting could elect up to 24 delegates. The following individuals, by voice vote, were elected to serve as VSAP delegates at the 2021 NAP Convention:

1. Michael Wagner-Diggs
2. Irene Logan
3. Arlene Skinner
4. Anthony Sandifer
5. Margie Booker
6. Valarie Jones
7. Cora Salzberg
8. Rhiannon Liker
9. Darlene Davis
10. Chris Marston
11. Vera Toney
12. Martha Rollins
13. Gladys Jordan
14. Jacqueline Wells
15. Alicia Campbell
16. Mary Loose DeViney
17. Charlotte Clinger
18. Shirley Smith

19. Marian Martin
20. Mary Redd-Clary
21. Renee Torez
22. Edna Rodwell
23. Lynda Baer
24. Jena McGrady

National Association of Parliamentarians President Darlene T. Allen, PRP installed the new officers. President Baer expressed her honor, privilege and delight to serve as the 2019-2021 VSAP President.

Meeting adjourned 10:56 AM followed by three parliamentary presentations.

Workshops:

11:00 am – “Bylaws: The Backbone of an Organization” Steve Berke, PRP

12:00 pm – “Have you ever played Mad Libs®?” David Mezzera, PRP

1:00 pm – “Dispelling Parliamentary Myths” Tim Wynn, PRP

Rhiannon Liker
VSAP Secretary