



# THE VIRGINIA GAVELETTER

## President's Point

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Greetings VSAP Members!

What a fantastic showing of Virginia Members at the Biennial Convention in Las Vegas!

VSAP won an award for outstanding Association Membership Growth from June 2017-2019.



2017-2019 NAP President Jim Jones, PRP with 2017-2019 VSAP President Margie Booker, PRP accepting award



VSAP President Lynda Baer leading the Listening Session for Association Leaders

The VSAP Board and all Virginia attendees were invited to a Board Meeting following the first District 2 meeting with Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP presiding.

At the meeting a \$100 donation was made by the Board to the NAP Education Foundation in memory of past President Don Ayers. (See obit below).

Another farewell was announced as the Grace Welborn Unit has folded. Their generous contribution to VSAP gives seed money to the Grace Welborn Judge's Training Workshop (see below).

The next VSAP Board Meeting will be Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 11 AM at the Ruby Tuesdays in Central Park Fredericksburg.

Everyone seemed to have such a good time in Las Vegas! Let's plan now to go to the National Training Conference in San Antonio, August 28-30, 2020.

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## *Looking Ahead*

Please spread the word about these upcoming workshops!

### 1) Calling Organization Leaders - Prepare to Lead the Democratic Way!

Leaders of organizations must possess the democratic process (parliamentary procedure) to effectively protect all members, while managing the meeting process. The Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians will provide a review session to prepare you to pass the test so that you can become a member of the professional organization that provides parliamentary procedure to the World.

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Location: VA Conference Room of the Varina Area Library  
1875 New Market Road,  
Henrico, VA 23231

Fee Required: \$110.00. This includes the fee for the test and membership in NAP, boxed lunch and test preparation documents. Deadline: September 7, 2019

Contact person: Margie Booker,  
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### 2) Robert's Rules Open House: Parliamentary Procedure Workshop

Saturday, September 28, 2019

10:30am-12:00pm (Doors Open at 10)

Richard Byrd Library  
7250 Commerce Street,  
Springfield, VA 22150

Registration URL:

<https://robertsrulesopenhouse2019.eventbrite.com>

The Youth Development Committee sponsors the Grace Welborn Judge's Training Workshop on October 12, 2019, from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM at VCU in Richmond, Contact Cora Salzberg [linkcora@comcast.net](mailto:linkcora@comcast.net)

## *Save the Date!*

### **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians Convention**

April 25-26, 2020

Hilton Garden Inn  
Central Park  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

## **New PRP Members**

Jacqueline Roundtree, PRP  
Donna Simpson, PRP

## **New RP Members**

Arlene Skinner, RP  
Brenda Jackson, RP

## **New VSAP Members**

Eugene Kinard  
Charles C. Lee  
Charlotta Wells  
Linda Brown Jones  
Lori Rocker  
Becky Riebeling  
Minerva Young

*Congratulations!*



## **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  
Brenda Jackson  
Editor-in-Chief *Gaveletter*  
Lynda Baer, PRP  
Historian Yulanda Humphrey  
Parliamentarian  
Mary Loose DeViney, PRP  
(*ex officio*)

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Bylaws  
Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP  
Education Beatrice Squire, RP  
Membership TBD  
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Gladys Jordan and Vivian Minor  
Youth Development  
Cora Salzberg, PRP

### **Special Committee**

Information Technology  
Donald Garrett PR

## *Silent Gavel*

AYERS, Dr. Don S., 80, a resident of the Hermitage of Richmond, passed away on June 30, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital. Born on April 1, 1939, he was the son of the late Granville T. Ayers and Mattie Cleo Ayers of Ewing, Lee County, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his longtime companion and caregiver, Stanley Crafton. Dr. Ayers is survived by his aunt, Virginia Ayers Bledsoe; and several cousins, including Karen E. Raitt of Loveland, Ohio. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond. Dr. Ayers was a graduate of the University of Richmond and the University of Virginia, where he earned a Doctorate of Education. After a career in public schools including teaching Spanish in the Hampton City Schools and serving as a teacher and guidance counselor at Lee-Davis High School in Hanover County, Don moved to the Virginia Department of Education as Supervisor for Secondary School Guidance Counselors. Upon retiring from DOE, Don was employed on a part-time basis as Supervisor of Federal Programs for King George County Schools. Dr. Ayers' varied interests included serving as a parliamentarian for civic groups and as a court appointed mediator. He also led counseling sessions for Virginia prison inmates. He traveled extensively through Europe and the Middle East. A memorial service will be held at the Hermitage of Richmond on July 31, 2019, at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Hermitage Richmond Samaritan Fund, 1600 Westwood Ave., Richmond, Va. 23227.

