



THE VIRGINIA GAVELETTER

President's Point

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Greetings VSAP Members!

December is my favorite month of the year. I love all the decorations, colder weather and gathering together of family. In my faith tradition it is also the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ. An exciting time of year!

Welcome to Gerry Gunn who has graciously agreed to be our VSAP Membership Chair. She will be one of the initial contacts to all new VSAP members.

Margie Booker, PRP, has agreed to be the Virginia contact person as well as Committee Member for the planning of the District 2 Meeting in the Fall of 2020.

Two other events I am looking forward to in 2020 are the 63rd Annual Convention, April 25-26, 2020, in Fredericksburg, VA AND the National Training Conference, August 27-29, 2020, in San Antonio, TX. Plans are well underway already to make these two events fantastic.

This officer wishes you and yours a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

Looking Ahead

The next VSAP Board Meeting will be Saturday, February 29, at 11 AM at the Hilton Garden Inn in Central Park Fredericksburg.

Save the Date!

63rd Annual Convention Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians Convention

April 25-26, 2020

Hilton Garden Inn

Central Park

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

2020 National Training Conference

August 28-30, 2020

Hilton Palacio, del Rio

San Antonio, TX

Did you know that the newest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* will have a Publication Release party at the NTC Thursday, evening, August 27th?

New PRP Members

Steve Berke, PRP

New RP Members

Richard Buller, RP
Martha Rollins, RP

New VSAP Members

Kevin Schell (student)
Anthony Sandifer

Grow Our Own!

NOVAMAGS hosted a “Robert’s Rules Open House” in October – it has been a while since the Unit requested GOO Funds.

Not only does the Chesapeake Unit of Parliamentarians have a new President – Martha Rollins – this Unit also has been approved to hold a public parliamentary education program in February 2020 with GOO Funds.

Congratulations!

Historian Yulanda Humphries is collecting Unit histories as well as VSAP history. If you have any such items, please email her:
RYJJRHUM@aol.com

Executive Committee

Elected Officers

President Lynda Baer, PRP
1st Vice President Beatrice Squire, RP
2nd Vice President Donald Garrett, PRP
Recording Secretary Rhiannon Liker
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Appointed Officers

Corresponding Secretary Brenda Jackson
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Historian Yulanda Humphrey
Parliamentarian Mary Loose DeViney, PRP
(*ex officio*)

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Bylaws Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP
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

News from VSAP Committees

Youth Development Committee –
Dr. Cora Salzberg, Chair

Grace Welborn Judges' Training Workshop was held in October at VCU. Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP conducted the *Judging Parliamentary Procedure Contests Workshop*. Workshop participants were able to view videos of actual NAP-sanctioned youth contests and then practiced.

News from VSAP Units

Charlotte Bailey reported that the Silver Gavel has met to discuss goals for the 2020 year which are to increase membership and meeting attendance.

Jacqueline Roundtree, PRP reported for the Catherine Wittman Unit that during the regular meetings up to an hour is given for parliamentary instruction. Their membership has increased by getting a few members from the Grace Welborn Unit. There are plans for a Parliamentary Law Day in the spring.

Brenda Jackson, RP of the Fredericksburg Parliamentarian Unit reported that the Unit meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday of the month and is having a holiday dinner meeting.

Dr. Cora Salzberg reported the Alpha Unit is holding quarterly meetings electronically. She also reported for the Virginia Dalton and Eloise Engledove Richmond Unit that

several members are ready to take their exams.

Sala Powell-Dabney reported for the M. Stanley Ryan Unit that the Unit has a wonderful connection with the FBLA group of a local high school and helps with preparation, training and competitions.

Lynne Victorine reported for the Roanoke Valley Unit that the Unit is planning a partnership with the Public Library for a series of programs. The Unit has a program scheduled for their meeting entitled "Reindeer Games!"

President Pettis reported that the Richmond Parliamentary Law Club continues to hold study sessions in addition to regular meetings for members to advance. Almost one hundred percent of the members are affiliated with social, civic and ecclesiastic organizations where they serve in leadership positions.

Partnerships with some of these other organizations may be possible.

*A reminder to keep NAP updated on any change in officers!

** Make sure your dues to NAP are paid!

A Parliamentarian

Poem by Delphine LeDoux of CA

A parliamentarian serves his post,
Spreads wisdom where it's needed
most;
Interprets Robert's Rules with ease;
Preserves the rule which some would
seize.

A parliamentarian guides with grace,
Saving chairman's questioning face;
Keeps the meeting going strong;
Having one, you won't go wrong.

