



# THE VIRGINIA GAVELETTER

## President's Point

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Here is a quote from art critic Peter Marks that I thought illustrated much of my summer: "...in the drifting, lukewarm sameness of these days..." Often my days melted together and there were times when I didn't know if it was a Monday or a Tuesday. It was a summer we'll all remember: a summer of "Social Distancing," of "Face masks," of "Washing our hands" and "Zoom meetings;" all to prevent catching the coronavirus."

Even so, NAP and Parliamentarians across the world accomplished extraordinary firsts. The 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* was presented on time at the 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Virtual National Training Conference. Our Virginia Association was the first in all of NAP to hold a meeting virtually and Units in Virginia are holding virtual meetings seemingly seamlessly as if this were the model for meetings all along. We have been able to help so many organizations with amending their bylaws and giving flexibility to their meetings.

This officer is immensely proud of you all. Thank you.

## Reflections on NTC 2020

By Lucy Hicks, PRP

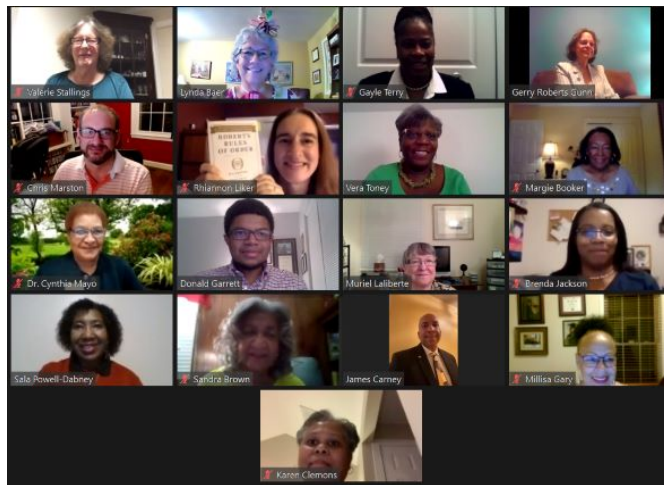
### Convention Chair

*"The workshops and variety of workshops were amazing." "I was inspired and now have a sense of urgency to study procedure." "I felt privileged to hear the updates in 12<sup>th</sup> Edition presented by the authors themselves." "I didn't expect Lotería to be so much fun."*

The evaluations are coming in. NTC Coordinators are elated that an overwhelming percentage of attendees are pleased with their experience at this year's conference. The sudden necessity to change from an in-person conference in festive San Antonio, Texas to a virtual conference, for which NAP had no track record in presenting, caused concern and apprehension within the team. But this made them more determined to plan a superb educational event for members.

This first virtual NTC which was presented on the OpenWater platform via Zoom is now in the history books and recorded as the largest attended NAP event, at 854 members. Thanks go out to the many members who contributed to its success.

### Virginians at Virtual NTC 2020!!



The VSAP Board met virtually on Saturday, September 12, 2020, and established The Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. The members are Beatrice Squire, RP; Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP; and Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP. Please feel free to contact any of the members of this Committee for suggestions of worthy candidates. This committee will also establish the Guidelines for the Award.

The next meeting of the Board will be Saturday, November 7, 2020.

District 2 Director, Dr. Cynthia Mayo announced the date of the District 2 Annual Meeting will be virtually held Saturday, November 14, 2020.

### Why a Theme?

Beatrice Squire, RP

One of the best methods to set the tone and focus of an event is a meaningful theme. A theme provides oversight, helps direct planning, keeps the message on track, and offers a sense of direction for speakers and workshop presenters, as well as the opportunity to communicate the organization's values, branding, and purpose.

The theme for the 2020 VSAP Convention was, "A Perfect Balance." The convention was scheduled to be held in Fredericksburg, Virginia, a city on the Rappahannock River, and known for its colonial and Civil War

history. Due to the global pandemic a virtual convention was held instead.

The 2021 convention is also scheduled for Fredericksburg, Virginia and at the same venue – Hilton Garden Inn. Below are five themes (no particular order) from the list of many themes considered for the 2020 convention. Join the team and help the Executive Board decide on a theme. If none of the themes appeal to you and you have something you would like considered, willingly submit and it will receive full attention.

- Parliamentary Procedure: Paths to Successful Meetings
- Parliamentary Procedure: The Connection for Effective Meetings and Leadership
- Parliamentary Procedure: The Tempo, Rhythm and Beat for Effective Meetings
- Cultivating, Developing and Expanding Leadership Through Parliamentary Procedure
- A Tapestry of Skills and Leadership: Parliamentary Procedure

Inform Beatrice Squire, First Vice President (knight757@msn.com), by October 31st as to your choices. Let's inspire our guests and each other and reinforce the event and key takeaways with a descriptive theme.

## **Executive Committee**

### **Elected Officers**

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Beatrice Squire, RP  
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Youth Development Dr. Cora Salzberg, PRP

### **Special Committee**

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**Welcome!!**

*New Member*

Duane Boone

Virginia State Association of  
Parliamentarians



## Thank you to the CORE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Lucy Anderson, Conference Coordinator  
Sheryl C. Womble, Assistant Conference Coordinator  
David "Dave" Whitaker, Workshop Coordinator  
Lynda Baer, Assistant Workshop Coordinator

