



THE VIRGINIA GAVELETTER

President's Point

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Dear Fellow Parliamentarians of Virginia,

It has been a thrill and delight for this officer to have served as the President of the Virginia Association of Parliamentarians. Yes, it was a rather unusual two years and yet, the work was accomplished; the training was available to the community; we gained new members; new officers were installed; marvelous participation in all NAP events including the District Two Meeting where Virginia's own, Dr. Cynthia Mayo, was elected for a second term as Director; and the virtual NTC. Once again, we will have a Called Special Meeting instead of an in-person Convention. Until we can actually meet in person for a Convention where we can change our Bylaws, we will continue to follow protocols as well as continue to keep our members safe. I appreciate your understanding in this.

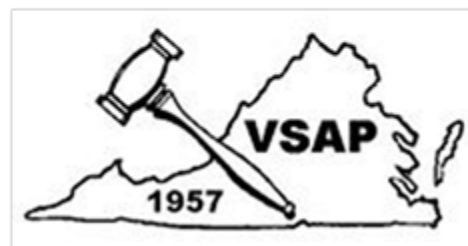
Another opportunity for you is to nominate a member of VSAP for the Lifetime Achievement Award. All the information is at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for a wonderful two years.

A Virtual Special Meeting has been called by VSAP President Lynda J. Baer, PRP-R, for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of electing officers for the 2021-2023 term; electing Delegates to the NAP Biennial in Atlanta, Georgia, Thursday, September 9 – Sunday, September 12, 2021; and receive and act on committee reports.

An official **Call** will be issued later this month.

Virginia State Association of
Parliamentarians



District Two Meeting

January 30, 2021

Highlights from this meeting included
District Two Honorees from Virginia:

Virginia Berg – member since March
30, 1974

Stan Trout, PRP-R – member since
November 30, 1974

Mary Swain, PRP-R – member since
September 1, 1978

Congratulations!

Welcome to New Members!

Geoff Alan, Virginia Beach, VA

Samantha Richards, Newport News,
VA

Sandra Belcher, Henrico, VA

Nicole Ford, Woodbridge, VA

Jerrelle Griffin, Suffolk

Sonja Hill, New Kent, VA

Charolette Holloway, Alexandria, VA

VSAP Currently has 255 Members!

Report of the Nominating Committee

President – Beatrice Squire, RP

1st Vice President – Donald Garrett,
PRP

2nd Vice President – Dr. Cynthia
Mayo, PRP

Recording Secretary – Rhiannon
Liker

Treasurer – Arlene Skinner

Committee Members:

Karen Clemons, RP – Chair; Margie
Booker, PRP; Beatrice Squire, RP;
Dr. Cora Salzberg; Sala Powell-
Dabney

Memorial Service 2021

In honor of our members who have become
“Silent Gavels” since our last VSAP Convention,
a tribute will be offered. We will highlight
contributions made by those individuals. Please
submit a photo, full name, date of death and no
more than fifty words about each former
member. Email all submissions to Gladys
Jordan:

Bradgla@Aol.com before March 31, 2021.

**NAP Biennial in Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, September 9 – Sunday,
September 12, 2021**

Please tell the VSAP President,
Lynda Baer if you wish to attend the
NAP Biennial Convention if person –

As Soon As Possible!

Executive Committee

Elected Officers

President Lynda Baer, PRP-R
1st Vice President Beatrice Squire, RP
2nd 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*)



Standing Committee Chairs

Budget and Finance Donald Garrett, PRP
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

This is a video that was found to be very funny:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=6oHBG3ABUJU&vq=medium

Lifetime Achievement Award

Purpose

The Lifetime Achievement Award, VSAP's most prestigious award, honors and recognizes a current or former VSAP member who has made extraordinary contributions, or a significant and lasting impact in the study and application of parliamentary procedure, has earned the respect and admiration of fellow VSAP members, and has engaged frequently with the community in providing outstanding service in conducting effective meetings and conveying the importance of constructive and efficient communication.

Eligibility

The Lifetime Achievement Award is intended for the individual who has been a VSAP member at least five years, and has had a significant impact on the organization, directly or indirectly. The individual must have exemplified the values and practices of VSAP/NAP and respect for human dignity.

General Award Criteria

A completed typewritten application must be submitted showing how the nominee has made a meaningful contribution to VSAP, as demonstrated by leadership skills, interpersonal skills, teaching, mentoring, blogging or sharing information with members and the community, articles published, and global or national recognition for contributions.

The required application and any supporting materials must be submitted by the due date of April 10, 2021. Incomplete nomination packets will not be reviewed.

Nominations

Active VSAP members are invited to nominate an individual they think is deserving of a Lifetime Achievement Award through the official nomination application process.

Self-nominations are accepted.

Selection Criteria

An evaluation panel will read, review, and rate the applications.

The award recipient will be notified by mid-April. An official announcement will be made in the upcoming edition of the Gaveletter.

When Award is To Be Given

The award may be given annually, biannually, or at other times. To ensure that the award remains a special award and is presented to individuals who have made outstanding achievements, and not merely an annual event, the award will be presented in a year as determined by the Board of Directors. The award may be presented posthumously.

Award presentation

The Honoree will be acknowledged at the VSAP Annual Convention or other appropriate venue as determined by the VSAP Board of Directors. A public announcement or publicity may be made prior to the convention.

The Honoree will be presented a recognition gift, plaque, or certificate.

Application

Due NLT 11:59 PM, April 10, 2021

Are you nominating yourself for the award? () yes; () No

Name of Nominee:

Name(s) of Nominator(s) and/or Club/Unit):

Contact:

Address:

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Land Phone: _____;

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Respond to items below. (Photos, certificates, letters, awards, news articles, plaques, etc. are encouraged.)

I. Parliamentary Experiences

Positions, elected and appointed, held at any level(s), committee chairman or committee member, website creator, webmaster, newsletter or consulting editor

Delegate or Alternate Delegate to VSAP and/or NAP

Provide Year(s).

II. Community Involvement

Explain involvement and describe highlights and accomplishments. For example, workshops presented, handouts or PowerPoints prepared, bylaws, special rules or standing rules drafted, professional advice rendered, contest(s) judged, etc.

Mentoring/Coaching/Teaching

Group or organization involved, improvements noted, and action, if any, the nominee pursued to involve participants or group in seeking membership in NAP or further study in parliamentary procedure

III. Certification Statement

I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete.

Nominee's/Nominator:

Signature _____

or Typed initials: _____

Email this application to:

Nominations must be submitted no later than Saturday, April 10, 2021, 11:59 PM to Beatrice Squire via email at

Knight757@msn.com