

THE VIRGINIA GAVELETTER

President's Corner



Volume 60, Issue 4, March 31, 2019
Editor-in-Chief: President Margie R. Booker, PRP
Editor: Gladys Jordan
Staff: Vivian Minor, CAP and Dorothy Fuller



My dear VSAP Members, your president takes pride in sharing information with you regarding this, “The Final Word,” and “Last Gaveletter.” The first thing that came to mind for this issue was the 35th NAP Biennial Convention held at the Hilton Portland Executive Tower Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Your president was truly excited because the Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond, VA had four members at the convention, President, Gladys Jordan, 1st Vice President Margie Booker, PRP, 2nd Vice President Nancy Parker and Clarice Christian. It was our first NAP convention. Although it was great to attend the convention, a major highlight was having the opportunity to meet NAP Honorary President Henry M. Robert III.



Center: Henry M. Robert III, Left to Right:
Marian Martin, PRP, Margie Booker, PRP, Rhiannon
Liker, Cora Salzberg, PhD, PRP

In fact, when your president asked Rhiannon Liker, (pictured second from the right) who is in the sixth generation of Henry M. Robert III

and her great-granduncle, she said, “Henry M. Robert the third was a smart and funny man. He was a leader in the Robert family who cared about NAP and the legacy of Henry Martyn Robert. He will be sorely missed by the parliamentary family. The authors, especially Mr. Balch, took very good care of him and are really the ones you should ask for a quote.”

M. Stanley Ryan in the News

by Sala Powell-Dabney, President

M. Stanley Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians has adopted John Marshall High School’s FBLA program. “Members of our youth committee have helped prepare their members for a parliamentary procedures test. Five students competed February 21, 2019 in the Regional Competition. **They won First Place!** All five are going to State Competition April 6, 2019” said Sala.



Left to Right: James Carney, 2nd Vice President and
Advisor to winners: Sha’Dajah Cromwell, Brianna
Hickman, Elijah Williams and Brianna Maultsby

Youth Development Committee

Your President appointed a committee of three, Cora Salzberg, PhD, PRP, Chairman, Yulanda Humphreys and Sala Powell-Dabney, to write a proposal for funding 2019-2022 VSAP Youth Development Committee activities. The Committee will make a progress report at the VSAP 62nd Annual Convention in Roanoke, VA and a final proposal at the fall 2019 Board of Directors meeting.



Membership News

Units and Club continue to work diligently in March and April (Parliamentary Law Month) in search of new members to join their units/club as well as becoming NAP members. Some workshops are shared below.

Saturday, March 23, 2019

VA Alpha Unit of Registered Parliamentarians had its workshop by webinar: "What Does It Entail to Be A Registered Parliamentarians?" The presenter was Maurice Henderson, PRP, Past President of NAP.

Saturday, March 30, 2019

VSAP will sponsor, "Prepare to Lead the Democratic Way" at Virginia Union University. More than twenty registrants are expected to take the NAP membership exam.

Fredericksburg Parliamentary Unit will present its 2nd Annual Basic Parliamentary Workshop at the Fredericksburg Branch Library in Fredericksburg, VA.

Catherine Wittman Unit is offering to the public, "Learn Parliamentary Procedure and Basic Meeting Mechanics" and will take the exam to become a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) in **one** day a Franconia Government Center in Alexandria, VA.

Friday, April 12, 2019

NOVAMAGS will present a workshop on parliamentary procedure at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference.

Saturday, April 13, 2019

M. Stanly Ryan Unit of Parliamentarians in partnership with Parliamentary Law Club, Richmond, VA will sponsor a workshop, "The ABCs of Effective Meetings" at First United Presbyterian Church, 3401 North Avenue, Richmond, VA.

NAP Educational Foundation

If the bylaws provide "that officers shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected," any one of the officers' elections can be rescinded and successor can be elected for the remainder of the term:

1. only by a unanimous vote.
2. at any regular meeting.
3. by adoption of a motion to do so.
4. not at all.

(See bottom of page 4 for the correct answer.)

Are you still looking for funds to support that workshop?

Well, look no further... submit a proposal for a "Growing Our Own" workshop and/or "Presiding with Passion" session to promote NAP membership examinations in Virginia for Units/Club. Grant funds are available up to \$350.00. Email your proposal to:

Margie R. Booker, PRP, VSAP President
mrasbooker@aol.com

Nominating Committee Report 2019 2021

Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP, Chairman
For President, Lynda Baer, PRP
For First Vice President, Beatrice Squire
For Second Vice President, Donald Garrett, PRP
For Secretary, Rhiannon Liker
For Treasurer, Cynthia Mayo, PhD, PRP



Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendments

Current Wording

Article V, Section E.

Treasurer shall:

2. Except for the Association Convention Fund Account, be custodian of all funds of the Association.

Proposed Amendment

Article V, Section E.

The Treasurer shall:

2. ~~Except for the Association Convention Fund Account~~ Be custodian of all funds of the Association.

If Adopted Will Read

Article V, Section E.

The Treasurer shall:

2. Be custodian of all funds of the Association.

Current Wording

Article VII - Meetings

Section 1.A. – The Annual Association Convention

The Annual Association Convention shall be held the first week in May, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.

Proposed Amendment

Article VII - Meetings

Section I. A. The Annual Association Convention shall be held the **last weekend in April or** the first week in May, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.

If Adopted Will Read

Article VII - Meetings

Section I A. The Annual Association Convention shall be held the **last weekend in April or** the first week in May, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.



Current Wording

1. The budget shall include a line item designated as the Convention Fund. A sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) shall be advanced annually from the Association to the Convention Arrangements Chairman to cover incidental costs of the annual convention of the Association. Checks for convention registration and meals shall be made payable to and deposited VSAP account. Any excess income realized from a convention shall be returned to the Association to be deposited in an account which shall accumulate and be allowed to accrue interest. Any amount over \$1,000.00 shall go into the General Fund. At no time would monies from the Convention Fund be used for any other purposes. When convention expenses exceed the advanced amount (\$400.00) additional monies may be requested, in writing, from this fund by the host unit, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The Convention Arrangements Chairman shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the Association at all times for all funds.

Proposed Amendment

1.The budget shall include a line item designated as the Convention Fund. A sum of six hundred dollars (~~\$400.00~~) (\$600.00) shall be advanced annually from the Association to the Convention Arrangements Chairman to cover incidental costs of the annual convention of the Association. Checks for convention registration and meals shall be made payable to and deposited VSAP account. The hotel contract shall be signed by the president. ~~Any excess income realized from a convention shall be returned to the Association to be deposited in an account which shall accumulate and be allowed to accrue interest. Any amount over \$1,000.00 shall go into the General Fund. At no time would monies from the Convention Fund be used for any other purposes.~~ When convention expenses exceed the advanced amount (~~\$400.00~~) (\$600) additional monies may be requested, in writing, from this fund by the

host unit/club, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. ~~The Convention Arrangements Chairman shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the Association at all times for all funds.~~

If Adopted Will Read

1.The budget shall include a line item designated as the Convention Fund. A sum of **six** hundred dollars (**\$600.00**) shall be advanced annually from the Association to the Convention Arrangements Chairman to cover incidental costs of the annual convention of the Association. Checks for convention registration and meals shall be made payable to and deposited **VSAP account. The hotel contract shall be signed by the president.** When convention expenses exceed the advanced amount (**\$600.00**) additional monies may be requested, in writing, from this fund by the host unit/club subject to the approval of Executive Committee.

Standing Rule 10 – Archive Procedures.
Delete: ~~These materials should be submitted to the Library of Virginia every two years of each administration.~~



Congratulations!

New Registered
Parliamentarians

Jackie Roundtree
Catherine Wittman Unit

Karen Clemons, RP
Fredericksburg Parliamentary Unit

Steven J. Berke, RP
NOVAMAGS Unit

Save the Date



62nd Annual Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians Convention

May 4-5, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn
4500 South Peak Boulevard
Roanoke, VA 24018

NAP 42nd Biennial Convention

September 5-8, 2019
Westgate Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada

63rd Annual Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians Convention

April 25-26, 2020
Hilton Garden Inn
1060 Hospitality Lane
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

NAP Educational Foundation

Answer: C
RONR (11th ed.), p. 653, ll. 27-30.

