

## Call to 2023 VSAP Convention

Theme: VSAP: “Gateway to Excellence Possibilities: Make it Happen; Make it Better”

Dear VSAP Members, Family, and Friends,

Excitement is in the air. Fasten your seat belt and put on your dancing shoes. The VSAP Convention and Gala Anniversary Celebration is on its way. When? April 29-30, Richmond Marriott Short Pump, 4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

We are family and miss you. Due to the pandemic, it has been almost three years that we last saw each other in person.

Conventions provide support and camaraderie to members and friends to stay connected, keep advancing, enjoy parliamentary procedure, and live the VSAP vision. And, have some fun.

Harriet Tubman once said, “Every great dream begins with a dreamer....” In 1957, a group of men and women recognized the importance of parliamentary procedure for effective and efficient decision making. They established the Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians. For 66 years, VSAP has taught and demonstrated to numerous youth, civic, and community organizations how to have successful meetings with a clear purpose, transact business, ascertain the will of the majority, and preserve the rights of minority and absent members.

Together we have made much progress. We have helped to transform lives and develop leaders at the local and state areas in many fields. We cannot stop now. Let us continue to share knowledge and history through the lens of our experience and raise our profile.

Become revitalized, reinvigorated, and attend the groundbreaking Convention and Anniversary Gala. Savor the atmosphere and range of activities. Enjoy the enriching and educational workshops and exceptional services. Become better informed with news and views from NAP representatives. Pop your fingers or tap your toes to the music. So, why not come join Us?

Attached is the registration form to register by mail. Or, if you prefer to register electronically, use the following link: <https://vsap2023.eventbrite.com>

Let us continue to elevate the organization and each other as we “Dare to Dream, Believe, and Succeed: Together in Harmony.”

Beatrice Squire, PRP  
2021-2023 VSAP President

### **Official Meeting Notice**

I, Beatrice Squire, PRP, President of the Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians (VSAP), hereby give notice that the Annual Convention of VSAP will occur April 29-30, 2023, at the Richmond Marriott Short Pump, 4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. The Convention will be called to order at 9:30 am on April 29, 2023. Please visit <https://vsap2023.eventbrite.com> to register for the Convention and pay the registration fee or submit the attached registration form.

### **Delegate Credentialing**

Unit/Club Delegates: Each Unit and Club receives one (1) delegate for its first five (5) primary members or major fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each additional five (5) members or major fraction thereof. Unit/Club Presidents must certify the name(s) and email address(es) of their delegate(s) via the attached form by April 1, 2023.

Member-At-Large Delegates: The VSAP President will appoint members-at-large to voting delegate slots on a first come, first serve basis.

Ex-Officio Delegates: Ex-Officio Delegates (Officers, Past Presidents, etc.) will be credentialed automatically upon registration.

### **Nominating Committee Slate**

The Nominating Committee recommends that the following individuals be elected:

- President - Donald Garrett
- Second Vice President - Flint Lewis
- Secretary -Jacqueline Roundtree
- Treasurer - Arlene Skinner

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following amendment to the Bylaws: In Article VI, Section 5, para. B, strike out "No officer shall succeed himself/herself in the same office" and insert in its place "No officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office" to allow Arlene Skinner to succeed herself as Treasurer.

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

The Bylaws Committee reports that it has received the following two proposed bylaws amendments pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the VSAP Bylaws:

- 1) Amend Article VII, Section 2 by striking "Club and" and inserting "Club. Annual and Special Meetings."
- 2) Amend Article XIV, Section 1 by striking "the Annual Association" and inserting "a."