

Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022

The regular board meeting of the Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians (VSAP) was called to order at 7:00 PM via Zoom by President Beatrice Squire, PRP. Without objection, the president declared a recess for three minutes. The secretary, Rhiannon Liker, was present and a quorum was established. (Attached is a list of the attendees.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Squire called for any corrections to the proposed agenda. Anne Dryden raised a correction that the last name of the President of the Catherine-Wittman Unit is Henderson, not Anderson. The agenda was adopted as approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Squire gave a verbal report. She referenced the need to distribute the January 2022, minutes, and reported the following: She will attend the NTC virtually, immediate past VSAP President Lynda Baer is moving to Arizona, Jane Woods, a charter member of NOVAMAGS, passed, and that VSAP purchased an ad for the NAP NTC program. The President expressed thanks to Vivian Minor for assistance in preparing the ad, and announced that Ms. Minor is helping with the preparation of VSAP's anniversary celebration that will take place during the 2023 Convention. The President requested the members to "put on the ritz" for the 2023 Convention and make it a gala and exciting convention.

First Vice President Donald Garrett, PRP, gave a verbal report. He continues to refer new members to clubs and is making plans for the 2023 convention.

Second Vice President Dr. Cynthia Mayo, PRP, gave a verbal report: VSAP has 291 members with a goal of 300 by year-end 2022. The convention will be held at the Marriott in Glen Allen, Richmond April 29-30, 2023.

Treasurer Arlene Skinner submitted the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. She was absent at the beginning of the meeting and the president read pertinent portions. Questions were raised as to lack of specificity of dollar amounts for certain items. Upon her arrival, the Treasurer stated she would provide a more detailed report immediately following the meeting.

Dr. Mayo stated that she would be presenting a new budget at the 2023 VSAP Convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Donald, Garrett, PRP, reported that nothing is planned yet but he is open to presentations for this quarter.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Anne Dryden, chairman, reported. Dr. Cynthia Mayo was the 2022 awardee. The committee wanted to present the award in person but was unable since the convention was via Zoom. The committee will present the award in-person to Dr. Mayo at the 2023 Convention. The committee will provide information to units and clubs via the Gaveletter as to the criteria and other information for the 2023 Lifetime Achievement award.

Membership: President Squire noted that Sala Powell-Dabney, chair of the Membership Committee, and committee members have been doing a stupendous job. The June workshop had 16 to 18 attendees.

Public Relations: President Squire reported that the PR Committee, chaired by Marian Martin, PRP, would like more members to serve on the committee, and asked for volunteers.

Chris Marston volunteered to take the lead in obtaining a proclamation from the Virginia Governor for the upcoming convention. He thinks the proclamation should focus on VSAP's years of existence and would like information on VSAP's history.

Information Technology: Donald Garrett, PRP, reported that the VSAP website is getting monthly inquiries and SEO (Search Engine Optimization) is good. He will ensure minutes are posted there.

Anniversary Committee: Michael Wagner-Diggs, PRP reported. VSAP will be celebrating its 66th anniversary during the 2023 VSAP Convention with a "gala." Michael Wagner-Diggs and Yulanda Humphries are co-chairs.

UNIT/CLUB REPORTS

CATHERINE WITTMAN: President Joyce Henderson reported they are working on the website and the "Debra Henry Parliamentary Law Day." (Copy of report attached.)

CHESAPEAKE: Martha Rollins reported that the unit is looking forward to the Annual Meeting with election of new officers in November. They appreciate the GOO incentive program. They had 20 participants in two groups in May and June 30. Michael Wagner-Diggs presented at the second one.

M. STANLEY RYAN: President Florence Taylor was experiencing technical difficulties. Secretary Liker read the report on her behalf. September 2022 is the unit's kickoff and the nominating committee will be elected. (Copy of report attached.)

SILVER GAVEL: Mary Loose-DeViney reported that she and Charlotte Bailey have met informally.

NOVAMAGS: Steven Berke reported that the unit is meeting in-person and virtual (hybrid). The next meeting is September 21. The unit is planning a membership workshop for the middle or later part of October.

VDEER: Cora Salzburg, PRP, reported that the unit has new officers, and she will provide the units and club with a list. The new president is Valerie Beard.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The upcoming District II Convention will be held prior to the 2023 VSAP Convention.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Rhiannon Liker
VSAP Secretary