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Welcome Letter from VSAP President



I want to thank the delegates to the 2023 VSAP Convention for electing me President of our association for this biennium. I am excited to work with the Board of Directors to continue promoting parliamentary education throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I had full circle moment earlier this month. In the beginning of June, I gave remarks at the retirement celebration for my middle school technology teacher, who is leaving the classroom after 44 years of instruction!

It was in my middle school Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter where I was first introduced to parliamentary procedure. Seeing the organization's opening ceremony and hearing phrases such as "Resolved" and "minutes approval" inspired curiosity into a young Donald, which encouraged him to pick up a copy of Robert's Rules of Order for Dummies.

After competing (and winning!) in a TSA parliamentary procedure competition called Chapter Team, I eventually wondered if there were other people like me out there who liked these meeting procedures. One Google search later and I found the National Association of Parliamentarians. Today, I serve as President of one of the statewide NAP affiliates.

During this biennium, I hope that we can continue to identify people who share a similar curiosity for rules and invite them to be a part of our VSAP family.

Donald Garrett

2023-2025 VSAP Officers and Committee Chairs

Elected Officers

President – Donald Garrett, PRP

1st Vice President – Valarie A. Jones, Esq., PRP

2nd Vice President – Flint Lewis, RP

Recording Secretary – Jacqueline Roundtree, PRP

Treasurer – Arlene Skinner, RP

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NAP Convention 2023

Appointed Officers

Corresponding Secretary – Anne Dryden

Editor-In-Chief – Vivian A. Minor, CAP

Historian – Sala Powell-Dabney

Parliamentarian – Donna Simpson, PRP

Standing Committee Chairmen

Budget and Finance – Flint Lewis, RP

Bylaws – Mary Loose Deviney, PRP

Education – Valarie A. Jones, Esq., PRP

Lifetime Achievement Award – TBD

Membership – TBD

Publicity/Public Relations – Vivian A. Minor, CAP

Youth Development – Steve Hicks, PRP

Special Committee Chairmen

Information Technology – Donald Garrett, PRP



SUMMER STUDY



At the Historic Gainsboro Library
Roanoke, Virginia

What a wonderful summer study! The Roanoke Valley Unit had a summer study held for the month of June. The members were able to get a refresher of RONR.

Our study came from the “In Brief” with a session concentrated on Bylaws and Motions.

This is the second year the Unit has hosted a summer study led by Mrs. Marlene Wine. Her teaching made for a wonderful fellowship and a great time had by all.



Pictured:
Marlene Wine and Marquitta Joyce



Left to right back row:
Mr. Hayward Statum, Mrs. Becky Pullins, Ms. Lori Buchanan, Ms. Marquitta Joyce, Mrs. Charla White, Mrs. Marilyn Whittaker, Mrs. Helen Dean

In front:
Mrs. April Myers and Mrs. Marlene Wine

Attended but not pictured:
Mr. LeRoy Worley, Mrs. Anita Wilson, and Ms. Cyndi Wood

We ended the study with a special luncheon to say thank you to all that attended. Blessings to all and hopes for a safe and wonderful summer.

Marquitta Joyce
Roanoke Valley Unit President



PARLIAMENTARY COMPONENT

Parliamentary Inquiry and Request for Information: Similarities and Differences

These two motions are known as incidental motions, motions that relate to the conduct of the meeting as opposed to relating to the substance of the main motion. They both are requesting a response from the chair, "... to obtain information or to do or have something done that requires permission of the assembly." 33:1.

A *Parliamentary Inquiry* is a question directed to the presiding officer to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law or the rules of the organization bearing on the business at hand. 33:3. A *Request for Information* (also called a *Point of Information*)

is a request directed to the chair, or through the chair to another officer or member, for information relevant to the business at hand but not related to parliamentary procedure. 33:6

A member making these motions can interrupt the speaker if the inquiry requires immediate attention. Both do not require a second, are not debatable, cannot be amended and cannot be reconsidered. The chair will ask the inquirer to state the *Parliamentary Inquiry* or the *Request for Information*. The chair will then respond to the *Parliamentary Inquiry* or the *Request for Information*. The chair may consult with the parliamentarian for the appropriate response to the *Parliamentary Inquiry*. The parliamentarian does not respond to the assembly; the chair gives the response. However, if the issue is quite complex, the chair may ask the parliamentarian to respond directly to the assembly. This should be done sparingly. Also, no vote is taken on a *Parliamentary Inquiry* and a *Request for Information*.

In responding to the *Request for Information* the chair may provide the answer or ask the appropriate member to provide the answer to the assembly. For example, a question related to the assembly's budget may require a response from the treasurer. These are two motions having more similarities than differences.

Valarie A. Jones, Esq., PRP
First Vice President, VSAP



PICTURES FROM THE VSAP CONVENTION - 2023

(Shared by Sala Powell-Dabney, Historian)



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Beatrice Squire, PRP – Immediately Past President, VSAP

Cynthia Mayo, PhD, PRP, District Two Director

Donald Garrett, PRP, President, VSAP

THE GALA





September 6-10, 2023

Make Plans for the 2023 NAP Convention in Atlanta--

Visit napconvention.com for more information on the NAP Convention. Please contact Donald Garrett at donaldgarrett@gmail.com if you are attending and would like to serve as a voting delegate. VSAP has plenty of spots available to assign members to vote.

IN-PERSON	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS	STUDENTS
FULL CONVENTION			
Early Bird (by July 1)	\$539	\$589	\$249
Regular (July 2 - August 24)	\$589	\$639	\$249
On-site (after August 24)	\$619	\$669	\$249
ONE-DAY CONVENTION			
Early Bird (by July 1)	\$329	\$379	\$169
Regular (July 2 - August 24)	\$359	\$409	\$169
On-site (after August 24)	\$379	\$429	
VIRTUAL	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS	STUDENTS
ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS ONLY			
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