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As you know, TSA holds an annual national conference. This year, it was held in Nashville, Tennessee, also known as Music City, USA. There are many events that took place throughout the week, such as an annual student mixer, an American Cancer Society Rally, and an annual business meeting. Members were challenged as they faced many competitive events throughout the week, as well as enlightened by the experience as a whole. The mixer took place the first official night of the conference. This was an amazing opportunity to meet fellow members from all over the country, Peru, and Germany. Members traded pins and conversed in regards to the upcoming week. More importantly, members had the chance to talk to the national officer candidates. This gave them a chance to get to know who they were voting for. The American Cancer Society Rally took place on the last night of the conference. This was undoubtedly a touching and memorable experience for many. Donald Garret, state parliamentarian, says, "I never knew that that many people were affected by cancer. The first lap was made of people who were cancer survivors and people whose families have been

affected." After they walked, all other participants joined them. The uplifting music and decorated, bags lit with candles and cancer victims' names on them added to the presence of compassion at this event. The American Cancer Society Rally continues to be TSA's contribution to the world.

An imperative part of the conference was the annual business meeting. The business meeting was an opportunity for each member voting delegates in particular, to expand his or her horizons by voicing his or her opinions and practicing parliamentary procedure. The first order of business conducted was the voting of national officers. The newly elected national officers are:

- President- KC Kushman
- Vice President- Alyssa Gomez
- Secretary- Andrea Tucker
- Treasurer- Mike McKnight
- Reporter- Landon Bunch
- Sergeant at Arms- Stanley Wyre

The next order of business was resolutions. The first resolution passed was in order to make the final products of competitions open to the general public. Next, a national proposed change to the motto. Since all

states were not notified appropriately within the time specified by the By laws, Virginia TSA fought it and all action on this proposal got suspended. Later on in the meeting, it was reconsidered and after hours of debate, the amendment failed. The motto, "Learning to live in a technical world" still stands. Members strive to perfect their competitive events for the national competitions. Virginia as a whole finalized in 18 middle school and 24 high school competitive events. For FI schools, two schools from Virginia received the Judges' choice award and are moving on to the international competition. The international competition will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in the spring of 2008.



New Officers Workshop

The New Officers Workshop is held annually to prepare the newly elected state officers for the upcoming year. This year, it was located at the Sheraton Park South Hotel in west Richmond on the weekend of June 8th through 10th. This weekend retreat bonded the state officers through leadership activities, business meetings, and a fun outing. The executive council created a new program of work, proposed a budget for the upcoming year, and adopted a new calendar of events. The program of work includes:

- I. To create a Leadership Academy
- II. To carry through with community service projects
- III. To increase membership and regional participation and involvement
- IV. To increase public awareness

- V. To create an active revision of the Bylaws and Constitution
- VI. To improve the Virginia TSA website
- VII. To get four Virginia Scene issues out.
- VIII. To get message boards back online.
- IX. To increase income in business and industrial sponsorships

The proposed budget outlines where Virginia TSA's finances go. Since national "Directions" no longer exists, the money that was usually put toward that is now going to Virginia TSA's first annual leadership training academy. More information will come soon. Also, we increased the amount of money used on the Virginia Scene. We multiplied the amount of money previously used on the Virginia Scene by four because it is one of our goals to submit four issues to each

individual chapter. The Calendar of Events was edited so that last year's dates correspond with this year's. The dates and locations on the calendar are not final, so be alert for any changes. Regional fairs and fall rallies are still in the process of being planned by the regional councils.

Overall, the New Officers Workshop was an enriching experience that was certainly beneficial in the progress of the newly elected state officer team. Maggie Rehim, state secretary, states, "On behalf of the executive council, we have grown closer just from that one weekend. The unfathomable creativity and hard work of this council will make this year a great one." Under the leadership of Vernell Woods, the executive council will successfully complete the program of work. The 2007-2008 school year is looking brighter and brighter as the summer advances.

Note from the President

My name is Vernell Woods and I am the 2007-2008 Virginia TSA President. I am a rising senior at Nansemond River High School and am 17 years old. At my school, I am involved in many different clubs, activities, and athletic teams. I am the Vice-President of the CHROME club, the captain of the Chess Team, a member of the BETA club, Academic Challenge Team, as well as a member of the KEY club. During my high school athletic career, I have been a member of the baseball team, the golf team, and the captain of the wrestling team. Along with my clubs and activities, I have been able to maintain a G.P.A. of above a 4.0 and currently have a G.P.A. of 4.3.

Although I am involved in a number of high school sports and activities, Virginia TSA stands the closest to my heart. I have been a member of TSA for over 6 years. I have attended 6 regional competitions and 6 Technospheres. At these competitions I have received numerous awards and top 10 pins ranging from 7th all the way to 1st

in competitions like Architectural Model and Problem Solving. I also have had the privilege to have attended 2 national competitions as well. At nationals I have placed in the top 10 in Challenging Technological Issues.

I also have had the privilege to serve as an officer at either the local, regional or state level all 6 years that I have been in TSA. Last year I served as the state Sergeant-At-Arms which taught me exactly how much it takes to run Virginia TSA, but now I feel that it is time for a change that is why I ran for Virginia TSA President, to make a change, and with all your help, I can.

My experiences in Virginia TSA will stick with me for a lifetime.

The association has taught me how to be a leader as well as a follower, how to use my mind and body, and how to shape my future. I will strive this year to try and help other children gain the same things from Virginia TSA that I did. Hopefully, when I graduate at the end of the year, there will be a long list

of things that I will need to give back to other kids because Virginia TSA has given me so much.

I am ecstatic about serving this year on the Executive Council, and I hope to make this a very fun year but also a productive one.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vernell Woods

Virginia TSA President



Vice President

Hello my fellow Virginia Technology Student Association members! My name is Alec Jentink, and I am your 2007-2008 State Vice President. Let me start off by telling you some personal information about myself so that we may be better acquainted. I am a rising junior at Nansemond River High School in Suffolk, Virginia. I will be turning seventeen in the very near future, and I have been a member of Virginia TSA for 2 years now. I work at a very prestigious golf course in Suffolk, Virginia, as a laborer. I enjoy playing the guitar, and I lead my local youth group's worship team.

"The Technology Student Association has allowed me to branch out and meet many interesting people."

Through Virginia TSA I have been able to succeed in various aspects of life. Within my first year in the Technology Student Association, I was put into the position of Tidewater Regional President, which enabled me to grasp what the Virginia Technology Student

Association was truly about. I competed in Film Technology in my first year of TSA, and I was able to place second in the state which carried me all the way to Texas for the 2006 National TSA Conference. This year, I had the privilege to run for your state vice president within Virginia TSA. Thanks to the support and votes of all of my fellow members, I was elected into office for the 2007-2008 term.

The Virginia Technology Student Association has brought me to a distinct point in my life, a crossroad so to speak. The Technology Student Association has allowed me to branch out and meet many interesting people. I have been able to gain valuable work experience through this association that I will carry with me wherever I go in life. Virginia TSA has taught me what qualities compose a true leader. I will treasure the relation-

ships I have made, and I will also retain all of the knowledge gained throughout my years in Virginia TSA. I plan on staying in the Virginia Technology Student Association throughout the remainder of my high school experience, and I hope that through the support of my fellow members, I will be able to surpass all obstacles set before me.

Respectfully submitted,

Alec Jentink

Virginia State Vice President



1st Annual Virginia TSA Statewide Leadership Academy, October 19-20, Richmond

Join us! <http://www.vatsa.org/>

Secretary

“Shookrun.” This phrase means thank you in Arabic, and it expresses my gratitude toward the Virginia Technology Student Association for electing me, Maggie Rehim, as your 2007-2008 State Secretary. I am a rising senior at West Point High School in West Point, VA. I am involved in various clubs, organizations, and sports such as the National Honor Society, National Thespian Society, the Future Business Leaders of America, Key Club, and cheerleading. I enjoy playing the piano, theatre, traveling, the beach, and meeting new people.

The upcoming school year will be my seventh year of being an active member in the Virginia Technology Student Association. Competitions I have competed in include Imaging Technology, Career Comparison, Extemporaneous Presentation, Prepared Presentation, and Medical Technology. I have placed at the regional and state level in numerous competitions. I was my local chapter’s secretary 9th through 11th grade. Experiences from holding that position have allowed my leader-

ship skills to improve not only as a member of my local chapter, but as a member of the state chapter.

The Virginia Technology Student Association has greatly affected several aspects of my life. One of the many things I admire about the Technology Student Association has been its inspiring ability to break down the boundaries between gender and cultural diversity. As a young girl, society enforced the view that technology is a man’s field. The Technology Student Association has encouraged me to research and discover new ideas concerning my future. I believe that every child should study technology. Also, coming from a small school in which everyone knows everyone, it has been amazing getting acquainted with new individuals each year at the Tidewater Regional Fair and Technosphere.



There is one outstanding aspect that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Khalil Gibran said that “We give but little when we give of our possessions. It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give.” My biggest ambition is to give back to the world for all of the wonderful blessings and opportunities it has provided to me. I am ecstatic that I have the opportunity to do so through being a member of the executive council of the Virginia Technology Student Association. I will continue to collect memorable experiences throughout my term as your 2007-2008 Virginia State Secretary.

Respectively Submitted,

Maggie Rehim

Virginia State Secretary.

Treasurer

Greetings, my name is Clara Chan, and this is my second term serving as your Virginia TSA State Treasurer. I am a rising freshmen at Deep Run High School, and I have been a very active member in TSA since joining in the sixth grade at Short Pump Middle School. In my spare time, apart from school and TSA, I am also a year-round competitive swimmer.

The duties of the my office are to keep accurate and current records of all financial records and membership reports as necessary and to serve the association to the best of my ability. I am confident that I will be able to accomplish all the goals of this office, and I have the experience from serving on the Executive Council and holding this office in the past to help me out in the future. Throughout my years in Virginia TSA, I participated in



many competitions at Technosphere. I have been most successful in Inventions and Innovations and Technical Design Challenge as I have placed in these competitions.

TSA has helped me to become a better student, leader, and competitor. I love attending conferences, competing, and meeting new people at the various events at the regional, state, and even national levels. I have traveled to all conferences at every level since becoming a member.

I am very excited to be moving on to the high school level to various other types of competitions and meeting new people in the years to come. I will work to accomplish all goals and fulfill all the duties of my of-

vice to the best of my ability. I look forward to the upcoming year and would like to wish the best of luck to everyone.

Respectively Submitted,

Clara Chan

Virginia State Reporter

Hey!
Be sure to check the web site often for information on fall rallies, spring fairs, Technosphere, rules addendum, and community service — stay involved!
<http://www.vatsa.org/>

Reporter

My name is Leah Hammock and I am a rising freshman at Deep Run High School in Glen Allen. I am very thrilled to serve as your 2007-2008 Virginia TSA Reporter.

Other than TSA, I am involved in many extracurricular activities at my school including cheerleading and the Jr. BETA club. Outside of school I enjoy going to the mall, pool, and movies.

TSA has been my priority for the past



three years. As a seventh grader I was chapter Secretary. Winning over 12 awards in just two years, I was one of the top 3 members in my middle school chapter. This year, as President of my chapter and Secretary of the South Central Region, I really got a feel for what TSA is about. Looking back over these years that I have been involved in TSA, I have come to realize just how much

I have learned. In the future I plan on joining the VTEA and hope to return to judge different competitions at Technosphere and other conferences. This year I will see that my school community and national association have a complete report of our organizations activities and I promise to serve my office to the highest of my ability.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Hammock

Virginia State Reporter

Sergeant at Arms

My name is Tyler Clay and I am your 2007-2008 Virginia TSA Sergeant-At-Arms. I have been involved in TSA since 6th grade. I am an upcoming freshman at Deep Run High School and I look forward to my 4th year in TSA!



This year I would like to increase membership, play an active role in the executive council and raise TSA

knowledge in classrooms. I will strive to make the mixer better, increase the number of members that run for an office, prepare for Technosphere 2008, and work with all the officers throughout the year.

I am involved with many activities including TSA. I play baseball for Glen Allen and umpire baseball for seven, eight, and nine year olds. I enjoy watching the kids learn and grow around the game of baseball. I play basketball for the YMCA in Glen Allen, Virginia. I love to play golf; I play almost every day after school. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family.

I expect to continue TSA through out my high school years and to become a teacher or advisor to give

back to TSA. It is important for me to let other kids get the experience that I have enjoyed.

My middle school advisor, Mr. Samuel Turner, first got me involved in TSA through his Technology class. I have learned so much from my advisor and from his Technology class. I am looking forward to working with the executive council and with all of the members of the Technology Student Association. TSA is a great way to learn Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure. It is also a great way to meet and make new friends and have an unbelievable experience. I encourage all to join TSA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Clay

State Sergeant at Arms

Historian

My name is Ted Meyer, and I am your 2007-2008 Virginia Technology Student Association Historian. Along with the Technology Student Association, I competed on my school's academic team and also served as captain. While being captain, I learned much about leadership and communication with my fellow team members. Along with the academic team, I played goalkeeper for my school junior-varsity soccer team. This helped me gain courage to take chances and never second guess myself.

During school I am part of both the Social Studies Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. I also

have maintained a 3.9 grade point average in my first two years in high school. However, the Virginia Technology Student Association has had greatest impact on my life. While in Virginia TSA, I have attended the past three Technospheres, and have walked away with at least one trophy. I have also attended the past two National Conferences of the Technology Student Association and have walked away from each one with at least a top ten finish. Some of the competitions I enjoy to compete in are Film Technology, Cyberspace Pursuit, and Career Comparisons. Along with competitions, this past year I served as the 2006-2007 Virginia Tech-

nology Student Association Valley Regional Vice President, and I gained most of my leadership experience from serving that year. This year, I would like to thank all of the voting delegates that elected me your 2007-2008 Virginia Technology Student Association Historian. I hope accomplish much while serving on the executive council. As with my previous position, I will continue to serve my peers to the best of my ability. I think that this executive council is capable of accomplishing more than any other executive council.

The experiences I have had in TSA will last a lifetime, and I hope to

Historian...Continued

take away so much from the Technology Student Association. I hope to, of course, take away all of the leadership skills that come with serving on the executive council. Also, the many friendships I have gained during just my three years in the Virginia Technology Student Association will last the rest of my lifetime, and I can guarantee that the friendships I will make over the next two years will also last many years. I hope to take away many of the basic work skills that will be valuable when seeking a future career. Computers and the internet are becoming almost necessities in order to have

successful careers, and I feel very luck to have an organization like the Technology Student Association. I hope to say when I graduate in 2009, that I have taken away more than I have listed here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Meyer

Virginia State Historian



Parliamentarian

Hello, my name is Donald Garrett. I am a rising sophomore at Deep Run High School, and I am excited to serve as the 2007-2008 State Parliamentarian. Although it wasn't the office I originally ran for, I will serve it to the highest extent of my abilities. Outside of TSA, I am a member of SCA, Key Club, and Choice Club, and I served as the Freshman Class President. Outside of school, I enjoy instant messaging, digital photography, and eating strange foods from other countries.



TSA has been a part of me since 6th grade. I was part of Short Pump Middle School's pilot program to try having 6th graders in TSA. Before 6th grade, Short Pump's TSA chapter had only been filled with 8th graders. Since then, I have served in class offices, regional offices, and on the Executive Council for 2 years. Putting TSA as my top-most priority, I have won many regional and state awards, and have finalized in one national competition.

I believe that TSA has changed my goals for the future. After I graduate, I plan on joining the TSAA and plan on serving in different office positions. TSA has done so much for me and it would be wonderful if I could give at least half of what I have received. I look forward to this year's term and I'm excited to represent my state.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Garrett

Virginia State Parliamentarian

Immediate Past President

As I write this, another twelve more grueling days of writing English papers and my high school career will be over; Blacksburg beckons. This fall at Tech I will be a member of the University Honors program, the Galileo themed housing group, will be a Pamplin Leader, and hope to become involved with the Engineers Without Borders community service organization. Add to that mix some chill time with friends and some intramural sports, and my plate should be almost full. Another helping of TSA should round things out nicely.

As an executive council member this year, I want to compile a

packet of forms and advice for state presidents based off of my experiences this past year as Virginia TSA President. I also plan to work as the key liaison between the council and TSA Alumni. Taking on more of an advisory role this coming year will be interesting.

A final note, if you attended nationals, thanks for showing Virginia TSA pride (I know you've got

some) and for coming to the leadership workshops. Thanks, and have a great day!



Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Ridgeway

Virginia State Immediate Past President

Tidewater Regional President

Hello, my name is Corey Chamberlain and I am your 2007-2008 Tidewater Region President. I am 15 years old and enrolled in Mathews High School. Other than technology, I like to boat, cook, and play sports .

I hope this year I can get a lot more people involved in TSA, and to do that, I have to think of some fun ways to be positive about it, and I need your help too. I'm looking forward to a great year. I joined TSA in 7th grade, and for the first time, I was just a simple student "testing" it out, but then the next year, I ran for Reporter, and qualified for it. Since that year was fun, the next year I took re-



sponsibility in filling in for the office of Reporter. But before that, I ran for Vice-President, and when I was voted in, I was given the chance to decide if I wanted to be bumped up to the next office and be President, or stay Vice-President. After a LONG time of deciding, I thought I was ready for it.

The symbol of my office is the gavel. The duties vested in me by my office are to preside at all regular and special meetings of this organization and to promote cooperation in

carrying out the activities and work of our organization.

I know TSA will guide me through my world with knowledge that I have gained. I hopefully will become an alumni, and get my future children to join TSA. I am a sophomore in Mathews High School, and I'm ready to serve you. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Chamberlain

Tidewater Regional President

So you Want to Learn Robert's Rule...

Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition, Newly Revised, is about 700 pages long. The length of the book is the number one thing that turns people away from learning parliamentary procedures.

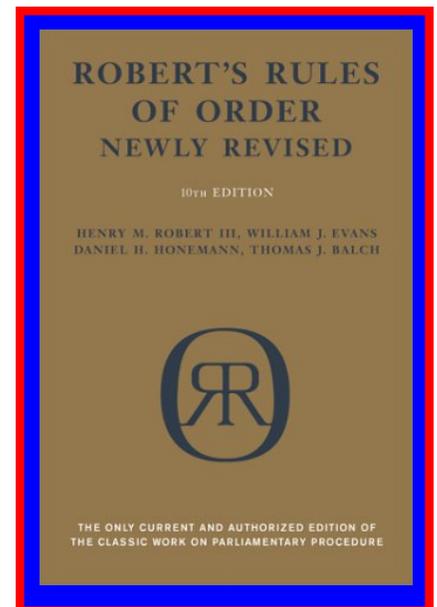
As the Virginia TSA Parliamentarian, it is my responsibility to know parliamentary procedure so I can advise members, answer questions, and make sure business meetings are running smoothly. People tell me that I do a good job, but let me tell you a secret: I haven't read the 700 pages.

How is it possible to know parliamentary procedure and not read the entire book? Read a shorter version and only use the big book as reference. As a 7th grader, I started out reading *Robert's Rules in Plain English*. This book is less than a 200 page read and it introduces you to all the differ-

ent areas of parliamentary procedure. After reading *Robert's Rules in Plain English*, I encourage you to buy *Robert's Rules of Order in Brief*.

After that 200 page read, that's when you can move up to the bigger, 700 page book. It's a long read, but with your knowledge of the other two books, you don't need to read it, only use it as a reference book, like an encyclopedia. If you have any questions about parliamentary procedure, please feel free to send me an email, with the subject:

VASCENES, at 1337donald@gmail.com.



Highlights from Nashville 2007



First Annual Leadership Academy! October 19-20, 2007

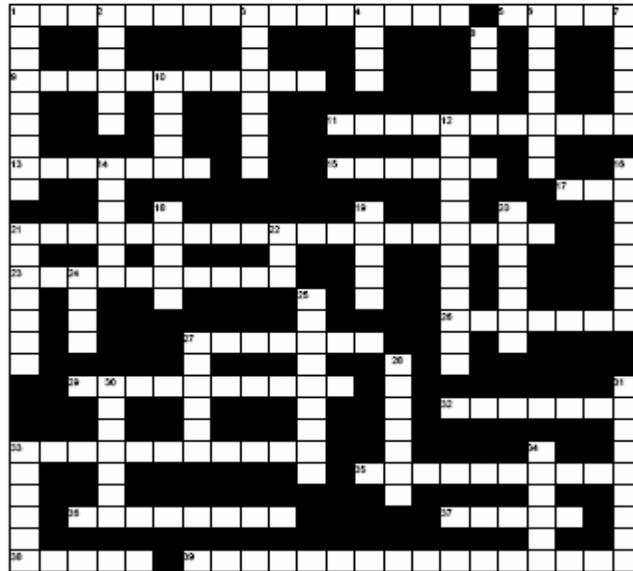
The statewide leadership academy was designed to help Virginia TSA members and officers learn how, or continue to be the great leaders that we all know they can be. To do this, we designed this academy to give each of you guidance in not only how to be an effective leader, but also how to communicate. Members will gain teambuilding skills through hands-on break-

out sessions and seminars. The academy also will provide opportunities for members to gain knowledge about our various competitive events and the skills needed to succeed in them on the regional, state, and national level.

This is an ideal opportunity for new chapter officers and new chapters to get together and strengthen chapter efforts!



Fun and Games



Across

- 1 To cut off discussion one would move the _____.
- 5 Accept or ratify.
- 9 A newly accepted alternate form to address the presiding officer.
- 11 Selecting the slate of officers is done through _____.
- 13 The agenda should include _____ of officers and committee chairs.
- 15 The rules of a Society are combined into one document, usually called its _____.
- 17 Motions that deprive the member of a privilege require _____ - XXXX vote of the assembly in the affirmative to pass. (with 7 down)
- 21 The most widely accepted Parliamentary authority (with 12 down), 4 words.
- 23 A class of ranking motions each of which can be applied to any main motion.
- 26 Used to close a session of several meetings: adjourn _____ (without day)
- 27 A document that sets forth the name and object of a society. Also may be used to grant the right to form a local or subordinate unit.
- 29 It brings business before the assembly, 2 words.
- 32 Ratify.
- 33 A nonelective position or office.
- 35 A class of motion that should be allowed to interrupt the consideration of anything else.
- 36 _____ committees are constituted to perform a continuing function.
- 37 Adjournment may be signaled by a rap of the _____.
- 38 A committee appointed to carry out a specific task.
- 39 In cases where there seems to be no opposition to routine business matters, time can be saved by the procedure of _____ being employed by the Chair.

Down

- 1 Established way of doing things.
- 2 Casting a ballot.
- 3 The Chair states the motion and asks, "Are you ready for the _____."
- 4 To bring back a tabled motion, someone must move to _____ it from the table.
- 6 To verify a vote, one can call for _____ of the assembly.
- 7 Motions that deprive the member of a privilege require XXX-_____ vote of the assembly in the affirmative to pass. (with 17 across)
- 8 The only time the presiding officer votes is to break a _____.
- 10 When a member thinks the rules of the assembly are being violated, he can make a _____ of Order.
- 12 See 21 across, 2 words.
- 14 _____ of the Day include general and special.
- 16 To put off to a later time.
- 18 Application of mental facilities to acquire knowledge.
- 19 _____ of Directors.
- 20 To be considered, an amendment must be _____ to the main motion (relevant, appropriate).
- 21 Repeat or annul.
- 22 A motion to "_____ on the table" sets it aside temporarily.
- 24 Corpus delicti.
- 25 An organization's bylaws should state which document is its parliamentary _____.
- 27 A motion to _____ is used to refer the main motion to a committee.
- 28 To suspend until a later stated time.
- 30 To set officially, as one to a post or office.
- 31 A motion that changes a main motion.
- 33 A list of things to be done.
- 34 A short intermission or break within a meeting.

Why are fish scared of computers?

Answer: Because they don't want to get caught in the internet

What is a computers favorite dance?

Answer: Disk-o

Why did the computer scream?

Answer: Because someone stepped on its mouse

What do computers eat?

Answer: Chips