

June 18, 2008
VAPT Conference
Second Business Meeting
Virginia Beach, Virginia

The second business meeting was called to order by David Pace, President. During his opening remarks he thanked Sonny Merrymen for the great time that was enjoyed at the barbecue which was held at the Oceana Naval Air Station. It was also mentioned that the shuttle service appeared to be working very well considering the distance that separated several of the hotels from the convention site.

David Pace also mentioned the problem with water that one of the off site hotels was experiencing and how it was affecting convention participants that were staying there.

Committee Reports:

James Lash -Audit – The books are fine and in order. VAPT is in great financial shape.

Linda Shaffer -Conference Guest – There has not been a large following for this activity. There are activities that have been planned for the conference. It is a worthwhile endeavor.

Tim Parker – Constitution/Bylaws – There is no changes proposed at this time.

Harold Grimes – Legislative – There was a small number of changes proposed by the past General Assembly. The most notable one pertained to school bus drivers and the use of cell phones while in operation of school bus. After July 1, 2008 school bus drivers will not be able to use a cell phone, hands free or otherwise during the operation of a school bus. A cell phone can only be use if the school bus is off the road, properly secured and only if the cell phone is being used for school business.

Bertha Thomas – Membership – There are 291 total members, 60 new members and 27 new vendor members.

Michael Ashby – Resolutions – The ban on the use of cell phones by school bus drivers was reviewed.

Linwood Horne – Scholarships – Students have been selected and will be announced at the banquet tonight.

John Hazelette – Hall of Fame – Nominees will be announced at the banquet.

Donna Carter – Newsletter – Ideas are needed as well as digital pictures. The regions need to get together and come up with stories of interest. The newsletter is only as good as the effort put in to it.

Barry Sudduth – Position Paper – There was a position paper dealing with proposed additional driver training for those schools systems that allow field tips out of state. The extra training would almost double the hours that are now required. The training would need to be done by an approved outside company which would be very expensive. For more information, go to www.regulation.gov.

Sharon Utley – Road-E-O – The road-E-O this year made for a very long day. The day consisted of regular as well as special needs drivers and their buses. We may need to go back to the Spring Special Needs Symposium because of the length. Commonwealth Bus Sales was thanked for providing the barbecue lunch and White Tire was thanked for providing the trophies.

Anne Pilson – Poster Contest – There was 1054 entries sent in from around the state. The winners of the contest will be announced at the banquet.

Tim Parker – Web Site – All material for the web site should be sent to Tim Parker of Fairfax County Public Schools. The web site itself is being maintained by a paid person in Texas.

Dwight Elam – Historian – We are continuing to update our pictorial history of VAPT. If you have any old pictures, send them to Dwight Elam at Mecklenburg County Public Schools.

Dennis Lewis – Nominating Committee, Chairman. The following slate of officers and directors are offered in nomination.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board of Directors for 2008-2009

President	David Pace
Vice President	Michael Ashby
Secretary	Dwight Elam
Treasurer	Kermit Shaffer
Past President	June Eanes

Region 1	Ron Rhodes
Region 2	*James Lash
Region 3	Barry Sudduth
Region 4	James Day
Region 5	*Mary Eppard
Region 6	*Rebecca Mummau
Region 7	*Sam Mussick
Region 8	Charles Bentley

***Beginning 1st year of two year term**

The slate offered in nomination was voted upon and elected.

David Pace offered this remark; the regions make their selection for director. He challenged each person in the audience to get involved in VAPT. Many people in the present leadership positions have done the job before. When these people retire, it will be necessary to have people in place to take over and grow the organization.

David Pace asked if there were any other concerns. None were offered and the meeting was adjourned.