



# VSCA News & Updates

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## VSCA Convention Wrap-up and Future Convention Plans

Nearly 350 student leaders and advisors from 34 middle and high schools around the Commonwealth gathered at Orange County High School March 25-26 for the 95th VSCA State Convention. After a virtual kick-off on Friday evening where delegates participated in icebreakers and heard candidate speeches in region meetings, guest presenter Phil Boyte started Saturday off in-person with an interactive session for all delegates.



The morning session was followed by food truck lunches, a variety of learning labs presented by student leaders, and a session with Dr. Mann from the state Board of Education where students conveyed their opinions on a variety of topics. The day concluded with a pep rally and closing session where councils were recognized for their outstanding efforts this year and new officers were installed.

The new officers and region reps have already begun planning for the 2022-2023 school year. A discussion is underway about the format for the 2023 convention. Feedback has been positive about having the convention venue be a school, rather than a hotel-based site. The elected leaders would like more feedback from member schools about the convention format before a final decision is made. Please take a minute to complete this short survey to let us know your thoughts: <https://forms.gle/5q6xLhi4TagMVGCh9>

## 2022-23 Advisory Committee Application

Getting involved in the statewide Advisory Committee is a great way to network with schools around the Commonwealth and give your student leaders opportunities to lead outside your own school. Applications for next year's Committee are now open and are due by June 1.

Meeting dates have been set for September 17, November 12, and February 4. For more information on Advisory Committee, visit our website at <https://www.scaleader.org/advisory-committee>. The direct link to the application is: <https://bit.ly/advcomm22-23>



## Update Your Membership Before Summer Break

Don't miss out on back-to-school communications

## VSCA Student Council Handbook Revision

A committee is currently revising the *VSCA Student Council Handbook*, which hasn't been updated since 1996. If you are interested in taking a chapter to update, or have topics or resources you want to see included in the handbook, please reach out to VSCA Director Lyn Fiscus at [LFiscus@scaleader.org](mailto:LFiscus@scaleader.org). The revision is planned to be available for fall 2022.

## Summer Professional Development

VSCA is planning some summer professional development opportunities in mid July for student council advisers, class advisers, and leadership teachers. These will be daylong trainings at a central location. If you are interested in receiving details about any of these opportunities, please add yourself to this list to receive information:

<https://forms.gle/psSBmLXi9b69faJR7>

from VSCA! Be sure you have submitted your membership application and dues for the 2022-23 school year before you leave for the summer.

*Schools that renew by August 15 will receive a FREE PDF version of the newly revised VSCA Student Council Handbook. Don't delay, renew today!*

Membership information is available on the website at <https://www.scaleader.org/membership>. The direct link to the membership application is **here**.



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