

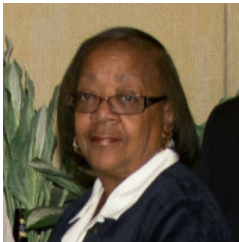


Great Lakes Grapevine

NAP District Four

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Greetings from your Director:



Joyce Brown-Watkins
District Four Director

A Look Back and Into the Future

National Training Conference

Another successful National Training Conference (NTC) was held in Broomfield, CO. The 2016 NTC was a great experience affording all those in attendance the opportunity to network and gain additional parliamentary knowledge. District Four was well represented.

Pictures and other information about the NTC can be found on the NAP website; www.parliamentarians.org.

District Four Conference

Our next District Conference is being hosted by Robert Schuck and the Wisconsin Association. The conference is scheduled for **May 5-7, 2017** at the Crown Madison in Madison, WI. As in the past, district members are asked to present a workshop and/or serve in other capacities during the weekend. Say "Yes" when called upon. If you have ideas for workshops, or want to present a workshop, please contact Robert Schuck, President of the Wisconsin Association. Additional information is forthcoming.

Illinois Association of Parliamentarians

The Illinois Association of Parliamentarians, IAP, held its 55th Annual Session and Educational Institute in Lombard, IL. The theme "Leadership Rocks! Let Your Dreams Take Flight" was quite appropriate for the excellent workshops offered. The District Director thanks IAP for the invitation to be a part of a dynamic session and institute. Thank you President Underwood and IAP.

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Membership

A quick reminder that each district was asked to increase their membership by five (5) each month. Your District Director would like to thank all associations and units for making parliamentary procedures available to all individuals. Please keep your district director aware of new members so that a welcome can be sent to each of them. The most recent new member information was received from Illinois. Congratulations to your newest member whom your district director had the opportunity to meet prior to taking the membership exam. (See article on page 6)

NAP Biennial Convention

Our NAP Biennial Convention is being hosted by the Illinois Association of Parliamentarians and will be held **September 8 – 11, 2017** in Lombard, IL. District Four members are being asked to serve in different capacities. Let’s make this the best Biennial Convention that it can be. You will be contacted by Marcella Morrison, PRP, who is the convention chairperson.



Criteria for Credentialing

The following excerpt from page 26 of the *Criteria For Credentialing* gives an overview of the new system.

The candidate for registered parliamentarian will be evaluated sequentially starting with Step 1. The candidate will need to successfully complete Step 1, proceed to Step 2, successfully complete Step 2, and proceed to complete Step 3.

Step 1: Objective Test

Such a test consists of factual questions requiring knowledge and application of rules whose substance has been committed to memory. Question types include multiple choice, true-false, fill in the blank, matching, sequencing, etc.

Step 2: Written, Online, or Multimedia Assignments

Written assignments such as short answer, essay, and case studies will be sent to the candidate to be completed and returned to designated evaluators. In addition, assignments for tasks performed outside of meeting environments may be assessed through the use of online multimedia tools.

Step 3: Simulation

Candidates for registered parliamentarian will demonstrate their knowledge and skill through various simulations of meeting scenarios.

Questions about the credentialing process may be sent to Thomas Balch, PRP, at: thomasbalchparliamentarian@gmail.com



You are what you have worked to be.
Are you proud of the result?

Anonymous

Association News:

Michigan State Association

The Michigan State Association will hold its Annual Meeting in Southfield, Michigan, April 7-9, 2017, at which time new officers will be elected and educational workshops will be held.

Judy Edwards, President

Ohio Association

The Ohio Association of Parliamentarians 2017 Annual Training Session will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Forest Park Senior Center, Forest Park, Ohio (Cincinnati, Ohio area). Theme: "Stepping to the Rhythm of Robert: Revise-Amend-Recommend".

Laura V. Womack, President



Unit News:

Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law - Michigan

The unit will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in hopes that members who are unable to attend meetings during the week will be able to participate in the meeting. Election of officers will be held and the program for 2017 determined. Since this is the only unit on the west side of the state, members drive up to 1-1/2 hours to meetings. Their participation is most welcome.

The unit meets quarterly, usually on the fourth Thursday morning in February, May, September, and November. During the summer months, members were busy completing a project for NAP and helping various clubs and organizations. Planning has started for a workshop in an as yet untapped corner of the state next spring.



Louise Saks Parliamentary - Michigan By the Book—Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised Of Course!

2016-2017 Program of Study

September 20, 2016 Order of Business §41
§ refers to section in RONR
Presenter: Gina LaCroix
Application: Chris Burns

October 18, 2016 The Main Motion §10
Presenter: Deb Davis
Application: Barbara Barlow

November 15, 2016 Amending Motions §12
Presenter: Terrian Bell
Application: Linwood Carlton Lyles

December 20, 2015 Search the Book
Presenter: Beth Haynes
Application: Pam Williams

January 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole, and
Its Alternate Forms §52
Presenter: Vesta DeRiso
Application: Max Rothbart

February 21, 2017 Bring Back Motions §37
Presenter: Beth Delaney
Application: Stefanie Lewis

March 21, 2017 Rules Governing Assignment
of the Floor §42
Presenter: Joan Price
Application: Barbara Bonsignore

April 18, 2017 Meeting Scripts §10 (page 119-121
and more)
Presenter: Dot Martin
Application: Diane Schrifft

May 16, 2017 Types of Meetings §9
NOTE: 30 Minute Presentation Presenter:
Mary Ann Rosenberger
Application: Rosy M. Latimore



Unit News *(continued)*

Louise Saks Parliamentary - Michigan

Two members of the Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit, Gretchen Denton, RP and Barbara Bonsignore, RP, attended the National Training Conference on August 26-28 in Broomfield, Colorado along with other Michiganders Edna Arrington, PRP; Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP; Maurice Henderson, PRP; Frances Jackson; Susan Wiley, and Kimberly Fisher-Alexander.

A major focus of NTC was on the proposed credentialing process for registered and professional registered parliamentarians along with the possibility of developing an “expert” category. The process has been outlined at this time and it is proposed to begin implementation of the new process at the beginning of 2019. Registered parliamentarians who do not intend to seek the professional status can maintain their status by continuing the current education system but, after 2018 to attain professional status a registered parliamentarian will have to retake the registered portion of the new credentialing procedure. The NAP Body of Knowledge published in 2015 is the foundation for all credentialing. (See *Criteria for Credentialing* on page 2)

There were more newcomers than usual with some attendees discovering the event by perusing the web. Food at meals and breaks provided with the registration fee were ample and especially yummy. The next NTC will be September 7 – 9, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo in Buffalo, New York. Next year’s convention will be September 8-11, 2017 at the Westin Lombard in the Chicago area.



I have never met or heard
of anyone who could
outsmart honesty.

Abraham Lincoln

Detroit Unit - Michigan

The Detroit Unit is elated to report the upcoming topics being presented at our monthly meetings to complete the 2016 calendar year. If you are in the Detroit area on the listed date(s) below, plan to join us at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Road (First Floor Conference Room), Detroit, Michigan 48235. The lessons being taught are from Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised. The time is 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the Business Meeting time is 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

October 22 *

Committee of the Whole and Its Alternate Forms
Instructor: Dr. Frances Jackson, RP
Hospitality: Dolores Shepherd and Jewel Johnson Jones, PRP

November 26*

Particular Types of Business Meetings
Instructor: Lois Shulman
Hospitality: Sheila Johnson and Adrienne Starling

December 17*

*“IT’S PARLIAMENTARY” –
A Holiday Celebration*
Instructors: Rhonda Jones, Tracy Tolbert and Verna Brocks
Hospitality: Detroit Unit Members

You are invited to visit the Detroit Unit to gain additional knowledge in meeting management.



Coming Events

District Four Conference
May 5 - 7, 2017
Madison, Wisconsin

2017 NAP Biennial Convention
September 8-11, 2017
Lombard, Illinois

Save the Date *Save the Date* *Save the Date*

2017 NAP Biennial Convention

September 8-11, 2017

At the

The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

70 Yorktown Center – Lombard, Illinois 60148

Convention Coordinator	Marcella L. Morrison, IL
Assistant Coordinator	Deborah Underwood, IL
Workshop Coordinator	Mary Remson, OH
Assistant Workshop Coordinator	Edna Arrington, MI

District Four Members, plan to attend and be a participant in the numerous activities planned during and prior to the NAP Biennial Convention. If you are concerned about enhancing your skills, consider the following activities which will be provided for our members:

- Professional Qualifying Course
- Professional Recertification Course
- Leadership Conference
- Membership and Registered Parliamentarian Exams to be given
- Outstanding Workshops on Parliamentary Procedure- for beginning to advanced Parliamentarians

Along with the above activities you'll want to be a part of NAP's history when the following occurs:

- Business Sessions for 41st Biennial Convention
- Report by the Commission on Credentialing
- Election of Officers

Above all, hopefully you will participate in and relish some of the following time honored events with other attendees at this august Convention:

- Youth Luncheon
- Membership Recognition Luncheon
- Banquet Honoring NAP Past Presidents
- Banquet and Installation of New Officers

What has been shared with you are some of the activities you will experience at the convention. There are numerous special activities and events planned for the Convention and they will be shared with you as we travel along to reach the first of the year 2017. Yes, look forward to more good news from the Convention Committee.

In closing, it is hoped that members of this great district are willing to serve on one of the following Convention Committees: *Convention Budget and Finances, Credentials, Elections, Meal Functions, Microphone Monitors, Newsletter (daily), Page/Floor Tellers, Protocol, Registration, Workshop- Support, Technology, Keypad Voting, Timekeepers, Spotters, Vendors/Sales Tables, and Program Ads.* **If you are interested in serving on a committee, send an e-mail to Marcella L. Morrison, Convention Coordinator at dde58@aol.com.** Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve the members of NAP, thus ensuring a Successful 2017 NAP Biennial Convention.

Coming Events

NAP

NAP Convention
Lombard, IL
September 8 - 11,
2017

NAP Training Conference
2018

DISTRICT

District Conference
May 5-7, 2017
Madison, WI

**Illinois
Annual Meeting**
2017 - TBA

**Indiana
Annual Meeting**
2017 - TBA

**Michigan
Annual Meeting**
April 7-9, 2017
Southfield, MI

**Ohio
Annual Meeting**
April 15-16, 2016
Columbus, OH

Ontario
AGM - TBA

**Wisconsin
Annual Meeting**
2017 - TBA

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Welcome, Tonya Stokes!

Tonya is a new member of the Illinois Association who wrote the following article. The editor thanks her for her contribution.

I initially became interested in joining NAP to further develop and enhance my knowledge and understanding of parliamentary procedure. I joined the Marjan Unit in March of this year, as a Provisional Member, and immediately started studying for the membership exam. To prepare for the exam, in addition to self-study, I attended several study sessions with both the Marjan Unit and the Moraine Valley Unit. The study sessions were led by our State President, Deborah Underwood, and were extremely beneficial in reinforcing my knowledge. Ms. Underwood really takes a personal interest in all of the members and makes us all feel comfortable regardless of our individual level of knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Throughout this process, I have certainly gained a deeper level of understanding of RONR. Needless to say, I was extremely excited when I passed the membership exam in September. Now it's on to preparing for the RP exam. I also attended the IAP Annual Session in September. Being new to the association and as a first time attendee, I thought the session was very informative and an overall great experience. I am looking forward to attending the District Meeting in the Spring.

*Tonya Stokes
Illinois Association*



From the editor...

This edition of the *Great Lakes Grapevine* is the third this biennium. It is reflective of the news contributed by each association and some units. As you can see, there is a lack of information from many of the associations and units. Your editor is grateful to all who have contributed to this issue. Every unit and association has something to contribute, but no one will know about it if it's not communicated. The next (last) newsletter will be published in the spring of 2017. Don't wait to contribute. Do it now. Your district director and editor will thank you for it and publish the news so that others will know what's happening in your corner of the district.

The holidays are rapidly approaching and your editor hopes all will enjoy time with friends and family during this festive time of year. Don't forget to pay your NAP and association dues when you receive your dues notice. If paid when the notice is received, you won't forget to do so and the district will have retained all of its members.

HAPPY 2017 TO ALL!

We gain nothing by being with such as ourselves; we encourage each other in mediocrity. I am always longing to be with others more excellent than myself.

Charles Lamb

Better Church Meetings Revisited

How Parliamentary Procedure Can Help Your Congregation Be More About the Lord's Business

WHO: This workshop is for
 Pastors and church officers, church committee chairs, and church members
 Anyone interested in better meetings (*Much of the workshop applies to
 Non-profits and governmental organizations.*)

WHEN: Saturday, November 12, 2016 (registration deadline 10/25/16)

SCHEDULE

8:00 Registration and Coffee

8:30 Welcome and Program

- Model Meeting.** Experience a rousing scripted meeting inspired by true events.
- Parliamentary Basics** based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief*, (RONR-IB for short) and includes an overview of bylaws, agenda, reports, making common motions, amendments, debate, voting, and presiding. You may order copies of RONR-IB for \$8 each.

12:30 LUNCH

- Minutes Made Easy**
- Focus on Motions**
- Q & A**

2:30 Wrap-up and Evaluation

COST: \$17 for handouts, snacks and beverages (Order a box lunch below or bring your own.)

WHERE: First UM Church of Evergreen Park, 9358 S Homan Ave, Evergreen Park, IL

SPONSOR: Registered Parliamentarians of Illinois (Unit of NAP)

CONTACT: Judith Reynolds, PRP, at 708-799-6851 or
 Joan Bundley, RP, at 847-869-0213

REGISTRATION FORM Space is limited to 100. Please postmark by 10/25/16. Mail a check for \$17 (+ optional lunch + optional copies of RONR-IB @ \$8 each) to Registered Parliamentarians of Illinois c/o Judith Reynolds PRP, Box 841, Homewood, IL 60430

Name _____	Phone _____	Workshop fee \$17
Address _____		Lunch (opt) _____
City State Zip _____		___ copies RONR-IB @ \$8 each _____
Email _____	Organization _____	Late Fee \$10 (Call first)
		TOTAL _____

CHECK ONE OPTION BELOW. Box lunch from Panera. We provide beverage.

<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 BBQ Chicken Salad	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13 Asiago Steak Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11 Tuna Salad Sandwich
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Fuji Apple Chicken Salad	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11 Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> No lunch; I'll bring my own.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$11 Caesar Salad (Veggie)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Bacon Turkey Bravo Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> No lunch; I can't stay p.m.