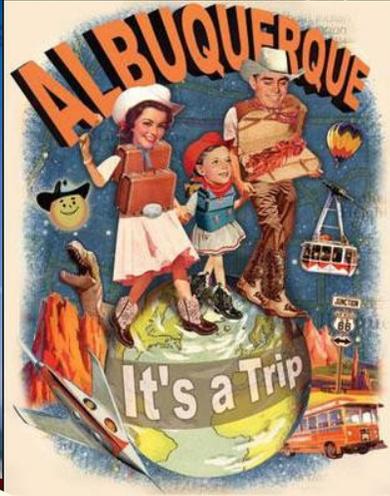


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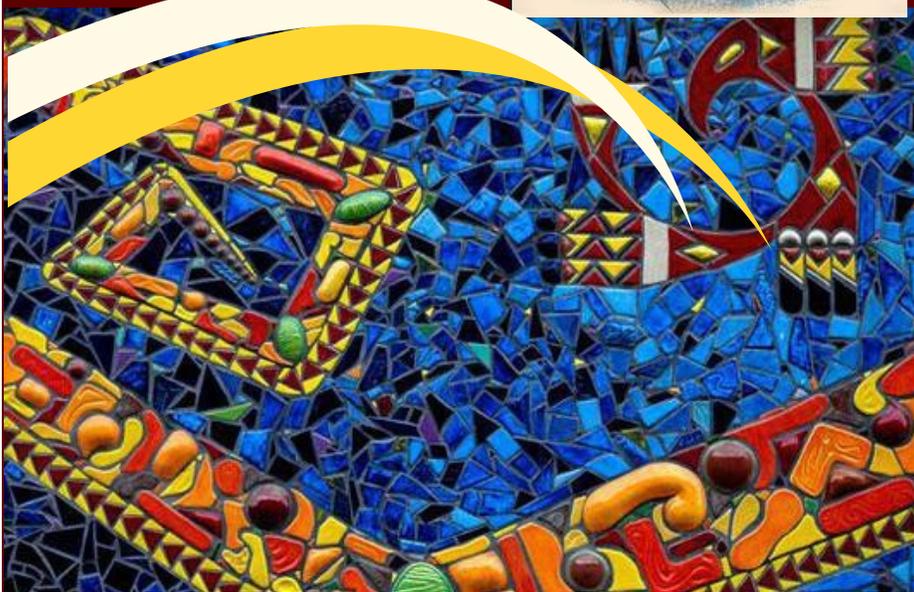
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New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians
Celebrating 50 Years
Proud Hosts of the 2015 District Six Conference

To the Parliamentarians of District Six of the National Association of Parliamentarians:

As President of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians (NMSAP) it is my extreme pleasure to invite you to the District Six Conference, NMSAP Fiftieth Year Celebration, Smart Meetings and the Professional Qualifying course, all occurring April 17-19, 2015 during Parliamentary Law Month.

Therefore, please take a look at the schedule and registration materials elsewhere in this newsletter. You may also register on-line at our newly enhanced website: nmsap.org. Our conference coordinator, Barbara Posler, RP and our education coordinator, NMSAP Vice-President Valoree Althoff, RP have crafted an entertaining and rewarding program including the NMSAP Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner, a ride on the World's Longest Tramway and several educational seminars by the rock stars of parliamentary procedure including NAP President Ann Guiberson, PRP; Dan Seabold, PRP and one of the authors of the 11th edition of Robert's Rules of Order; Sandy Olsen, PRP; Kay Allison Crews, PRP; Past District Director Alison Wallis, PRP; Dennis Clark, PRP.

To further enhance the experience a Professional Qualifying Course will be held April 19, 20, 21. Please encourage your Registered Parliamentarians to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to become a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. All interested RPs should contact NAP immediately.

Please visit NMSAP.org and tell us what you think (and register for the conference). Also, visit our brand new FaceBook Page, click "like" and invite your members to do the same. I look forward to seeing you all in April.

Be Well,

Adam L. Hathaway, MPA, PRP

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April 18-19, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel

1901 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque (Just south of Menaul Blvd.)

***Come a day early and join us on April 17 for the NMSAP Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration!**

REGISTER ONLINE NMSAP.ORG

District Six registration and meal package.....	# _____	@ \$150	\$ _____
(includes Sat. breakfast, lunch, tram/dinner, Sun. breakfast and all workshops and meetings)			
NMSAP Anniversary dinner celebration Friday.....	# _____	@ \$ 45	\$ _____
(includes entertainment, program and installation---not included in meal pkg.)			
Guest registration (Sat. a.m./p.m. workshops, no lunch).....	# _____	@ \$ 70	\$ _____
	with lunch.....	# _____	@ \$ 93
		Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Please list any special meal requirements: _____

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Association Officer or Director |
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educational publications will be available for sale at event; cash and checks are accepted.

Or mail in registration. Postmark by April 8, 2015.

Please make checks payable to NMSAP.

Name _____ RP PRP RP-R PRP-P (circle if applicable)

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Mail to: Jan Strand, PRP, 7617 Vista Cedro Ct NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

505-821-5227 jan_str@msn.com

A \$10 processing fee will be charged for cancellations after April 10, 2015

Make room reservations directly with Crowne Plaza Hotel by 3/26/15: (866)384-4934. Special room rate \$89 single/double plus 13% sales tax. Ask for NMSAP.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®
Preliminary Program District Six Conference
"SMART MEETINGS 2015"

Friday, April 17, 2015

5:30 - 6:30 Cocktail reception in the Rancher's Club

6:30 pm New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration
All District Six members and guests are invited
Includes program, entertainment and installation of NMSAP officers for 2015 - 2017

Saturday, April 18, 2015

8:00 - 4:00 Registration/ NAP Sales

8:30 - 9:30 Preparing For a Meeting Dennis Clark, PRP
Preparing For Effective Committees Sandy Olson, PRP

9:45 - 10:45 Preparing For Electronic Meetings Kay Allison Crews, PRP, CP
Preparing To Win: the Use of Persuasion Alison Wallis, JD, PRP, CP-T

11:00 - 12:00 Preparing For Presiding Dan Seabold, PRP

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Preparation For Success Ann Guiberson, PRP President, NAP

2:15 - 3:15 The Things I Hate About Your Bylaws Dan Seabold, PRP

4:30 Leave for Tram and Dinner

5:00 Tram Ride and Cocktails at the High Finance Restaurant, dinner at Sandiago's

Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:30 - 9:30 Breakfast

9:30 - 11:30 District Six Meeting
Educational workshop Adam Hathaway, PRP

**The PQC is being offered starting Sunday, April 18, 2015 2p.m. through Tuesday, April 20, 2015
To register, contact NAP 888-627-2929**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Texas State Association

Texas Parliamentarians hold winter board meeting in the State's Capitol City

Dennis Clark, PRP – TSAP President

Members of the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors met in Austin, Texas on January 9, 2015 for their annual mid-winter meeting. Despite horrible weather conditions – especially between Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth almost every member of the board was able to make the meeting. It was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin. The board enjoyed a wonderful dinner of baked salmon and fixings followed by a sumptuous pecan pie with bourbon (in the pie). Arrangements for the meeting were handled by the chairman of the nominating committee, former NAP President Ron Stinson, PRP who, according to TSAP bylaws is the responsible party for doing so. The TSAP nominating committee, elected by the delegate body in May 2014, met the next morning and despite the bad weather was able to muster a quorum. The slate of officers they chose is to be released sometime in March.

Following the nominating committee meeting, workshops were held for TSAP members and were open to the public. TSAP 1st Vice President, Dr. Martha Haun, PRP, taught an introductory workshop on the order of business, and Kirk Overbey, PRP taught handling of motions to the same group. Dennis Clark, PRP led a session for credentialed members and those seeking to become credentialed on preparing for the PRC and PQC as well as the changes which have recently been made in the NAP credentialing/retention process, which remains a work in progress.

After the two hour workshops both groups came together to participate in an unscripted mock meeting – a concept which has been successfully used to teach/learn parliamentary procedure in several cities in Texas and Louisiana. This phase of the workshop ran for about four hours and could have gone longer but adjourned due to the bad weather that afternoon. The participants were given a set of bylaws for a mock society as well as the minutes of that group's previous meeting. Those documents set the stage for the annual meeting of the group at which bylaws amendments are presented and debated and voted on as well as adoption of a budget, election of officers (with the teller's committee counting ballots – some of which are rigged – yes! – before the entire group), reports of committees, new business and the like. Unfortunately, due to time constraints we were unable to deal with a disruptive member of the assembly and vote to penalize them for their actions. All of these items of business are prompted by motions which are passed out to various members prior to the meeting. Participants then debate the motions, make secondary motions as they wish, and otherwise try to cause grief for the presiding officer. Incidentally, two participants volunteered to preside over the first part of the meeting and both did an extraordinary job handling the business. Those TSAP members were Joe Petronis of the Austin Unit No. 1 and TSAP Corresponding Secretary, Beth Sapp of the Gulf Coast Unit (Galveston). Joe, in fact, rendered an opinion to a parliamentary inquiry that left this credentialed member speechless due to the complexity of the question and the quick logical answer which he rendered. Beth's down to earth, easy going manner of presiding was a great lesson to all on how to graciously handle a business meeting and make it an enjoyable experience for all. Meetings need not be dull! The director of the exercise, Dennis Clark, PRP presided over the remainder of the meeting.

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Throughout the exercise, the meeting was occasionally stopped for “teachable moments” to discuss items which occurred or didn’t occur. As in the past when this concept was used, participants left having enjoyed a great learning experience of the parliamentary process first hand.

This concept will be the subject of a workshop in Albuquerque in April at the D6 conference where attendees will be given some of the materials used in the exercise and learn how to use it at their own workshops as they wish. The entire exercise, with teaching notes, and ideas for alternative implementation, will be made available for sell soon – at a reasonable cost – at the NAP on-line store. We look forward to presenting this concept to those assembled in New Mexico.

Texas is looking forward to bringing a right-sized delegation to attend the D6 conference and learning and networking with our brother and sister parliamentarians in the region.

Finally, ALL of you are hereby noticed that you are absolutely welcome and encouraged to attend the 61st Annual TSAP State Convention in Houston, Texas on May 1-3, 2015. The conference will have great workshops taught by nationally recognized parliamentarians including two modules which will be presented for credentialed members (governing documents and ethics) which will be taught by past national NAP President Jeanette Williams, PRP of Minnesota, Kirk Overbey, PRP, past state president of TSAP and current *Texas Parliamentarian* Editor, and Ron Stinson, PRP past NAP President and past TSAP President. NAP President, Ann Guiberson, will be the NAP Representative, and other dignitaries from around the country have pledged to attend and participate. There will be a presentation Friday evening after a dinner at the hotel on the humor of parliamentary procedure which should be lots of fun! The installation banquet featuring some fun entertainment will be on Saturday evening. More information will be made available soon regarding registration information, hotel rates, workshop descriptions, etc. on the TSAP website – texasparliamentarians.org Convention Chairman Pat Cook and her committee are working hard to making this an unforgettable learning experience. We look forward to ya’ll joining us and having a great time in the nation’s 4th largest city!

Parliamentary Procedure: The Keystone of Democracy

Our system of government consists of a great edifice. Upon its foundation stand the twin pillars of majority rule and the preservation of the minority’s voice. Atop those pillars rest the arches of representative democracy held firmly in place by the keystone of parliamentary procedure.

Following this example, what can we build as parliamentarians? Shall we build a larger unit? Shall we build increased knowledge in our members? Shall we build a greater presence in the community? With the tools of our trade in our hands, what shall we build

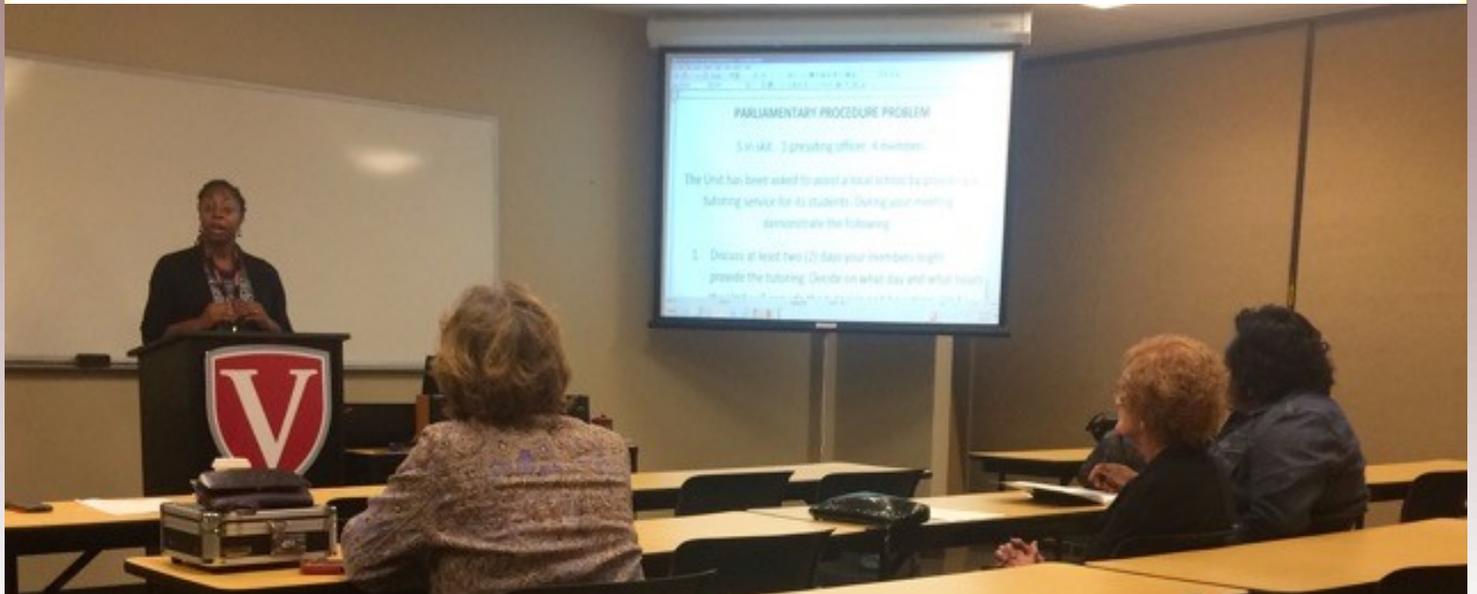
Adam Hathway
New Mexico State Association President

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Scenes from the Louisiana State Association Board Meeting and Workshop



In the photo are: Barry Brooks, Nate Thompson, Nicole Learson, Riza Bezou, Alan Jennings, Sarah Holliday, Carole Gloger, and Cynthia Sampey.



Ten Parliamentary Resolutions for a New Year

As we start a new year, I want to be a good role model for the proper use of parliamentary procedure. I resolve to:

1. be informed. I will not guess what my governing documents say, rather, I will obtain all my club bylaws, read them, take them to every meeting,
2. be prepared. I will take RONR to every club meeting, looking up what I do not understand, and helping the assembly when needed,
3. be educated. I will learn more about parliamentary procedure by attending unit, association, district, and national meetings, as well as events put on by the American Institute of Parliamentarians and the Dahms Foundation, and by reading books and journals.
4. be inclusive. I will invite friends, colleagues, and former members to visit my unit at meetings and on its website; I will share photos from events with print and online media,
5. be skilled. I will make motions correctly, preparing in advance if necessary,
6. be diligent. I will take minutes accurately and fairly. When minutes are distributed, I will listen to (or read) carefully before voting to approve them,
7. be skillful. I will prepare and practice so that I can preside with skill, impartiality, and tact,
8. be studious. I will be a lifelong learner and will study for and TAKE the NAP membership exam, the registration exam, or the professional registration course,
9. be generous. I will share my knowledge of parliamentary law and fellow parliamentarians I will make referrals so searchers find the right units, events, and professional registered parliamentarians, and
10. be heard. I will be a parliamentary ambassador!

Unit News



Baton Rouge Unit Baton Rouge, Louisiana

On Tuesday, January 27th member of Baton Rouge Unit Parliamentarians met at Goodwood Main Library at 6:00pm. President Carole Gloger welcomed members to the meeting and wished all a happy new year. The monthly program was conducted by Dawn Collins the topic of discussion was reviewing the 13 ranking motions and their functions.



BRUP Photo

Seated L-R: Cynthia Sampey, Pam Taylor Johnson, Carole Gloger and Dawn Collins

Standing L-R: Nicole Learson, Clara Earl, Barry Brooks and Sarah Holliday-James



BRUP Photo 1

Seated L-R: Cynthia Sampey, Carole Gloger and Sarah Holliday-James
Standing L-R: Adam Kwentua, Romana Laws and Barry Brooks

The Baton Rouge Unit of Parliamentarians met on Tuesday, February 24 at 6pm at Goodwood Library. President Carole Gloger presented a great program entitled "The Jury is Out Again - How will you vote?" The program included questions on: Approval of Minutes; Point of Order member in Good Standing; Nominating Multiple Candidates; Teller's Report; Ex Officio Members of a Board; Member Resignation; and Formality of Meeting Rules. The next meeting will be on March 31 at 6pm in Conference Room "B" on the 2nd floor at Goodwood Library.

Sarah Holliday-James, Reporting

Crossroads Unit Lunch and Learn Workshop - Dallas, Texas

Saturday, March 14, 2015 was the date of the Crossroads Unit Parliamentary Workshop. This year's theme was Lunch and Learn RONR 101. The workshop was held at the Oak Cliff Tower of Bank of America.

The workshop was lead by Kay Crews, PRP. Several workshop topics were:

- Basic Principles of RONR
- Governing Documents
- Making Motions with Practice & Role Play
- Fair Amendments
- How, What, & Why to take Minutes and How to Properly Minutes on Paper
- How to be Effective in a Debate
- Decorum: What it is and how effective it can be?
- Common Misconceptions: "I so move"
Appropriate language to utilize in a meeting
- How to Preside at a Meeting

Everyone, members and guest alike participated and enjoyed the event. We look forward with anticipation to next year.

David Pérez Hurley, Reporting





Presenter Kay Crews, PRP

Galveston Workshop Was In The Mood - Galveston, Texas

On Saturday, November 15, thirty people gathered at the Moody Mansion in Galveston for a workshop sponsored by the Gulf Coast Parliamentarians Unit. The mansion, which survived the 1900 hurricane and was elevated and stabilized through the massive and ingenious seawall project engineered by Henry M. Robert, is a Galveston landmark.

This year's event was a pivotal success for the Gulf Coast Parliamentarians Unit, chartered in 2010. The unit held a workshop in the Moody Mansion two years ago to attract new members. Unit President Cherlyn Crear said: "It felt great to host our second workshop in the mansion. We look forward to being a vital part of the Galveston scene for years to come."

Dennis Clark, PRP, and Richard Hayes, PRP, were the instructors. Dennis said "of all the places I have presented workshops, this is the most elegant setting: Victorian Christmas trees, bay windows, and ornate décor." For Richard, it was "well worth the time and I am so pleased I attended! I look forward to returning to Galveston."



Richard Hayes Sr, PRP; Francis Rizo, Crossroads President; et al

Lone Star Parliamentary Unit Dallas, Texas

The programs presented at the Lone Star meetings have been outstanding. The year began with the September 8, 2014, program by Richard D. Hayes, PRP, on "Disciplinary Trials." On October 13, 2014, the program by Beth McFarland was on "Amending." Then on November 10, 2014, the program was "Expressing Opinions" by Kay Crews, PRP. Other programs planned will also be educational.

An unexpected change came when the unit was notified that due to extensive remodeling at Presbyterian Village North, they would not have meeting space available for the unit during 2015. Therefore, the unit's meetings will be held until further notice at 10:30 A.M. in the Public Library located in Allen.

The unit is so pleased to welcome one new provisional member and to congratulate another member who changed from provisional to regular status.

Mae Shaw, RP
President, 2014-2015
Lone Star Parliamentary Unit



The Sounding Block Unit Dallas, Texas 5th Anniversary Gala

On December 4, 2014, The Sounding Block Unit held an Anniversary Gala and Fundraiser celebrating their 5th year. The event was held at MoMo's Pasta in the Quadrangle.

The evening began with saxophone soloist Sam Bates, later joined by a DJ as everyone enjoyed dancing and placing bids on the numerous silent auction items.

Everyone enjoyed a three course meal that ended with lighting candles on the anniversary cake.

There were more than 33 in attendance, and upward of \$1,300 was raised for the unit.

The gala committee was chaired by Samuel Bates, Sr. and supported by Karen Rogers and Michelyn Washington. The planning and orchestration of the event was wonderful

Karen Rogers, Reporting

The Sounding Block Unit Dallas, Texas 2014 - 2015 Programs

The programs for the 2014 - 2015 year have been plentiful. Our program year began with a retreat of officers and committee chairs. The retreat served as the basis for programming planning for the year. Retreat topics included:

- Getting to Know NAP and TSAP
- Officers and Chairperson s Roles and Responsibilities
- Strategic Planning Why are we here? What do you want? How do you expect to get it? And When do you want it?
- Board Meetings2: Efficiency and Effectiveness
- Know Your Documents (NAP, TSAP and Unit Bylaw Review)

TSAP Past President John "Kirk" Overbey, PRP came to Dallas from Austin and presented a session on Preparing for the Registered Parliamentarian Exam. His presentation kicked off a study group of five unit members who are

studying to complete the exam. The study group is led by Program Chairman, Mona Bates. Participants include Rhonda Clark-Randle, Rita Cloman, Alicia Grinage, Delores Shaw and Charles Taylor.

Our annual membership open house was held on February 9, 2015. Seven guest 19 members attended the meeting. Guest and members feasted on a festive meal provided by guest Kathleen Turner on behalf om member Mary Nickson, Unit Secretary

Texas State Association of Parliamentarians President Dennis Clark, PRP presented the program for the evening. President Clark has developed an excellent Mock Meeting training program. He graciously drove from Houston, Texas 300+ miles to present the program. Dennis' entertaining and colorful personality made the evening a delightful occasion.

Continued in next column

Pictured (L-R) Jessie Hornbuckle, Guest 1, Rhonda Clark-Randle, Mary Nickson, Guest 2, Daphne Hornbuckle, Joyce Hodges.



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Monday April 20, 2015
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Tuesday May 5, 2015
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April 17-19, 2015 Albuquerque, New Mexico
Convention Host: District Six, Daniel Ivey-Soto, Director
Conference Host: New Mexico Association of Parliamentarians,
Adam Hathaway, President stedefast@msn.com
Conference Coordinator Barbara Posler poslong@ymail.com

The Sounding Block Unit of Parliamentarians Symposium

April 25 2015 Dallas, Texas
A training event open to parliamentarians and the public at large with a special
track for youth participants.
Mona Tates, TSBU Program Chairman

61st Texas State Association Convention

May 1-3, 2015 Houston, Texas Hilton Westchase Hotel
Association President Dennis Clark, PRP dclarkrp@gmail.com
Convention Coordinator Patricia Cook pcook43@gmail.com
Convention Host Units: Bayshore Flonnie Mae Larimer Gulf Coast Spring / Klien
Unit Presidents: Vicky Fransham Patricia Cook Cherlyn Crear James Stublefield

National Association of Parliamentarians 40th Biennial Convention

September 4-7, 2015 Arlington, VA
Biennial Convention Host: District Two, Darlene T. Allen, Director
Convention Coordinator: Roslalie Stroman

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