

**DISTRICT FOUR
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
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From the Desk of the Director:

I am pleased to announce that the April 12-14 District Four 2013 Conference at the Alsip, Illinois, Doubletree by Hilton, was very successful. Fifty nine attended, fifty three of whom were district members. Five of our six associations were represented – Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. We were honored by the presence of NAP board members: President Maurice Henderson, PRP, from Michigan; Vice President Ann Guiberson, PRP, from Florida; and Director at Large Jim Jones, PRP, from Illinois.

The conference committee, under the leadership of Azella Collins, PRP, did an exceptional job in planning and executing the 2013 District Four Conference. I extend sincere thanks to Program Chair Edna Arrington, PRP; Public Relations and Sales Chair Elaine Johnson, Treasurer Judith Reynolds, PRP; Registration and Publications Chair Deborah Underwood; and to the other committee chairmen and committee members for their hard work essential to our overall success.

Evaluations showed the six workshops were well received: the topics were relevant, the presentations were excellent and the handouts were meaningful. The workshops were: *The Starring Role of the President* with Maurice Henderson, PRP; *The Starring Role of Effective Committees* with Ann Guiberson, PRP; *The Starring Role of Members in Debate* with Jim Jones, PRP; *The Starring Role of 21st Century Technology in Voting* with Julie Pioch, PRP; *The Starring Roles of Governing Documents* with Mary L. Remson, PRP; *Successful Tips in Preparing for the RP Exam* with Judith Reynolds, PRP.

Joyce Watkins-Brown, PRP, of Michigan was elected District Four Director for the 2013-2015 Biennium. She is currently a member of the NAP Youth Committee, former president of the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians and served as parliamentarian for this year's district conference. District Four members are proud of Joyce and her accomplishments and will give her their enthusiastic support.

This is the final newsletter as your District Four Director and I thank you for your support, encouragement and willingness to work when called. Your involvement has ensured that all associations were instrumental in the successes I encountered as director. In closing, thank you for allowing me to serve as District Four Director for the 2011-2013 Biennium.

I look forward to meeting and greeting you in Portland, Oregon, at the National Association of Parliamentarians 2013 Biennial Convention.

Sincerely,

Marcella L. Morrison, PRP
Director, District Four

NAP District IV
Eagle and Globe Flag Centerpiece



Presented April 1990
to *District Four*
by the *Saginaw Valley Unit*
of the *Michigan State*
Association of
Parliamentarians
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Large Flags
United States and Canada

Association Flags
Center (Host Association)
Illinois (1961)
Charter Order (Left to Right)
Indiana (1943)
Wisconsin (1959)
Michigan (1968)
Ohio (1968)
Ontario (2003)

NEW MEMBERS

Eva Bekes -- OH

Marlon Brown -- MI

Michael Cheney -- IL

Domonique Clemons -- MI

Michele McGowen -- MI

Richard Haynor -- MI

Barbara Hemphill -- MI

NEW REGISTERED PARLIAMENTARIAN

Dr. George W. Linger, Jr. -- IL

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DISTRICT FOUR MEMBERSHIP as of June 24, 2013

District 4 – 474

Illinois – 111

Indiana – 42

Michigan – 140

Ohio – 111

Ontario – 26

Wisconsin – 44

COMING EVENTS

Illinois Association Parliamentarians

Annual Session & Educational Institute

Saturday, August 10, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. till 4:15 p.m.

AKArama Foundation Community Service Center

6220 S. Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Ontario Association of Parliamentarians

Annual Session

Saturday, September 14, 2013

NAP Leadership Conference

September 4-5, 2013

Hilton Portland and Executive Tower Hotel, Portland, Oregon

NAP Biennial Convention (39th)

September 6-9, 2013

Hilton Portland and Executive Tower Hotel, Portland, Oregon

Starring Excellence

District Four Meeting

Friday, September 6, from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m.

Hilton Portland and Executive Tower Hotel, Portland, Oregon

*For more information about events
related to the Biennial Convention
go the NAP Website: www.parliamentarians.org*