

District Three Newsletter

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District III Happenings

GEORGIA

What a delightful meeting we had on February 22, 2014, in Atlanta, Georgia. This year we have had poor weather most of the winter. Luckily the members of the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians had nice weather and a lovely big church to hold our meeting. The donuts were on the table. The folks who were to teach were setting up their rooms. But one thing was different. We had thirteen middle school students in attendance. Five of these thirteen students recently participated in the FCCLA State Parliamentary Procedure Competition held in Athens, Georgia.

The Students come from Babb Middle School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) students and adult chaperone. Their teacher, Ms. Lillian Mitchell arranged for this group to attend the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians event.

In fact, she asks “I look forward to my students receiving additional training in

Parliamentary Procedures from your organization. Please keep us aware of my opportunities where they can witness parliamentary procedures in action. The Parliamentary Procedures team has five members who will leave us this year for high school. We will need to train a new group. That is why I sent additional students to be a part of the training a new group. If you or some of your members come to Babb Middle School to conduct a training session we would welcome your help.”

The NAP goal for 2013 – 2015 is simple – implement the strategic plan’s strategies in the four major objective areas, Public Awareness, Membership, Education and Financial Stability. Partnering with schools is a beginning for the kids. The students were there the entire time from 8 AM until 2:30PM attending the different workshops and the annual meeting. They were amazing.



Nancy Dauster, PRP
District 3 Director 2013-2015

District III—chartered associations

Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
Mississippi, North Carolina,
South Carolina, and Tennessee

District III—unchartered region

Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands,
Africa and the Caribbean

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The students who attended can be seen in the below photo. Can you find the teacher?

First Row Left to Right: DeMarcus Fortner, Jada Headspeth, Wendy Salazar, Eddie Valdez, Duyen Ngo and Jerry Nguyen



Row 2 Left to Right: Thy Loan Pham, Ms. Valencia Williams, Katie Garcia, Uriel Martinez-Codina, Leonardo Daniel Penaloza, Vincent Knight, and Joyceyn Martinez.

There was good attendance by members of the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians and some potential new members.



Members and students attending a workshop led by Nancy Dauster, NAP District Three Director. Can you find me in the picture?

Georgia Association of Parliamentarians officers and board members –



1st First row L to R: Rita Mauro, Secretary; Zenda Bowie Atlanta Unit President, Pat Summers, Parliamentarian; Ray Daniels, Vice President and Dogwood Unit President;

2nd row L to R; Valerie Martin, Historian; Corliss Baker, President; Marcia Chandler, Auditor; Gloria Cofer, Educational Committee Chair; Carol Davis, Membership Committee Chair.

"We would like to give credit for the photos to James Mauro, a professional photographer in Marietta, Georgia, www.jmaurophoto.com who made these photos and many others available to us at no cost."

PUERTO RICO

Congratulations to everyone in the Puerto Rico Unit 100 % Dues Renewal

Ricardo E. Villalon
 Carlos E. Carrion-Ramos
 Marie L. Diaz De Leon
 Ariel Z. Ortiz-Blanco
 Antonio Ortiz-Rodriguez
 Milton Rosario Soto RP

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North Carolina Annual Meeting Saturday March 29, 2014

After many months it became time for the North Carolina Annual Meeting. Members come from all over the state. One gentleman, Ken Morgan, has been a member for about twenty years and this was his first time at the State Annual Meeting.

The youngest girl in the room is now a classroom teacher. She was on the team that came very close to winning the Skills contest that year.

After listening to the information from NAP and discussing the topics, the meeting moved right along to the lecture. We were able to get in a presentation followed by breaking into groups and discussing the topics assigned. The volume was loud, a good sign.



President Tannis Flynn Nelson & Nancy Dauster, District III Director

Finally it was time for each group to report just as lunch arrived. After the pie we finished the answers and hoped the rain would hold off.

Pictures from the North Carolina Annual Meeting

Starting on right: Antenor J. Adam, David Harris, Shirley Hamilton, RP, Betty Marshall and Ken Morgan.



Starting on right: Henry Jones, Lisa McDow, Jessie Howell, Caroline Register, Mike Shiflett and Ernestine Ledbetler

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

NAP is now able to communicate with every member on a regular basis using our new email newsletter now called the NAP *Newsflash*. What was once available to associations is now sent to everyone.

NAP will offer education and leadership in a number of ways: online, classroom, one-at-a-time, and the traditional two-day formats. It's all about you having choices that fit your schedule and your pocketbook.

NAP will offer education and leadership courses online for members not able to travel to conferences and conventions. We want to make great parliamentary classes available to every member.

NAP will bring you current news through the NAP *Newsflash*. The *National Parliamentarian* will focus on education, unit programs, and material you can use in your parliamentary work.

Did You Know?

- Any member of District III can submit articles,
- personal or unit achievements, or any other
- information you would like all District III
- members to be aware of.

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FLORIDA

Registered Parliamentarian Study Group Charlotte County

Janet A. Wilson, MD, PRP, CP – T, and Army Colonel, became a member of the Charlotte County Parliamentarian Unit in Florida in 2000. She quickly passed the different exams for NAP and AIP, the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

She set up a class for students who wanted to become Registered Parliamentarians and others who are just learning. At least eight people have gone on to become either a Professional Registered Parliamentarian or a Registered Parliamentarian and many who attend for more knowledge.

The students are assigned topics to study. The questions on the test are not near each other but scattered through each of the five Parts. Janet reviewed each major topic and grouped them together so the students will focus on certain topics each week.

There are five parts to the Registered Parliamentarian exam. The first Part is Research (Open Book) and consists of finding five direct Quotations found in RONR. The applicant has 30 minutes to locate the page references. You must find four of the five to pass this portion. For the class, Janet would give us a few written samples each week. We would get out RONR and try to find the quotations. The more we practiced the easier it became.

The other Parts are Part II Motions and Related Procedures, Part III Meetings, Sessions, Conventions and Related Procedures, Part VI Officers, Elections, Voting, Boards and Committees and Related Procedures and Part V Rules of the Assembly and Related Procedures.

Janet Wilson passed away in 2009, following the NAP Convention in San Francisco.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TRADE SHOW

Florida State Association

Participation in the Community Association Day Trade Show in Bradenton, Florida was a marvelous first step in advocating for our organization and the body of knowledge we may bring to the efforts of the attendees. Given Florida's 38,000 Condo and HOA boards, the quality of their meetings has a significant impact on the quality of life for about six million of us who live in these communities. While most of the 300-400

attendees we approached had a varying understanding of RONR, very few knew of FSAP and the unit resources available within the community. I am hopeful that the Bradenton



Unit of Parliamentarians may gain several new members from this activity and I am certain that we have raised awareness of the correlation between Robert's Rules of Order and quality meetings.

Looking ahead, I hope FSAP will consider doing another of the seven regional Community Association Institute Trade Shows in Florida and possibly the state-wide event next year. Our new banner was well received and the huge gavel was a good focal point. I would also recommend the hourly Robert's in Brief raffle and the O'Henry candy bars. Rack cards were excellent as handouts and as talking points with the attendees. The yellow NAP cheat sheets were fabulous handouts and I trust will appear at board meetings throughout SW Florida..."reaching out" long after our

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On Left:
Tim Wynn, PRP
On Right:
Beth Bond

Lastly, to the team that worked the booth, I would sign on with this crowd in any endeavor. We were the least laid back booth staff in the hall, assertively carrying our message to EACH person who walked by...carnival barkers with a "hook" could take lessons from our team. Sandwiched between a sedate attorney specializing in termite lawsuits and a bank that was giving away money, we pretty much captured the real estate. Shirley Brodbeck, FSAP President, I thank you and the Committee for your vision in selecting the venue and providing the resources to support the booth staff. Our FSAP President's on-site management was flawless. Thanks to all.

Beth Bond, Bradenton President

Florida State Annual Meeting

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Florida State Association of Parliamentarians will be held on May 2- 4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Sarasota - Lakewood Ranch located in Sarasota, Florida

Mary L. Randolph, CPP-T, PRP, NAP 1st Vice President will be our guest and the keynote speaker Saturday evening.

For reservations or information, contact Shirley Brodbeck, RP, Florida State Association President or Nancy Dauster, PRP, District III Director.

MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE—

2014 Regular Session

To: Rules

By: Representatives Zuber, Aldridge, Baria, Brown (20th), Chism, Crawford, DeLano, Guice, Gunn, Holloway, Hood, Huddleston (15th), Martinson, Read, Rogers (14th)

House Concurrent Resolution 40 (As Adopted by House)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AS A CHARTERED DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014 AS NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.



Rebecca (Becky) Rutz, MAP President accepting Joint Resolution for Mississippi Unit's 5th year and Parliamentary Law Month April 2014

Mississippi Association of Parliamentarians**CALL TO CONVENTION**

May 2 & 3, 2014

The Fifth Annual Meeting and Convention of the Mississippi Association of Parliamentarians will be held Friday evening and Saturday, May 2 & 3, 2014. The location will be the Cabot Lodge, Jackson North. A registration form may be found online at the Mississippi Association of Parliamentarians site at: <http://www.msparliamentarians.org>

Friday afternoon there will be a workshop/seminar led by Alison Wallis, PRP. There will be a separate registration for this event as we will be promoting this beginning parliamentary workshop/seminar to the general public. A joint activity registration form can be found on the website.

Friday evening will be a social time with dinner either on your own or with other MAP members. Saturday morning will be workshops and the annual meeting will be Saturday afternoon. A more complete convention schedule will be coming soon and posted to the website.

Please note that the room rate at the Cabot Lodge has been raised but the registration fee for the Convention has not.

Rebecca (Becky) Rutz, MAP President

April 1, 2014

The board is suggesting the following amendment to the MAP Bylaws:

ARTICLE V**Officers****Section 5. Elections**

- A. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting (~~strike period and add~~) in odd numbered years.

PROVISO

(Date to be inserted upon adoption)

The election scheduled for the Annual Meeting in 2014 shall not be held and those officers already serving shall continue their term for one (1) additional year.

Rationale for change: During the MAP 2013 Annual Convention and meeting it was brought to our attention that MAP will always be “out of sync” with NAP as we currently elect in even numbered years. This means our state association officers will be listed incorrectly in the NAP Membership book each biennial. It was suggested by then NAP President Henderson and subsequently by NAP Executive Director Chamberlain that we adjust our election year. Upon further discussions with both President Henderson and Executive Director Chamberlain, the best way to accomplish this alignment would be to amend the Bylaws and for the current officers to continue their terms of office for one additional year in order to bring about the desired result.

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South Carolina Board



From left to right:

Louis Igou Hodges, Treasurer, Lavon Jones, Secretary, Laura K. Legrand, PRP President, Rochester A. Baker Sr., PRP Past President, Gerry W. Coleman, Vice President, Katherine Cliatt, Parliamentarian, Beth Cribbe, At Large.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Delta Unit of Parliamentarians Christmas Celebration 2013

By Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP, TDUP Vice President

Attached is a photograph of the members of the Tennessee Delta Unit of Parliamentarians that attended our Christmas Celebration on December 21, 2013 in Nashville, Tennessee. The Delta Unit had just completed a thorough five-month (July-November) study of the NAP Membership Exam Study Questions to prepare provisional members to take the exam and review/practice basic concepts for veteran members. The programs were titled: *Politaire* (Questions 1-96); *Handle This Motion, Baby!* (Questions 97-152); *Oceans of Motions* (Questions 153-246); *Fall Clean Up: Meetings, Minutes, and Committees* (Questions 247-300); and *Parliamentary Procedure Quiz Bowl* (Questions 1-300).

The celebration included recognition of the two members that passed the NAP Membership Exam in November: Nancy D. Gilley and Constance Smith-Burwell. Five more provisional members are continuing to prepare to take the membership exam this spring. The Tennessee Delta Unit of Parliamentarians currently has 11 regular members (3 PRPs and 2 RPs), 1 unit affiliate, and 6 provisional members.

See photo on next page

