

# District Five News Connections

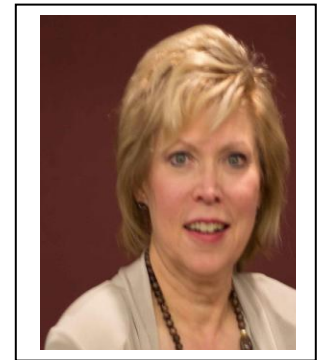
Create the Future

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District Five consists of the following chartered associations:

- Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians  
President Virginia Berberick, PRP - [virginiaberberick@earthlink.net](mailto:virginiaberberick@earthlink.net)
- Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians  
President – Medard Kaisershot, PRP - [mkaisers@isd.net](mailto:mkaisers@isd.net)
- Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians  
President – Bobby Balentine, RP – [Balentine.Bobby@gmail.com](mailto:Balentine.Bobby@gmail.com)
- Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians  
President – Lynna Gene Cook, PRP – [lgcook5@uniserve.uni.edu](mailto:lgcook5@uniserve.uni.edu)
- Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians  
President – Don Freese, PRP - [freesed@mymts.net](mailto:freesed@mymts.net)



Denise Irminger  
District Five Director 2013-2105

and the following unchartered regions: Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nunavut and Saskatchewan.

## Calendar of Events

District Five Conference  
June 20-22, 2014  
DoubleTree  
10100 College Blvd  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Kansas State Association  
Parliamentary Seminar  
Haysville Community Library  
August 23, 2013

Missouri State Association  
Annual Seminar  
September 6, 2014

Kansas Annual Meeting  
April 2015

A big thanks to all of you as members of District Five, to all unit presidents, and the association presidents for assisting the Membership Extension and Retention Committee (MERC) with the renewal process of our members, phoning and e-mailing in contacting and reminding unit and association members to send in their membership dues. Kudos to District Five members as we came through with flying colors. Of course, we had a few members who chose not to renew. I do hope you will invite them to attend a meeting, workshop, or another parliamentary event to reignite their interest in reinstating their NAP membership before the end of the year.

The Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians will be hosting the District Five Conference. Mary Randolph, PRP, NAP Vice President, will be our NAP Representative. She will be presenting a workshop on “The Role of a Parliamentarian.” Remember RPs earn CEUs for workshops they attend at the District Meeting. Please make your reservations to attend the District Five Conference. The Kansas Members are counting on seeing you there.

Registration for the District Conference is being handled online by NAP for the June 20-22, 2014 District Five Meeting, DoubleTree Hotel, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. We will plan to coordinate dinner together in the hotel restaurant Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. for a time of socialization; a full-day is planned for Saturday, and we will conclude on Sunday morning around 11 a.m.

Editor – Joy Freeland, PRP

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For PRPs who are planning on taking the “Teaching Parliamentary Procedures” module, that will be taught by Sandra K. Olson on Sunday afternoon, you will want to get signed up for that soon. You’ll find that on the NAP website too.

I look forward to seeing you all there. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at [deniseirminger@aol.com](mailto:deniseirminger@aol.com)

Remember to participate in the “Parliamentarian Education and Enhancement Recognition Award” aka PEER Award to encourage members to be actively involved in the education and enhancement of a parliamentarian.

Please send your Association and Unit’s newsletter and articles you want to feature in upcoming issues of your District Five News Connections.

## **The Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians 2014 Annual General Meeting**

The Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians (MAP) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Educational Seminar on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Clarion Hotel in Winnipeg, Mb. The seminar's theme was "*Meeting Magic!*" About 30 attendees were present at this all-day session, which covered: The Art of Presiding; Documenting Decisions in Minutes; Members' Rights & Responsibilities; Abstentions; and the parliamentary panel. Thank you to all the organizers and presenters who volunteered their time so MAP could offer this successful public event!

During the AGM elections were held, and the supervision of the administrative affairs of MAP was passed from our 2013-2014 Executive (President Don Freese, PRP, Vice-president Bonnie Taylor, Secretary Jim Taylor, Treasurer Heather MacKenzie, RP, and Directors: Roger Woloshyn, RP, Dawn Kelley, Bev Doern, and Philip Fenez) to the 2014-2015 Executive (President Don Freese, Vice-president Scott Winning, Secretary Bev Doern, Treasurer Gail Moroz-Tokar, and Directors: Heather MacKenzie, Dawn Kelley, Heather Ewasiuk, and Mitch Tripple). Our sincere thanks to all these dedicated board members for their service and commitment to our association.

With regard to membership, it was announced that since January 2014, six provisional members joined MAP. However, with reference to our NAP membership, the President reported that Manitoba's longtime member Moira Grahame, PRP-R, decided to resign. Manitoba records indicate that Moira has been involved locally since the 70's. Moira's contributions to MAP and NAP (served on many committees during her career) will be truly missed. MAP now has 19 NAP members and 15 provisional members.

The President also reported that the board had decided to include in the budget the cost related to the website service called: "Go-To-Meeting" because of its continual frustrations (and safety

concerns) with holding its meetings during extreme weather conditions. The annual fee permits unlimited virtual meetings, plus from an educational perspective, GTM will enhance our members' knowledge on the parliamentary challenges of e-meetings; plus it also allows for increased member engagement. To date, this technology has been used to conduct MAP business by the board and its members individually, the parliamentarian, special committees (ex: Nomination and Audit) and two of the study groups.

Finally concerning educational initiatives, it was announced that in addition to its two public seminars each year, MAP is now organizing its fourth monthly study group. MAP has no chartered NAP units, but instead facilitates four study groups, which fall under purview of MAP's Education Committee. These four groups are: Keystone Parliamentary Study Group, Evening Study Group, Registered Parliamentarians Study Group, and now the East Enders Study Group. All of MAP study groups are located in the Winnipeg area; however the Committee continues to work toward developing interest in other areas of the province. Details concerning these groups are posted on MAP's website: [www.parliamentarians-mb.org](http://www.parliamentarians-mb.org).

Under the leadership of our new executive, MAP looks forward to another successful year! Thanks to all MAP members who continue to support our association.

Don Freese, PRP  
President (2014-2015)  
Manitoba Association of Parliamentarian

## Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians 2014 Annual Meeting

The Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians held its annual meeting on April 12, 2014 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 124 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Twenty-four members and guests met, which included 7 past MSAP Presidents, 1 past NAP President, and one new NAP member having passed her membership exam within 30 days prior to the meeting.



Dr. Leonard Young, PRP, presented the NAP update, brought the educational presentation on Presiding, and installed the newly elected officers.



2014-2015 MSAP Officers are right to left: Bobby Balentine, RP, President; Joy Freeland, PRP, First Vice-President; Katrina Everhart, Second Vice-President (not pictured); Trish Martin, Secretary; Virginia Berberick, PRP, Treasurer; and Nina Sinclair, RP, Historian.

The MSAP members adopted nine (9) bylaw amendments and three (3) standing rules amendments, which included combining the secretarial duties of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary, approving the pro-rata MSAP dues when new members join in mid-year, and created a new Standing Committee of “Youth/Young Persons Parliamentary Month.”

The past 2013-2014 President extends his appreciation to members of MSAP, members of District Five, plus the past and current directors of District Five for the support and encouragement offered in the past two years of service.



Larry D. Martin, PRP  
2013-2014 MSAP President

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Larry is a member of the Jacomo Unit and the Missouri Past Presidents and Registered Parliamentarians Unit. He serves on the NAP Membership & Registration Examiners Committee.

**Featured Member**  
**Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians**  
**Virginia Taulbert Berberick, PRP**



Virginia joined Delta Unit of the Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians, NAP, about 1958 as Virginia Taulbert, a mother of two small boys. At that time, the only requirement for being an NAP member was to attend thirty hours of instruction at unit meetings.

Her first duty for NAP was to serve on the minutes' approval committee at the Philadelphia convention in 1971. She was the KSAP president at that time.

Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, 1969-1971 NAP President, then asked her to serve as the NAP Assistant Treasurer. That duty included going to NAP headquarters on the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, during dues collection and sending dues notices to the NAP members. The roster was kept on 3x5 index cards. All the notices went out under the name of the NAP treasurer.

Virginia has been active at the national level for many years including: NAP board member for 12 years, Treasurer, District Five Director, Director-at-Large, Credentialing Appeals Committee, Bylaws Committee Chairman, and

Registration Examiners Committee Chairman, and Youth Committee Chairman.

Virginia served as the Chairman of the first National Training Course (NTC) in Kansas City, Missouri in 1996.

In 2008, she was recognized at the NTC in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as being the member in attendance with the longest membership record (45 years).

This is Virginia's fifth (and final) term as President of the Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians (KSAP). She also served in 1971-1972, 1983-1985, 2001-2003 and 2011-2013. She is the editor of the *Kansas Parliamentarian* newsletter.

Virginia served as President of the Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians in 1992-1994. This is her fifth term as MSAP treasurer. She is also the editor of the *Missouri Parliamentarian* newsletter.

Virginia became a Registered Parliamentarian in 1968. She has since continued her profession as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

Virginia, a graduate Magna Cum Laude with an Associate in Arts Degree in Business, completed her degree in 1987 while her children were young adults.

She married Paul Berberick in 1998 after a nine-year courtship. Paul died in October 2003, shortly after they celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary.

Virginia has three sons and a daughter. She goes ballroom dancing at least twice a week.

KSAP is hosting the District Five Conference June 20-22, 2014 in Overland Park, Kansas.

## **Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians Annual Institute and Meeting**

NSAP held the Annual Institute and Meeting in Lincoln, NE on May 2, 2014. Keeping with Bonita Dickinson's theme, "Get-'R'-Done, Back to the Basics", the Institute started with "Agenda and Preparation for Meetings" with Bonita Dickinson and Lynna Gene Cook, PRP, President and Vice President of NSAP. Steve Glanstein, PRP moved us forward with 'Motions and Amendments' and Anita Wollenburg, a Learning Solutions Consultant, worked with us on 'Teamwork and Resolving Conflict.'

Friday afternoon, five Units of Instruction were offered with the participants choosing 3 to attend. 'Minutes/Duties of a Secretary' was presented by Angela Reynolds, RP and NSAP Secretary. The other Units of Instruction were 'Debating and Decorum' presented by Bonita Dickinson, 'Electronic Meetings' by Trevor Sorenson, RP; 'Presiding at a Meeting' by Sandra K. Olson, PRP, and 'Bylaws' presented by Karen Watson, PRP. Working with Southeast Community College at Lincoln, NSAP was able to offer .5 CEUs for attending.

Twenty-eight individuals participated and learned at the Institute. Several representative organizations such as City & County Clerks and Town Councils were in attendance. NAP members also enjoyed participating.

The Awards Banquet began at 5:00 PM after a reception for the 2014-2016 NSAP Officers. Jan Falk, PRP was the chairman of the Awards Committee. The following awards were presented to the Grand Island Parliamentary Unit: the Bertha Hughes Recruitment Award presented to the unit which has demonstrated the greatest recruitment of new regular members and reinstatements; to the Star City Parliamentarians Unit of Lincoln, NE; the Margaret Hasebroock Performance Award presented to the unit which has demonstrated dedication and contributions to parliamentary excellence (highest percentage of points for unit based on membership).

Lynna Gene Cook, PRP received the Leah Koester Award, earned annually by an individual who has received certification as a Registered or Professional Registered Parliamentarian and having the most points on the report.

Sandra K. Olson received the Parliamentarian of the Year award which is presented to an individual in appreciation for outstanding service and contributions to parliamentary excellence.

The NSAP Hall for Fame Award was presented to Bonita Dickinson for her contribution to the organization. She is a 17 year member, having served on several NSAP committees, NSAP convention chairman twice and as the finance chairman for four years, helping in preparing the budget. She has served as a State President, attended three National Training Conferences, attended NAP conventions at Omaha, San Francisco (where she was on the Election Committee), and Portland as a delegate, and made several quilts to be auctioned by the NAP Educational Foundation. Bonita has presented several workshops for NSAP as well as catering NSAP's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and has helped in many other capacities during the years. This award had not been presented since 2006 and only four members of the NSAP Hall of Fame are alive.

A Certificate of Achievement was given to Lori Bucholz, RP, Omaha Unit for attaining Registered Parliamentarian status.

Also recognized were new members: Trevor B Kroger, MAL, Arlington, NE; Cindy Lukan, member of Omaha Unit, Omaha, NE; and Robert Flanagan Moore, member of Omaha Unit, Omaha, NE; Transfer: Nylanne Scheidegger, PRP to Grand Island Unit; In Memorium: Nita Bramble, Grand Island Unit, Grand Island, NE.

NAP news was presented at the Annual Meeting by Sandra K. Olson, PRP, Chairman of the NAP

Membership Extension and Retention Committee and President of the NAP Education Foundation and Steve Glanstein, PRP from Honolulu, Hawaii, Director-at-Large on the NAP Board of Directors. The Great State of Nebraska is proud to have them visit and keep us updated on NAP Officers and happenings. Thank you.



NSAP Vice President Lynna Gene Cook receives the Governor's Proclamation.

After the Minutes and Reports were presented, the following Officers were nominated and elected: President: Lynna Gene Cook, PRP, Star City Unit; Vice President: Angela Reynolds, RP, Grand Island Unit; Secretary: Lori S. Bucholz, RP, Omaha Unit; Treasurer: Nylanne Scheidegger, PRP, Grand Island Unit.

The Theme for 2014-2016 is 'Create the Future: The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams' and the Goal for 2014-2016 is 'Membership Retention and Extension: Mentoring-Maintaining-Motivating'.

NSAP knows these officers will be hard working leaders during their term. Thank you to the officers for accepting the responsibilities of their offices.

The 2015 Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held in Lincoln, NE on May 16, 2015. Put that date on your calendar and come and join us.

Bonita Dickinson  
NSAP President

The 2014 edition of the 2013-2015 [MERC Newsletter: Why I Belong to NAP](#) is now available for your reading pleasure. Learn about the PEER Award, the schedule of upcoming District Conferences and activities in other districts. It is also available on the NAP website: <http://bit.ly/nap-districtnews>.

