National Association of Parliamentarians

The Mountain Parliamentarian

NAP District 7 News

Chartered Associations: Alberta Association of Parliamentarians, Parliamentarians Association of British Columbia, Colorado Association of Parliamentarians, Oregon Association of Parliamentarians, Washington State Association of Parliamentarians

Unchartered States and Territories: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Northwest Territories, Wyoming, Yukon Territory

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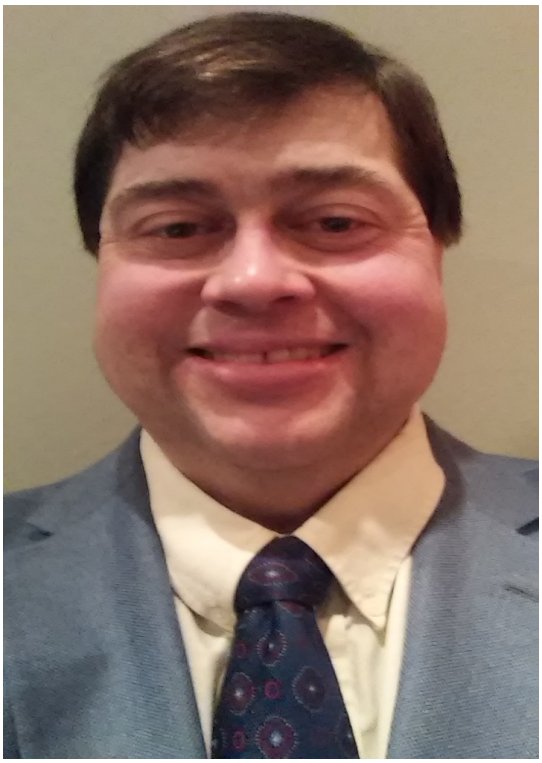

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Hello and Seasons Greetings, District 7 Parliamentarians,

I have chosen the title *The Mountain Parliamentarian* for our newsletter, as I wanted a name that would be all inclusive to our area. One of the comments that I have heard in the past is that some of the states or territories do not feel like a part of our District, and that is the last thing that I want for our members to feel! All of our state associations and territories seem to have mountains in common, so hopefully we can start with some common ground there.

I encourage any member to contact me with comments and concerns, and I will do my best to accommodate you. Also, contributions to this newsletter—educational articles, pictures, cartoons, upcoming events, etc. are/ will be greatly appreciated!

Warm Regards,

Kevin Connelly

We are going strong and getting stronger!

District 7 Membership Totals:

April 2015 (after dropping members from NAP membership list due to non-renewals):
305 members
April 2016 (after dropping members from NAP membership list due to non-renewals):
288 members
May 2016: 297 members
December 2016: 317 members!

Along with the rest of the National Association of Parliamentarians, District 7 has reversed the tide and has seen positive gains in membership for the first time in many ears!

Congratulations to all of you for your support and contribution in achieving this small but important victory. Now that we have stemmed that tide, it is important that we follow up and increase our membership to that of its glory days!

Here's what you can do:

1. **Most importantly, renew your membership if you have not done so yet!**
   Member Dues are due by January 1, 2017, and are considered delinquent by February 1, 2017, and membership is forfeited if not renewed before March 1, 2017.
   Please do not let it get to this point!
   Now, if you renew before December 31,you will be entered into a drawing for a $25 gift card to the NAP Bookstore. There will be one winner from each district!
2. **Look for potential members in other organizations in which you are a member.**
3. **Apply for Recognition—see next section on the MERC Awards!**

Note: Remember that the NAP office will be closed from 1 p.m. on December 23 through January 2, 2017. However, you can renew online with a credit card anytime.

2017 MERC Awards are here—Apply Now!

Once again, the Membership Extension and Retention Committee (MERC) will recognize those outstanding associations and units that lead NAP in maintaining and increasing the total membership and the number of credentialed members. Units and associations will be awarded prizes and receive recognition at the 2017 NAP Convention in Chicago, Illinois, September 8-11. Make sure your unit or association gets the recognition it deserves!

Associations can receive awards in these categories:

Association Award – Membership Retention
Association Award – Most New Units
Association Award – Primary Members – Net Increase
Association Award – RPs – % Gain
Association Award – RPs – Net Increase
Association Award – PRPs – % Gain
Association Award – PRPs – Net Increase
Association Award – Most Workshops
Association Award – Membership Growth

Units can receive awards in these categories:

Unit Award – Membership Retention
Unit Award – Primary Members – Net Increase
Unit Award – RPs – Net Increase
Unit Award – PRPs – Net Increase

The application forms are available on the NAP website, and can also be obtained from your District Director, as he is one of two District Directors responsible for administrating these awards!

Need to Renew Your PRP?

From NAP Headquarters:

If your New Year's Resolution is to renew your Professional Registered Parliamentarian credential, now is the time to enroll in the upcoming PRC e-modules. Remember to register early, as "seating" is limited. You can register through the online store (registration closes 30 days prior to the course).

The scheduled courses are:

Topic	Register By	Broadcast Date
Script Writing	December 26, 2016	January 26, 2017
Serving as a Presiding Officer	January 7, 2017	February 7, 2017
Writing Parliamentary Opinions	January 11, 2017	February 11, 2017
Governing Documents	January 23, 2017	February 23, 2017
Teaching RONR	January 31, 2017	March 2, 2017
Serving as a Meeting Parliamentarian	February 17, 2017	March 20, 2017

Upcoming Events Page

National:

2017 NAP Biennial Convention

September 8-11, 2017

at the

Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

70 Yorktown Center - Lombard, Illinois 60148

(outside Chicago)

Association:

Colorado Association of Parliamentarians Annual Meeting June 30, 2017 and 2017 Summer Institute June 30-July 1, 2017. Location TBD.

Oregon Association of Parliamentarians 2017 Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Location TBD.

Washington Association of Parliamentarians 2017 Annual Meeting, April 1, 2017 University House, Issaquah, WA.

District:

Save these Dates!

Your District 7 Director is pleased to announce that our District 7 Conference will be a Joint Venture with the District 8 members!

Join us in Salt Lake City at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday and Saturday, June 2 & 3, 2017, with optional activities on Thursday evening, June 1 and Sunday, June 4.

We are in the process of developing an educational program of workshops that will be sure to be of interest to many of you! And of course, the business of the two districts will be conducted at this event. We will also have social and entertainment opportunities!

More will be revealed soon, but what is known now is the city, the hotel, and the dates. And one last thing—we have negotiated a block of rooms for our attendees at $99 per night! More information will be given soon as to the program and activities.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

Colorado Membership at the 2016 NAP Training Conference:
Front row seated: Cathy Ulrich, Paula Lasky, Vivian Mitchel, Mary Bahde
Standing: Gayla Stone, Pam Dickerson, Lois Florkey, Glo Hess, Rick Weaver, Cheryl Oleyar, Dorothy White, Lola Fehr, Erin Young, Julie Rife, MaryAnne Tebedo, Lauren Marshall, Sandy Olson, Pat Simpson. Attendee Yvette Keesee not pictured.

Washington Membership at the NAP Training Conference:
From Left to Right: K. Ann McCartney, NAP President Mary Randolph, NAP District 7 Director Kevin Connelly, NAP Bylaws Committee Chairman Weldon Merritt, Irene Carter, and Lynda Schram. Missing: John Strander, Paul McClintock, M. Carling and John Berg.

Oregon Members at the 2016 NAP Training Conference:
From Left to Right: Peggy Long, Elaine Carlson, Jeff Weston, Teresa Stone, Beverly Przybylski

President Randolph presides at the Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the 2016 NAP Training Conference

Your District Director, shocked and awed by a grueling meeting of the NAP Board of Directors-2016 NAP Training Conference

Mary Randolph presents NAPTC Chairman Gayla Stone (Colorado) and Assistant NAPTC Chairman Dollie McPartlin and gives recognition of a job very well done

NAP Secretary Teresa Stone presenting at the 2016 NAP Training Conference : *Don't Let Your Minutes Turn into Hours*