

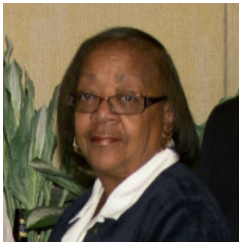


Great Lakes Grapevine

NAP District Four

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Greetings from your Director:



*Joyce Brown-Watkins
District Four Director*

*District 4 Conference
April 10-12, 2015
Grand Marina Resort
New Buffalo, MI*

Greetings:

We are looking forward to your participation in the District Four Conference. Your support of the conference and the district is very important to our growth. We are in the process of planning what is expected to be a very educational and professional development program. Conference Chairman, Julie Pioch, PRP will be contacting you for your input and active participation. Each Association is being asked to present an educational program.

“Welcome to the Future” was the theme for the National Training Conference held in Oklahoma City, OK August 6 – 12, 2014. The training conference was very rewarding. Your director and many others attended the myriad of educational sessions and committee meetings. We also had several district members presenting educational workshops. Some participants took the time to complete one of the certification or recertification sessions. The hospitality shown by the Oklahoma Association was second to none. If you missed this training conference, plan on attending the biennial convention next year in Washington, DC and the next NAP Training Conference in 2016. There is much to be gained and the networking with other parliamentarians is outstanding.

Oklahoma was truly rewarding outside of the conference. A visit to the site of the Oklahoma Bombing was both moving and awesome. Your director visited twice in an effort to really feel the power of the site. It is hard to express the feelings from the visit.

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Upon entering the site there are well-manicured rows of chairs in two sections. The names of each of the 186 individuals inside the Murrah Federal Building, including 19 children in the day care, who lost their lives as a result of the bombing are memorialized here along with those 5 individuals who were outside the building.

There is a beautiful reflective pond that reflects the chairs on one side and the museum on the other. Visitors are allowed to actually walk among the chairs and view the names of the individuals. Inside the museum are pictures of all those who lost their lives as a result of the Oklahoma Bomber.

On a lighter note, other interesting sites in Oklahoma City were visited. A visit to the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark, Riverwalk, and for visitors wanting a taste of home cooked meals, KD's place (Kevin Durant). All-in-all the National Training Conference was very educational on all levels.

A reminder that the District 4 Conference will be held in conjunction with the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians Annual Meeting, April 10-12, 2015, in New Buffalo, MI. We look forward to your attendance, participation, and networking. So... don't forget to mark your calendar. See you at the Grand Marina Resort!



We come here to remember those who were killed,
Those who survived and those changed forever.
May all who leave here know the impact of violence.

May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope and serenity.

Association News:

Indiana State Association of Parliamentarians

The Indiana State Association of Parliamentarians held its annual convention April 19, 2014 at Dawson's on Main Street, Speedway, IN. James Jones, PRP, NAP Director-at-Large and District Four Director Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP, were guests at the meeting. The theme was "Work with me: Using Amendments to Perfect a Thought."



Marjorie Weber, Hazel Clark, and Ed Frazier viewing menu

Wisconsin Association of Parliamentarians

In October, The Milwaukee Area Evening Unit dissolved and voted to merge their membership with the Milwaukee County Unit. While it is regretted that a unit dissolved, the good news is that members have another unit to affiliate with for continuation of their parliamentary education.



WI members of combined unit

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Association News (continued):

Illinois Association of Parliamentarians

The Illinois Association of Parliamentarians held its 53rd Annual Session and Educational Institute on August 16, 2014 in Chicago, IL. Special guests were NAP Secretary Ann Rempel, PRP, District Four Director Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP, and NAP Director-at-Large Jim Jones, PRP. Forty-three members and guests attended the program planned by IAP Vice-President Elaine Johnson, Coordinator.

Presenters for *The Building Blocks of an Organization: Governing Documents* were Ann Rempel, PRP, Axella Collins, PRP, and Barbara J. Rosi, PRP. Joan Bundley, RP, served as moderator, providing attendees with an overview on *Guidelines for Non-Profits*. Workshop topics were *Writing and Amending Bylaws*, *Special Rules*, and *Standing Rules*. Attendees found the information vital for their respective organizations.

During the annual business meeting, President Deborah Underwood reported an increase in membership from 105 members to 118 members, with some credit to the efforts of the Marjan and Mattie Lampkins Units. The registered unit was praised for their work in updating *Nola's Daily Doses* to the 11th edition of *RONR*.

Ann Rempel gave the NAP update, Joyce Brown-Watkins, provided information on District Four, and Jim Jones urged members to attend the 2015 NAP Biennial Convention in Washington, DC. Illinois will host the 2017 convention in Chicago.

All agreed that the entire day was a success.



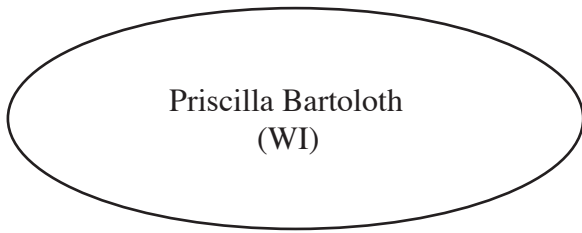
Illinois Association Annual Session 2014

WORD SEARCH
ANSWERS
(from June 2014 issue)

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- Annual (down)
- Article (diagonal)
- Authority (across)
- Aye (down)
- Bylaws (across)
- Call (down)
- Charter (across)
- Committees (down)
- Executive Board (across)
- Extend (down)
- Meeting (up) (across)
- Members (across)
- Minimum (down)
- Motion (up)
- Object (down)
- Officers (down)
- Organization (across)
- Pro Tem (across)
- Privilege (across)
- Quorum (down)
- Regular (across)
- Section (across)
- Session (down)
- Special (diagonal)
- Suspend the Rule (down)
- Vote (down)

In Memorium



Unit News:

Registered Parliamentarians of Illinois

The Unit held a workshop on Saturday, November 15, titled “Rekindle Your Inner Parliamentarian.” It was geared for NAP members who wanted to renew and practice their presiding techniques, refresh their skills serving as a parliamentarian, prepare for the PQC or PRC, and those who wanted to network with like-minded others. Topics included script writing highlights, opinion writing highlights, preparing for a parliamentarian assignment, how to practice presiding and serving as a parliamentarian, and actual practice presiding and serving as a parliamentarian.



Unit News (continued)

Calumet Parliamentary Unit

The unit celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their chartering on May 28, 2014 at Tiebe Restaurant in Scherville, IN. Guest speaker at the event was ISAP President Debra Cooper. Founder of the unit is Marjorie L. Vinzant Weber.



Calumet Unit Members celebrate 25th Anniversary



Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit

The unit’s theme for the 2014-2015 monthly lessons is “The Garden Gnome Society.” Each monthly lesson will consist of a presentation and a meeting of the Society to illustrate what was presented. The September meeting, entitled “Getting Organized” included the components of a mass meeting for the purpose of forming a society. A mass meeting was convened. The October meeting was on “Writing Bylaws” and “Registration.”



The Garden Gnome Society presenters Chris Burns and Kindra Speech



Earn CEU's Close to Home

Did you know that parliamentary workshops at the unit, association, district, or national level might count as CEU's toward retention of RP status or as "continuing education" toward renewal of PRP status? AIP workshops and the Dahms/Bierbaum workshop also count under "other parliamentary activities." Of course, any workshop that will be considered is to be given by a parliamentarian and be focused on parliamentary procedure (as opposed to leadership development, leadership styles, etc.)

This could be most helpful information for members who have limited resources to travel to distant places for such workshops. While it is recognized that well-qualified parliamentarians provide workshops at the district and national levels, there are also well-qualified parliamentarians to be found around the globe. Think about whom in your area might be willing to provide a workshop for your unit or association. Take advantage of the myriad opportunities for excellent education. Check with the NAP professional development committee (Lyle Kleman – revprplak@mchsi.com OR Ruth Ryan – ryan8980@bellsouth.net) to be sure your workshop qualifies; then advertise it with the number of CEU's available for those who attend. It might just keep more of our PRP's and RP's from taking retired status.



Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.

—Willia A. Foster

District Four Conference 2015

Mark your calendar now for the District Four Conference, April 10-12, 2015 at the Marina Grand Resort (www.marinagrandresort.com) in scenic downtown New Buffalo, MI.

The Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians is excited to host this biennial district conference of NAP. Although the agenda and educational sessions have not been finalized yet, a few details will help you plan your trip and prepare for a great weekend in Michigan.

A hotel room with 2 queen beds is available for \$149 + tax, There are also limited suites with king bed, two twin beds, and fold out sofa for \$189+tax. Make reservations directly with the hotel (877-945-8600) Our conference code is NAP/MSAP.

Registration (to open in early 2015) is \$140 and includes all meals Saturday morning through Sunday brunch.

The tentative schedule includes the MSAP Annual Meeting on Friday at 7 pm with election of officers; workshops, the district meeting, a banquet, and installation of the MSAP officers on Saturday; and a memorial service, two educational sessions, and adjournment at noon on Sunday.

If there is interest, there may be an option for taking the NAP membership exam, the RP exam, and/or the professional recertification course (PRC) to coincide with the conference.

New Buffalo is off I-94 at MI Exit 1, a stop on the Amtrak line between Chicago and Detroit, and close to the South Bend, IN airport.

"Shuffle off to (New) Buffalo" April 10-12, 2015.



Coming Events

NAP

Biennial Convention
Arlington, VA
September 4-7, 2015

NAP Training
Conference
Colorado Springs, CO
2016

DISTRICT

District Conference
April 10-12, 2015

**Illinois
Annual Meeting**
2015 - TBA

**Indiana
Annual Meeting**
2015 - TBA

**Michigan
Annual Meeting**
New Buffalo, MI
April 10, 2015

**Ontario
AGM - TBA**

**Ohio
Annual Meeting**
2015 - TBA

**Wisconsin
Annual Meeting**
2015 - TBA

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Youth News:

Bay-Arenac Area Parli-pro Team

After finishing its first season as state level runner-up — to the eventual BPA National champion parli-pro team (Stevenson High School)— the Bay Arenac (MI) Area Careers Center Parli-pro team started its second season on October 28, 2014. Since only one person is returning from last year’s successful team, there will be some rebuilding necessary, but Adviser Tammy Leavitt and parli-pro coach Steve Britton are confident this year’s team will be competitive once again. Stay tuned!

Health Occupation Students of America

The Bay-Arenac HOSA team is off to a good start this year, preparing for its first competition in January 2015. The team is being coached by Connie Deford, PRP, Past NAP President, David Zettle, a member of the team in 2012-2013, and two members of the 2013-2014 team who are now attending Delta College.



The 3 R’s take on a different meaning for NAP members:

Research – do not be satisfied with the knowledge gained thus far...

Resourcefulness – use creative and imaginative ways to teach...

Resiliency – bend with the will of those you serve, but only if the basic principles of parliamentary law are not violated.

—*Enchiridion*

From the editor...

Thank you to those who contributed to this newsletter. Your editor is sure every unit and association is engaged in meaningful meetings and educational endeavors. There is evidence of that on the pages of this newsletter. Hopefully, more news will be submitted to the editor for the next issue of *Great Lakes Grapevine*. Photos are welcome as well as your news.

The mailbox is open!

Note the information about the upcoming District Four Conference in April. District Director Joyce Brown-Watkins and her committee have been hard at work to plan an educational and enjoyable conference for *all* members of the district. There is sure to be something for everyone, so plan now to attend.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A new award, the PEER Award, is being introduced this biennium. Read all about it on pages 7 and 8 in this issue and continue keeping records. Let’s have winners in District Four!



“Communication occurs when the right person says the right thing, to the right people, at the right place, at the right time, and in the right way to be heard and understood, and to produce the desired response.”

—*Nido R. Qubein*
in *Communicate Like a Pro*

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS® PEER Award
Parliamentarian Education and Enhancement Recognition Award” aka PEER Award
September 10, 2013 to July 1, 2015

The following eleven (11) items are designed to encourage our members to be actively involved in the education and enhancement of a parliamentarian. Please attempt to accomplish as many of these activities as possible during the next several months. Once the activities are completed, record those on the form below and by July 1, 2014 submit the form to the NAP Membership Extension-Retention Chairman Sandy Olson at solson15@msn.com to be included in individual recognition at NTC. Those who have completed at least 3 items by July 1, 2014 will be recognized at NTC. Those who have completed 6 items by July 1, 2015 will receive recognition at the NAP Convention. Members completing ten (10) activities by July 1, 2015 will be honored at the NAP Convention. You **do not have** to complete all activities, but when you have completed even three of the items within the time indicated, you will be rewarded.

Good luck and enjoy your active participation in these activities!

1. Bring in two new NAP members (your name should appear on the membership application as their sponsor).
 Names: _____

2. Convince two former members to rejoin NAP (your name should appear on the membership application as their sponsor).
 Names: _____

3. Be a member of a unit that maintains its current membership level through July 1, 2014.
 Name of unit: _____
 Membership on September 10, 2013: _____
 Membership on July 1, 2014: _____

4. Present a program as part of a workshop to gain new members.
 Name of program: _____
 When/Where given: _____

5. Present a parliamentary program at a civic, fraternal, or church event.
 Name of program: _____
 Date/Place: _____ Organization: _____

6. Serve as judge or instructor for a youth or youth partnership organization.
 Date/Place: _____
 Organization: _____

7. Write an article for an association or district newsletter or for the *National Parliamentarian*.
 Name of article: _____
 When published: _____
 Where published: _____

8. Present a program at an association, district or national meeting.
 Name of program: _____ Date/Place: _____

9. Serve as an officer in a unit or association/province.

Officer: _____ Unit/Association/Province: _____

10. Attend at least 50 percent of the association/province meetings.

Dates of attendance: _____

Dates of meetings: _____

Association/province: _____

11. Work with a unit or combination of members at large to host a public workshop (either electronically or in person).

Dates of workshop: _____

Unit or MALs participating: _____

Name _____ Association _____ Member # _____

