# PRESIDENT

# James "Jim" Jones PRP, CPP-T

James "Jim" Jones PRP, CPP-T is the current Vice President of the National Association of Parliamentarians. He is a credentialed parliamentarian and certified mediator serving numerous non-profit associations, corporate organizations, and governmental agencies across North and South



America and Europe. He is a senior partner with BGE Enterprises focusing on governance support and conflict resolution. A member at large of the Illinois Association of Parliamentarians and an affiliate member of the DC Association of Parliamentarians, Jim has served NAP in many capacities including serving on the NAP Board of Directors, Communications Committee, Bylaws Committee, and Membership Extension and Retention Committee. Jim has facilitated numerous workshops at NAP conventions and national training conferences. Jim is also a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians where he is a Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher and the past national president.

Jim's goals as NAP President would be to advocate for:

- strengthening NAP's mission focus by bolstering its educational offerings;
- increasing membership by expanding the breadth of NAP's outreach efforts;
- augmenting NAP's finances by developing new sources of revenues through mission related activities and new partnerships;
- stronger support for state associations and local units through the expansion of educational and leadership development opportunities.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT**

#### Darlene T. Allen, PRP

A member of the National Association of Parliamentarians® (NAP) since 1998, Darlene T. Allen, PRP, is a practicing professional registered parliamentarian currently serving as an NAP Director-at-Large. She also serves as Chairman of the NAP Professional Development Committee.



Darlene is a past president of the District of Columbia Association of Parliamentarians, the Sartwell—Tunstall Unit, and the District of Columbia Registered Parliamentarians Unit.

Darlene has presented workshops at past NAP biennial conventions and training conferences, district conferences, and association and unit meetings. She also is an instructor for the Professional Qualifying Course, the Professional Renewal Course and webinars.

Outside of NAP, Darlene has held various board and leadership positions in several community, state, and national organizations and associations. She is a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

Darlene believes that the current board's focus to work with and for the members has helped NAP begin to increase its membership. She is asking for your support to continue to be a part of a board that promotes integrity, transparency, and financial stability while embracing the members, potential members, and partners to keep NAP relevant and solvent.

#### **TREASURER**

#### Wanda M. Sims, PRP

A member of the NAP since 2008, Wanda M. Sims, PRP, is a practicing professional registered parliamentarian currently serving as the NAP Treasurer, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, chair of the Pricing Committee and a member of the Personnel Committee.



Wanda is the immediate past president of the McCaskill Unit, where she previously served as the vice president and historian. While president of the McCaskill unit, she established the Peola McCaskill Legacy Scholarship Fund for Teaching Excellence in Parliamentary Procedure. She served as treasurer for the District of Columbia Association, Conference Coordinator for the District Two (2012 and 2014), Assistant Workshop Coordinator for the 2015 Biennial Convention, and a workshop presenter at the 2016 Training Conference. Since becoming credentialed in 2011, Wanda has been active in training and bringing in new NAP members.

Wanda retired in 2016 from the Federal Communications Commission where she served in various management positions including Deputy CIO and Associate Managing Director for Administrative Operations, with annual budgets ranging from \$33M to \$60M.

As NAP Treasurer, Wanda has worked collaboratively, creatively, and tirelessly with the board and staff in analyzing NAP's finances and identifying ways to improve the association's financial posture.

In addition to her work with NAP, Wanda is a member of several national and professional organizations where she serves in various leadership positions.

#### **Ann Rempel, PRP**

I am asking for the support of NAP members for election again to the office of NAP Director-at-Large. I currently serve as parliamentarian for the Wichita Sunflower Unit and as an NAP Director-at-Large. I served two terms as NAP Secretary. In addition, I have served as KSAP President and



District Five Director, as NAP Parliamentarian, twice as the *NP* editor, and also chaired NAP's 2009 Special Committee on Governance. I have served on several other NAP committees, including Registration Examiners, Communications, Bylaws, Nominating, Professional Development, and the NAP-AIP-Robert's Rules Association Joint Committee on the Model Nonprofit Act.

If elected, I will continue to work in good faith with all members. It has always been an honor to serve NAP, and I would appreciate your vote for re-election to the position of NAP Director-at-Large.

James H. Stewart, PRP

CSAP President 1999-2000 & 2009-2011

NAP Director at Large 2005-2007 & 2013-2015

Chair – NAP Special Committee on Education and Credentialing 2014-2015



# Consultant to Commission on Credentialing 2016-present

I embrace change, thrive on change, and see change as an opportunity for improvement, personally, professionally and for NAP. To make these changes work, we must engage our members in the change process, getting input via surveys, web meetings and conference sessions, then present the plans that accomplish the needed change. We must improve our social networking and we must find ways to make our association and its work more visible to the world.

- I will work to protect and empower our most valuable asset, our staff.
- · I will seek to use our building to its utmost value.
- I will seek to update of our strategic plan and improve its relevance. Keeping NAP strong requires good planning while maintaining flexibility.

You need leaders that can make that change work for you and use that change to strengthen NAP and its members. I am that person!

#### **Alison Wallis, PRP**

In 2005, Alison became a Registered and Professional Registered Parliamentarian. She has been to all NAP national events since 2005, as well as to unit, association, and district events. Alison served as President of the Louisiana Association from 2007 to 2009. She has served on various NAP



committees in different bienniums. She was District 6 Director (2011 to 2013). A committed believer in parliamentary education, Alison is a Life Member of the NAP Educational Foundation. Alison has enjoyed teaching Professional Qualifying Course and modules for continuing education for PRPs.

Alison is honored to have been elected three times as President of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. She is currently Vice President for the American College of Parliamentary Lawyers and Secretary for the Dahms Foundation. She is serving now as a Director at Large on the NAP board.

Alison works as an attorney and is a practicing parliamentarian, working with a wide variety of clients, including governmental bodies, labor unions, home owner associations, volunteer groups, and professional associations. Alison is a frequent presenter at unit, association, district, and NAP Conventions and Training Conferences. She has judged and trained youth in parliamentary procedure contests.

NAP has much to offer its members. Alison will continue to work to for NAP's growth and success. Please re-elect her to the Board of Directors.

#### Joyce Watkins, PRP

During the current biennium, Joyce served on the NAP Board of Directors as an elected district director representative. This experience helped her develop a better understanding of our association and its purpose. Having gained new perspectives and using the knowledge she has gained during this



current biennium, she is even more equipped to continue serving NAP at the national level.

Through serving on the board as a director-at-large, Joyce would have the opportunity to continue to help us achieve the goals and carry out the mission of NAP. She is determined to help us grow by increasing membership and assisting in promoting our credentialing process. Her desire is to bring out the best in all our members, potential members, and the leaders throughout our association. Joyce is passionate about parliamentary procedure as demonstrated through her elaborate work teaching parliamentary procedure within various communities and student organizations.

As District Four director, Joyce has gained extensive knowledge as a member of the NAP Board of Directors and the Membership Extension and Retention Committee. Joyce asks for your support to serve as a director-at-large so she may share her expertise and continue to give back to our association.

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