NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®

41st Biennial Convention

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Friday, September 8, 2017

Opening Ceremonies
John Noonan, PRP, introduced the following individuals as they entered the Grand Ballroom:

Past NAP Presidents
Dr. Leonard Young, PRP 1999-2001; Jeanette Williams, PRP – 2005-2007; Connie Deford, PRP – 2007-2009; Ronald Stinson, PRP – 2009-2011; Maurice Henderson, PRP – 2011-2013; and Ann Guiberson, PRP – 2013-2015

2015-2017 NAP District Directors
District 1: Rosemary Seghatoleslami, PRP; District 2: Roger Hanshaw, PRP; District 3: Greg Goodwiller, PRP; District 4: Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP; District 5: Denise Irminger, PRP; District 6: Valoree Althoff, PRP; and District 7: Kevin Connelly, PRP.

Consultants to the NAP Board of Directors
Cyndy Launchbaugh – Executive Director; and Roger Hanshaw, PRP – Parliamentarian

2015-2017 NAP Board of Directors
Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP – District Director Representative; Kevin Connelly, PRP – District Director Representative; Alison Wallis, PRP – Director-at-Large; Ann Rempel, PRP – Director-at-Large; Darlene Allen, PRP – Director-at-Large; Wanda Sims, PRP – Treasurer; Teresa Stone, PRP – Secretary; James Jones, PRP – Vice-President; and Mary Randolph – President.

Call to Order
The 41st Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) was called to order by President Mary Randolph, PRP, at 1:18 p.m. (CDT) in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois, on Friday, September 8, 2017. The secretary was present.

Flag Presentation
The Convention recognized and honored the national flags of each NAP association in attendance. The color guard included WanChan Sun, China; Robert James, Canada; and John Berg, United States.

Inspiration
The inspiration was given by Wanda Davis, PRP.

Welcomes
Convention Coordinator Sadie Boles, PRP and Assistant Convention Coordinator, Deborah Underwood, both from Illinois welcomed delegates and guests to the 41st Biennial Convention.

Workshop Coordinator Mary Remson, PRP, from Ohio and Assistant Workshop Coordinator Edna Arrington, PRP from Michigan reviewed the workshops to be held on September 9, 10 and 11.

From the host for the convention, the Illinois State Association of Parliamentarians, the immediate Past President, Deborah Underwood, welcomed the assembly to the Chicago area.

President Mary Randolph, PRP responded to the welcomes.

Introductions of Guests and Dignitaries
The president introduced the special guests from the Robert's Rules of Order Association, President Martyn Redgrave and Barbara Redgrave-Holloway, the author agent, and both provided greetings.

Introduction of RONR Authorship Team
The president introduced the Robert's Rules of Order Authorship Team, including Thomas "Burke" Balch, PRP; Dan Seabold, PRP; and Shmuel Gerber, PRP, acknowledging their contribution to parliamentary procedure.

Introduction of Interns/Youth Committee
Jan Strand, the Youth Chairman**,** introduced the six youth interns that participate in the 41st convention and serve as pages and runners:

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) – Taylr Bahr, Kansas;
PBL (Phi Beta Lambda) – Mary Golden, New York;
FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) – Madison Comer, Virginia;
HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) – Jeswin Vennatt, Texas;
BPA (Business Professionals of America) – Kolbe Eoff, Texas; and
SkillsUSA - Jeremy Copeland, Oklahoma.

Introduction of Head Table
The president recognized the following members seated at the head table: Teresa Stone, NAP Secretary; Greg Goodwiller, Technology Chairman; Roger Hanshaw, Parliamentarian; Cyndy Launchbaugh, NAP Executive Director; Wanda Sims, NAP Treasurer; and James N. Jones, NAP Vice-President.

Other Recognition
The president recognized the microphone monitors, the motions table personnel, and the technology team on the dais. The president explained the screen projection of motions and amendments, and the system for submitting written motions.

First Credentials Committee Report
On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Chairman Robert Schuck, RP moved that the roll of delegates submitted, as of 12:30 p.m., be the official roll of the voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 9; District Directors 2; *National Parliamentarian* Editor 0; Standing Committee Chairmen 3; NAP Past Presidents 6; All Other Delegates 156; Number of delegates entitled to vote 176.

Assembly Action: The credentials report was adopted.

Standing Rules Committee Report
On behalf of the Standing Rules Committee, Alice Bartelt, PRP, moved the adoption of the proposed NAP 2017 Convention Standing Rules.

Motion Adopted *(without objection)*: To Suspend the Rules and allow the use of the keypad

if Chair is in doubt of the vote.

Keypad Use Instruction
Gregory Goodwiller, PRP, demonstrated the use of the keypads for voting.

During the keypad demonstration, there were significantly more votes cast than the number of delegates entitled to vote. The assembly was to stand at ease until an updated credentials report could be received.

Second Credentials Committee Report
On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Chairman Robert Schuck, RP, moved that the amended roll of delegates submitted, be updated as of 4:07 p.m., to be the official roll of the voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 9; District Directors 5; *National Parliamentarian* Editor 0; Standing Committee Chairmen 3; NAP Past Presidents 6; All Other Delegates 274; Number of delegates entitled to vote 297.

Assembly Action: The second credentials report was adopted.

Assembly Action: After debate and amendment, the following convention standing rules were adopted:

1. **Delegates:** Only delegates may be seated in the delegate section of the assembly hall.
2. **Badges:** Identification badges issued by the credentials committee shall be worn for admission to convention activities, including but not limited to meetings, seminars, workshops, and meals. Badges may not be transferred without proper action by the credentials committee.
3. **Convention Committees:** The president shall appoint all committees for the functioning of the convention.
4. **Voting:**
    a) At the time of registration, the credentials committee shall issue a white voting card and blue keypad card. Delegates who lose either of these cards must report to the credentials desk to obtain a replacement. The blue keypad card shall be exchanged for a voting keypad at each business meeting. Voting keypads shall not be removed from the assembly hall. At the conclusion of a business meeting or when leaving the assembly hall for any other reason, a delegate shall exchange the voting keypad for a blue keypad card.
    b) When directed by the presiding officer, a delegate, while remaining seated, shall vote by using the keypad or raising the white voting card as directed by the chair. Voting by either of these methods shall be deemed to be a division of the assembly, or, where appropriate, a ballot vote. Except for elections, keypad voting shall be open for fifteen (15) seconds for voting on each question for which it is used. The presiding officer may direct any necessary changes to these procedures.
5. **Delegate Recognition:**
    a) Any delegate entitled to speak shall go to an appropriate microphone. For this purpose, there shall be five (5) microphones total, two (2) in each of the central aisles and a hand microphone for the identified seating for members who are unable to stand at the aisle microphones.
    b) There shall be a monitor at each microphone to facilitate the movement of the line. Any member who wishes to offer any parliamentary action shall inform the microphone monitor who shall, in turn, notify the spotter and presiding officer.
    c) Upon recognition by the presiding officer, a delegate shall state his or her name and

delegate status (for example, association, unit, unchartered state/province/country).

d) Any member who wishes to offer any parliamentary action that may interrupt business shall identify the action. The microphone monitor will notify the spotter and presiding officer.

6. **Motions:** All main motions and amendments shall be submitted (1) to the motions table in writing, (2) by email to *nap2017motions@gmail.com*, or (3) using the electronic form accessible by clicking the motions form link available at: *www.parliamentarians.org/motions*

7. **Debate:**
   a) For each debatable motion, a delegate shall be limited to two (2) speeches of not more than two (2) minutes each unless the assembly orders otherwise.
   b) Total time allocated for consideration of each main motion, including bylaw amendments, shall be limited to no more than fifteen (15) minutes. This time shall include the time used in consideration of all secondary motions unless specified otherwise in these rules or extended by the assembly.
   c) However, if no person in favor of the motion or no person opposed to the motion had the opportunity to speak within the 15 minute time limit, time will be extended to allow one person who wishes to do so to speak in favor of the motion and/or one person who wishes to do so to speak against the motion to speak for no more than two (2) minutes.

8. **Bylaws Amendments:** The 2015-2017 bylaws committee shall be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the membership in connection with the bylaws amendments adopted at the 2017 Biennial Convention.

9. **Questions Of Privilege:** Questions of privilege regarding such items as temperature, difficulty hearing, and voting device problems shall be addressed to the convention coordinator, or her assistant located at a designated location, and shall not interrupt the proceedings of the assembly unless necessary for medical or safety reasons.

10. **New Business:**
    a) Items of new business (main motions or resolutions) shall be signed by the maker, and given to a page no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017. The page shall immediately provide the item of new business to the motions table and secretary who shall provide the motion to the resolutions committee.
    b) The resolutions committee shall put in proper form all items of new business provided to it, so long as the intent of the motion or resolution is maintained.
    c) With each motion/resolution presented to the delegate body by the resolutions committee, the committee shall submit its recommendation for disposition.
    d) Prior to the last business meeting, the resolutions committee may originate and draft its own resolutions for submission to the assembly.

11. **Election Rules:**
    a) The bylaws provide that no name shall be placed on the ballot until the nominee has signed the required form.
    b) Nominations and election for each office shall be done in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. Director-at-Large, District Director Representatives. Election will proceed as the business session time allows.
    c) After nominations for each office, the nominees will draw for order of speaking and shown on the screen during keypad voting. Following drawing for order, nominees will proceed to give their candidate speeches, followed by election for that office. Election will be by keypad unless otherwise directed by the chair.
    d) Presidential candidates shall be allowed five (5) minutes to speak. All other

offices shall be allowed three (3) minutes to speak. Election shall take place at the conclusion of the speeches for each office.

e) The election of district director representatives shall take place in the following manner. Nominations for director positions shall occur first followed by speeches of three (3) minutes by each candidate. On the first ballot, all nominees will be on the ballot. Balloting for the first position will continue until the first position is filled. Then balloting will begin for the second position with the remaining nominees not yet elected remaining on the ballot. This procedure will continue until all directors have been elected. All elections will take place by electronic device.

f) The election of commission members will proceed according to the adopted bylaw procedure, the longest term being filled first.

g) The president shall announce a number to push if a delegate wishes to vote for a candidate who has not been nominated (in place of a write-in vote). If the number of votes cast for that number is sufficient to affect the result, subsequent votes for that office shall be conducted by paper ballot.

12. **Electronic Devices:** Mobile communication devices shall be placed on silent or vibrate mode. Delegates may email motions to the motion table at nap2017motions@gmail.com, or use the online form available on the NAP website at www.parliamentarians.org/motions.

13. **Announcements:** All announcements shall be submitted to the convention coordinator in writing. The convention coordinator shall present these announcements at appropriate times during the convention.

Appointments
The president called the assembly's attention to the list of Convention Committees in the Program Guide.

Program Committee Report
On behalf of the Program Committee, Convention Coordinator Sadie Boles, PRP, presented a change in time and date for the NAP Executive Director report.

Assembly Action: After debate and amendment, the program for the NAP Convention business meeting was adopted.

Convention Organization
The president announced at 4:41 p.m., that the 41st Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians was officially organized.

Report of the 2015 NAP 40th Biennial Convention Minutes Approval Committee
Kevin Connelly, PRP, chairman of the 2015 Minutes Approval Committee reported that the minutes had been approved and posted on the NAP Website.

Report of the Board of Directors
On behalf of the Board, Secretary Stone reported on the meetings and activities of the 2015-2017 NAP Board of Directors.

Report of Officers
The president reported to the assembly that the biennial reports of the officers could be found on the convention flash drive, Guidebook and the NAP Website.

Report of NAP President
President Randolph reported on the 2015-2017 NAP biennium in relation to achievements, challenges and goals in accordance with the president's biennial theme - R.I.S.E.S.

Report of the NAP Treasurer
Treasurer Wanda Sims, PRP, reported on board actions to strengthen the financial policies and the financial state of NAP, investment strategies, and the need to fund strategic initiatives.

Standing Committee Reports
The president reported to the assembly that the biennial reports of the Standing and Special Committees could be found on the convention flash drive, Guidebook and the NAP Website.

Notice of Late Bylaw Amendment Requiring 9/10 Vote (Amendment Without Notice)
By direction of the president, Secretary Stone presented notice of the following amendment to decrease dues of international members in developing countries: Amend Article III, Members, Section 3, Dues, by adding a new subsection D, "*D. International Member Dues Reduction. An international member who resides in developing countries with yearly GDP per capita lower than 30% of yearly GDP per capita in the United States according to recent World Bank Data[1], shall qualify for a 50% reduction in dues for the individual's membership classification.*" The motion is on behalf of eleven members-at-large of the China Association of Parliamentarians: Wanchun Sun, RP; Hui Xie, RP; Yu Wen, RP; Fei He, RP; Xiaohui Zhao; Ying Zhang; Liang You; Jinghao Li; Ray He; Dacheng Wan; and Zhanyin Dai.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Call to Order
President Randolph called the second business meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017. The secretary was present.

Inspiration
The inspiration was presented by Daniel Ross.

Greetings from the American College of Parliamentary Lawyers (ACPL)
Vice President Daniel Ivey-Soto, PRP addressed the assembly, bringing greetings on behalf of the members of the ACPL.

Greetings from the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP)
On behalf of the members of the AIP, President Kay Crews, PRP addressed the assembly.

Greetings from the NAP Educational Foundation (NAPEF)
President Sandy Olson, PRP, brought greetings from the Foundation and provided an update on the Fundraiser and auction.

Other Recognitions
The president acknowledged the following: members attending their first NAP Convention and members who had joined NAP since the 2015 convention. The president congratulated members

who had became Registered Parliamentarians or Professional Registered Parliamentarians since the 2015 NAP Convention. The president also acknowledged those who mentored new members, and the instructors who teach the Professional Recertification Courses and Professional Qualifying Courses.

Third Convention Credentials Report:
On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Chairman Robert Schuck, RP, moved that the revised roll of delegates hereby submitted, as of 8:30 a.m., September 9, 2017, be the official roll of voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 9; District Directors 5; *National Parliamentarian* Editor 0; Standing Committee Chairmen 3; NAP Past Presidents 7; All Other Delegates 310; Number of delegates entitled to vote 334.

Assembly Action: The convention's third credentials report was adopted.

Nominations
Secretary Teresa Stone, PRP read the pertinent provisions from the NAP Bylaws relating to nominations and elections: Article V, Section 3. Nominations; and Section 4. Election of Officers.

Nominations and Election – President:
James Jones, PRP, was nominated for President, there were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.
Tellers' Report for the Office of President:
Votes cast: 298
Necessary to elect: 150
J. Jones received: 264
Write-in votes: 34
The president declared James Jones elected NAP President.

Nominations and Election - Vice-President:
Darlene Allen, PRP, was nominated for Vice-President, there were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.
Tellers' Report for the Office of Vice-President:
Votes cast: 306
Necessary to elect: 154
D. Allen received: 277
Write-in votes: 29
The president declared Darlene Allen elected NAP Vice-President.

Nominations and Election – Secretary:
Kevin Connelly, PRP was nominated for Secretary, there were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

Tellers' Report for the Office of Secretary:
Votes cast: 308
Necessary to elect: 155
K. Connelly received: 292
Write-in votes: 16
The president declared Kevin Connelly elected NAP Secretary.

Nominations and Election – Treasurer:

Wanda Sims, PRP, was nominated for Treasurer, there were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

Tellers' Report for the Office of Treasurer:
Votes cast: 314
Necessary to elect: 158
W. Sims received: 298
Write-in votes: 16
The president declared Wanda Sims elected NAP Treasurer.

Nominations and Elections - Directors-at-Large:
The following were nominated for Director-at-Large, there were no further nominations, and nominations were closed: James Stewart, PRP; Alison Wallis, PRP; Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP; Daniel Ivey-Soto, PRP; and Ann Rempel, PRP.

Tellers' Report for First Ballot:
Votes cast: 312
Necessary to elect: 157
J. Stewart: 58
A. Wallis: 60
J. Brown-Watkins: 124
D. Ivey-Soto: 35
A. Rempel: 35
Write-in: 0
The president declared there was no election for Director-at-Large.

Tellers' Report for Second Ballot:
Votes cast: 312
Necessary to elect: 157
J. Stewart: 46
A. Wallis: 48
J. Brown-Watkins: 171
D. Ivey-Soto: 24
A. Rempel: 23
Write-in: 0
The president declared Joyce Brown-Watkins elected as NAP Director-at-Large.

Tellers' Report for Third Ballot:
Votes cast: 318
Necessary to elect: 160
J. Stewart: 82
A. Wallis: 105
D. Ivey-Soto: 46
A. Rempel: 85
Write-in: 0
The president declared there was no election for Director-at-Large.

Tellers' Report for Fourth Ballot:
Votes cast: 314
Necessary to elect: 158
J. Stewart: 60
A. Wallis: 148
D. Ivey-Soto: 21
A. Rempel: 84
Write-in: 1
The president declared there was no election for Director-at-Large.

Tellers' Report for Fifth Ballot:
Votes cast: 314
Necessary to elect: 158
J. Stewart: 40
A. Wallis: 186
D. Ivey-Soto: 16
A. Rempel: 72
Write-in: 0
The president declared Alison Wallis elected as NAP Director-at-Large.

Tellers' Report for Sixth Ballot:
Votes cast: 317
Necessary to elect: 158
J. Stewart: 106
D. Ivey-Soto: 62
A. Rempel: 149
Write-in: 0
The president declared there was no election for Director-at-Large.

Tellers' Report for Seventh Ballot:
Votes cast: 315
Necessary to elect: 158
J. Stewart: 100
D. Ivey-Soto: 34
A. Rempel: 181
Write-in: 0
The president declared Ann Rempel elected as NAP Director-at-Large.

Nominations and Election of District Directors to the NAP Board of Directors:
The following were nominated for District Director Representative on the Board of Directors: James Lawson, RP, District 6; Robert Schuck, RP, District 4; Rosemary Seghatoleslami, PRP, District 1; Roger Hanshaw, PRP, District 2; and Larry Martin, PRP, District 5.

Tellers' Report for First District Director Position First Ballot:
Votes cast: 311
Necessary to elect: 156
J. Lawson: 31
R. Schuck: 73
R. Seghatoleslami: 32
R. Hanshaw: 89
L. Martin: 81
Write-ins: 5
The president declared there was no election for District Director, first position.

Tellers' Report for First District Director Position Second Ballot:
Votes cast: 312
Necessary to elect: 157
J. Lawson: 16
R. Schuck: 75
R. Seghatoleslami: 16
R. Hanshaw: 118
L. Martin: 86
Write-in: 1
The president declared there was no election for District Director, first position.

Tellers' Report for First District Director Position Third Ballot:
Votes cast: 318
Necessary to elect: 160
J. Lawson: 10
R. Schuck: 63
R. Seghatoleslami: 5
R. Hanshaw: 175
L. Martin: 63
Write-ins: 2
The president declared Roger Hanshaw, PRP elected to the first NAP District Director position.

Tellers' Report for Second District Director Position First Ballot:
Votes cast: 313
Necessary to elect: 157
J. Lawson: 19
R. Schuck: 107
R. Seghatoleslami: 69
L. Martin: 115
Write-in: 3
The president declared there was no election for District Director, second position.

Tellers' Report for Second District Director Position Second Ballot:
Votes cast: 312
Necessary to elect: 157
J. Lawson: 10
R. Schuck: 111
R. Seghatoleslami: 44
L. Martin: 144
Write-in: 3
The president declared there was no election for District Director, second position.

Tellers' Report for Second District Director Position Third Ballot:
Votes cast: 314
Necessary to elect: 157
J. Lawson: 5
R. Schuck: 110
R. Seghatoleslami: 32
L. Martin: 164
Write-in: 3
The president declared Larry Martin, PRP NAP District Director, second position.

Special Order: The assembly, without objection, set September 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m. as the time to address the Special Order for required elections for members and terms on Commission on Credentialing.

Report of the Bylaws Committee
Bylaws Committee Chairman Weldon Merritt, PRP, introduced the members of the Bylaws Committee, including Lucy Anderson, PRP; Ronald Avedisian, PRP; Richard Brown; Ruth Ryan, PRP; Joe Theobald, PRP; and Roger Hanshaw, PRP, Consultant. Chair Merritt presented an introduction to the proposed NAP bylaws amendments.

Assembly Action: Motion that *Amendment 16, Sale of NAP Headquarters Building*, be taken up first, was adopted (207 affirmative – 40 negative votes).

Request: Prior to consideration of Amendment 16, the president stated that the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors requested to be removed from the list of proposers.

Recess: The motion to recess for ten minutes, was adopted without objection. The president called the meeting back to order at 10:51 a.m.

AMENDMENT 16: SALE OF NAP HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
Amend Article XIII, Administrative Operations, Section 1, NAP Headquarters, by adding, "The NAP Headquarters building may be sold only by a majority vote of the NAP Convention."

Assembly Action: There was less than a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, and Amendment 16 was not adopted. (178 affirmative – 120 negative).

Point of Order and Appeal
During consideration of Amendment 16, a point of order was raised that the amendment to the amendment was not within the scope of notice. The point was ruled not well taken. The decision of

the chair was appealed.

Assembly Action: The decision of the chair was sustained (243 in the affirmative and 51 in the negative).

AMENDMENT 1: TIMING OF NAP BUDGET APPROVAL; PART 1, and attached proviso:
Amend Article VII, NAP Board of Directors, Section 2, Duties, Subsection B, Duties of the NAP Board of Directors, Paragraph 1, by striking Subparagraph a and re-lettering the succeeding subparagraphs. Proviso: This amendment shall be effective only if Amendment 2 is also adopted.

Assembly Action: Subsequent to a Call for the Orders of the Day, without objection, Amendment #1 with proviso was tabled.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Call to Order
President Randolph called the third business meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2017. The secretary was present.

Inspiration
The inspiration was presented by Atul Kapur, RP.

Memorial
Past President Maurice Henderson, PRP conducted the memorial service for those NAP members who had passed away during the 2015-2017 biennium.

NAP Executive Director Report
Executive Director Cyndy Launchbaugh reported to the assembly on headquarter activities and status.

Introduction of Headquarters Staff
The president introduced the headquarters staff that assists with the management of the NAP and serving the membership. Stefanie Luttrell serves as Administrative Coordinator, Courtney Emery as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator and the Bookkeeper and Financial Assistant Cindy Petrie.

Fourth Convention Credentials Report
On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Salome Jones moved that the revised roll of delegates hereby submitted, as of 8:30 a.m., September 10, 2017, be the official roll of voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 9; District Directors 5; *National Parliamentarian* Editor 0; Standing Committee Chairmen 3; NAP Past Presidents 7; All Other Delegates 310; Number of delegates entitled to vote 334.

Assembly Action: The credentials report was adopted (222 affirmative - 60 negative).

Motion: To take Amendment #1 from the Table.

Assembly Action: Motion adopted (265 affirmative - 15 negative).

AMENDMENT 1: TIMING OF NAP BUDGET APPROVAL; PART 1:
Amend Article VII, NAP Board of Directors, Section 2, Duties, Subsection B, Duties of the NAP Board of Directors, Paragraph 1, by striking Subparagraph a and re-lettering the succeeding subparagraphs. Proviso: This amendment shall be effective only if Amendment 2 is also adopted.

AMENDMENT 2: TIMING OF NAP BUDGET APPROVAL; PART 2
Amend Article VII, NAP Board of Directors, Section 2, Duties, Subsection B, Duties of the NAP Board of Directors, by inserting a new Paragraph 4 to read as follows, and renumbering the succeeding paragraph: "4. prepare and adopt an annual budget for the next fiscal year." Conforming Amendment 2A: Amend Article V, Officers, Section 8, Duties of Officers, Subsection D, Duties of the Treasurer, Paragraph 2. By striking "at the first meeting (post-convention) of the following biennium."

Motion: To suspend the rules and adopt bylaw amendments 1 and 2 and 2A in gross and without debate or amendment.

Assembly Action: **Motion adopted by a two-thirds vote (260 affirmative – 24 negative).**

Motion: To suspend the rules to consider proposed amendments #9 - #15 before all other bylaw amendments, and to allow proposed bylaw amendments #9 - #15 to be debated together for 30 minutes, then take votes in sequence.

Assembly Action: Adopted by a two-thirds vote (224 affirmative - 65 negative).

Motion: To move the previous question on amendments 9-15.

Assembly Action: Adopted by two-thirds vote (246 affirmative - 40 negative).

AMENDMENT 9: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING; ALTERNATIVE 1 and the proviso:
Amend Article X, Commission on Credentialing, Section 4, Election of Commission, by inserting "A." before "Members are elected," and adding the following new subsection:
"Proviso: The board of directors shall establish procedures for the nomination by petition and election by internet, postal mail, or both, to be concluded no later than the end of February 2018, of two members whose term of office will expire upon the adjournment of the 2018 annual meeting. Those current members of the commission whose terms would have expired in 2017 shall remain in office until the election of the two members whose term will expire in 2019."

Assembly Action: Amendment not adopted by two-thirds vote (23 affirmative – 251 negative).

AMENDMENT 10: ELECTION OF CREDENTIALING COMMISSION MEMBERS and the attached proviso:
Amend Article X, Commission on Credentialing, Section 4, Election of Commission by striking the first sentence and inserting, "Members shall be elected by the RP® and PRP® members by

electronic balloting. Nominations shall be solicited by an announcement in the National Parliamentarian in the first quarter of each year. Persons wishing to serve on the commission shall indicate this to the NAP office by May 1 each year. The electronic ballot shall be made available to RP® and PRP® members during the month of July each year. A plurality vote shall be considered sufficient for election. The results of the election shall be made available to all RP® and PRP® members by August 15 each year by e-mail." Proviso: The NAP President shall convene a special meeting of all RP® and PRP® members present at the 2017 Convention, which meeting shall elect two commission members for a one-year term and two commission members for a two-year term. A majority vote shall be necessary for election.

Assembly Action: Amendment not adopted by two-thirds vote (29 affirmative – 258 negative).

AMENDMENT 11: REMOVAL OF CREDENTIALING COMMISSION MEMBERS:
Amend Article X, Commission on Credentialing, Section 4, Election of Commission, by striking the second sentence and inserting "The RP® and PRP® members may remove commission members or the entire commission with a vote of two- thirds of the RP® and PRP® members present at a special meeting of these members held either during the biennial NAP Convention or at the biennial NAP Training Conference. Such special meeting shall be called by the NAP President on the request of 10% of the total number of RP® and PRP® members made by the first of May preceding the meeting sent to the NAP Office. Notice of such special meeting shall be given by e-mail to RP® and PRP® members no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the NAP Convention or NAP Training Conference. The NAP President shall preside at this special meeting."

Assembly Action: Amendment not adopted by two-thirds vote (20 in the affirmative – 264 in the negative).

AMENDMENT 12: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING; ALTERNATIVE 2 and the attached PROVISO:
Amend Article X, Commission on Credentialing, Sections 3, Term, and 4, Election of Commission, substituting the following new Sections 3 through 7, and renumbering the succeeding sections accordingly: Section 3. Nominations, Section 4. Election, Section 5. Term, Section 6. Removal, Section 7. Vacancies. Proviso: If this amendment is adopted, four commissioners will be elected prior to adjournment of the convention. The three elected with the highest majorities shall serve a four-year term, expiring at the close of the 2021 convention. The one elected with the lowest majority shall serve a two-year term, expiring at the close of the 2019 convention, and the terms currently scheduled to expire in 2018 will be extended to the close of the 2019 convention. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5, the members whose terms expired in 2016 shall be eligible for election to a new term.

Assembly Action: Amendment adopted by two-thirds vote (262 affirmative – 22 negative).

AMENDMENT 13: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING; ALTERNATIVE 3 and the attached proviso:
Amend Article X, Commission on Credentialing, Sections 3, Term, and 4, Election of Commission, substituting the following new Sections 3 through 7 and renumbering the succeeding section accordingly: Proviso: If this amendment is adopted, four commissioners will be elected prior to adjournment of the convention. The three elected with the highest majorities shall serve a four-year term, expiring at the close of the 2021 convention. The one elected with the lowest majority shall serve a two-year term, expiring at the close of the 2019 convention, and the terms currently

scheduled to expire in 2018 will be extended to the close of the 2019 convention. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5, the members whose terms expired in 2016 shall be eligible for election to a new term.

Assembly Action: Amendment not adopted by two-thirds vote (43 affirmative – 233 negative).

The president ruled that as amendment #12 was adopted, amendments #14 and #15 were moot and would not be considered. The president ruled that as amendment #8 concerned the Commission on Credentialing, it would be considered at this time.

AMENDMENT 8: RP AND PRP RECERTIFICATION and Conforming amendments 8A-8C:

Amend Article X, Commission on Credentialing, Section 6, Purpose by inserting after the words "establish renewal requirements and procedures" the words "which for RPs and PRPs shall focus on the completion of continuing education units and participation in parliamentary educational events at the local, state, district or national levels without the use of examinations or performance valuations."
8A: Article III, Members, Section1, Classification, Subsection B, Credentialed Members, paragraph 1, Registered Parliamentarian (RP), subparagraph b. by adding …
8B: Article III, Members, Section1, Classification, Subsection B, Credentialed Members, paragraph 2, Registered Parliamentarian (RP), subparagraph b. by adding …
8C: Article X, commission on Credentialing, Section 7, Duties, Subsection B. by adding … shall focus … without exam or evaluations.

Assembly Action: After amendment, Amendment #8 was postponed indefinitely (246 affirmative – 45 negative).

Point of Order: A point of order was raised that an amendment could not be considered when Postpone Indefinitely is in front of the assembly. The point was not well taken.

Motion: To suspend the rules so that #19-31 will be considered immediately as if on a consent calendar and not subject to amendment or debate, and further that any item pulled off the consent calendar will be considered in their regular order under the program.

Assembly Action: Rules suspended by two-thirds vote (243 affirmative – 40 negative).

Pulled from Consent Calendar for Separate Consideration

Amendments: #22; #25; #26; #28; #29; #30; and #31.

CONSENT CALENDAR
AMENDMENT 19: BOARD DUTIES

Amend Article VII, NAP Board of Directors, Section 2, Duties, Subsection B, Duties of NAP Board of Directors, Paragraph 16, by striking "district directors" and inserting "chairmen."

AMENDMENT 20: ASSOCIATION STATUS WITHIN DISTRICTS

At each location where "the district to which the association belongs" appears, strike "to which the association belongs" and insert "in which the association is located."

AMENDMENT 21: UNIT STATUS WITHIN ASSOCIATIONS
At each location where "the association to which the unit belongs" appears, strike "to which the unit belongs" and insert a comma and "if any, with which the unit is affiliated."

AMENDMENT 23: PRIMARY MEMBER DEFINITION
Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 8, Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units, Subsection A, Definitions, Paragraph 1, by striking "are counted in the association or unit as of March 1 of the convention year for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to which the association or unit is entitled at NAP conventions," and inserting, "have designated their primary membership in the association or unit in accordance with Article IV, Section 8C."

AMENDMENT 24: AFFILIATE MEMBER DEFINITION
Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 8, Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units, Subsection A, Definitions, Paragraph 2, by striking, "and who are not counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to which the association or unit is entitled at NAP conventions."

AMENDMENT 27: YOUTH DEFINITION
Amend Article III, Members, Section 3, Dues, Subsection C, Student Dues Reduction, by inserting "of age" following "years."

Assembly Action: Amendments #19; #20; #21; #23; #24; and #27 adopted (236 affirmative – 40 negative).

Special Order at 10:30 a.m.: Late Proposed Bylaw Amendment Submission
Amend Article III, Members, Section 3. Dues. By inserting a paragraph after the subsection of C. Student Dues Reductions, and re-lettering the succeeding subsections: " D. International Member Dues Reduction. An international member who resides in developing countries with yearly GDP per capita lower than 30% of yearly GDP per capita in the United States according to recent World Bank Data[1], shall qualify for a 50% reduction in dues for the individual's membership classification."

Assembly Action: Amendment not adopted by 90% (180 affirmative – 104 negative).

Resolutions Committee Report
Alvin Gage, PRP, the chairman of the Resolutions Committee moved the following:

WHEREAS, The 20th NAP Convention in October 1975 adopted a resolution discouraging the use of the term "Chairperson;" and

WHEREAS, At that time NAP's parliamentary authority was the 7th Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*; and

WHEREAS, Since that time four additional editions of RONR have been published; and

WHEREAS, The current edition of RONR now recognizes that the term "Chairman" while completely appropriate is not the only term used to address persons presiding who are not presidents or vice-presidents:

> A person presiding at a meeting who has no regular title or whose position is only temporary is addressed as "Mr. [or Madam] Chairman" by long-established usage. Several variations of this form-such as "chairperson" or "chair"- are now frequently encountered, however, and may be in use as the general practice in particular assemblies. (RONR 11th

Edition, Page 23, lines 11-17); and

WHEREAS, Language usages changes over time, which fact has been acknowledged in the current edition of RONR; and

WHEREAS, Parliamentarians work with numerous organizations that prefer the use of terms other than "Chairman;" and

WHEREAS, The 1975 resolution no longer correctly states what is given on this matter in the 11th Edition of RONR; and

WHEREAS, The resolution indications that "organizations and parliamentarians of the National Association of Parliamentarians must use the term Chairman;" and

WHEREAS, This proscription goes beyond what is required in the current edition of RONR and now causes confusion when NAP members serve clients and insist on the use of the term "Chairman" because of the 1975 resolution requires them to do so; and

WHEREAS, It is not the role of the National Association of Parliamentarians to bind its members in the exercise of their independent judgment on how language should be used when serving clients and organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2017 NAP Convention does hereby rescind the action of the 20th NAP Convention in October 1975 entitled "Discourage the Use of the Term Chairperson;" and

RESOLVED, That NAP members be encouraged to follow the rules outlined in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* and be free to assist organizations and clients in using the terms that these groups feel best suits the needs of their particular assemblies.

Assembly Action: Resolution adopted (235 affirmative – 22 negative).

Special Order at 11:00 a.m.: Nominations and Election of Commission on Credentialing Members

Motion: To suspend the rules to extend the meeting to 11:55 a.m. to allow nominations, immediate candidate speeches and an immediate vote.

Assembly Action: Adopted by general consent.

The following members were nominated to the four open positions on the Commission on Credentialing: Gail Knapp, PRP; Gayla Stone, PRP; Rosalie Stroman, PRP; and Frances Jackson, RP.

Tellers' Report for Commission on Credentialing members and length of terms:
Votes cast: 289
Plurality vote determines length of term
Gail Knapp: 202;
Gayla Stone: 198;
Rosalie Stroman: 214; and
Francis Jackson: 241.

The president declared the following members elected to the Commission on Credentialing and length of term: Francis Jackson elected to a 4 year term; Rosalie Stroman elected to a 4 year term; Gail Knapp elected to a 4 year term; and Gayla Stone elected to a 2 year term.
Call for the Orders of the Day: The orders of the day were called for at 12:04 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, September 11, 2017

Call to Order
President Randolph called the fourth business meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2017. The secretary was present.

Moment of Silence
The president called for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001, and for the people of Houston, Texas and Florida.

Invitation to 2018 NAP Training Conference
Rosemary Seghatoleslami, PRP, Coordinator of the 2018 NAP Training Conference, extended an invitation to attend the NTC at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Buffalo, New York, September 7-9, 2018.

2017 NAP Installation
District Directors
Past President Ron Stinson, PRP installed the following District Directors for the 2017-2019 biennium:

District 1: Rosemary Seghatoleslami, PRP;
District 2: Roger Hanshaw, PRP*;*
District 3: Todd Crowder, PRP;
District 4: Robert Schuck, RP;
District 5: Larry Martin, PRP;
District 6: James Lawson, RP; and
District 7: Kevin Connelly, PRP.

NAP 2017-2019 Board of Directors:
Thomas "Burke" Balch, PRP installed the following NAP officers and directors for the 2017-2019 biennium:

Director-at-Large: Ann Rempel, PRP;
Director-at-Large: Alison Wallis, PRP;
Director-at-Large: Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP;
Treasurer: Wanda Sims, PRP;
Secretary: Kevin Connelly, PRP;
Vice-President Darlene Allen, PRP; and
President: James Jones, PRP.

Adjournment Sine Die
President Randolph declared the 41st Biennial Convention adjourned sine die at 11:07 p.m.

Teresa Stone

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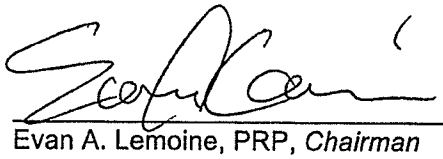
Teresa Stone, NAP Secretary

Minutes Approval Committee



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Evan A. Lemoine, PRP, *Chairman* — Date approved

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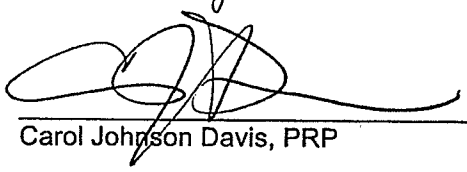
Lynn Gene Cook, RRP — Date approved



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Carol Johnson Davis, PRP — Date approved