



# Great Lakes Grapevine

NAP District Four

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## Greetings from your Director:



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District Four Director

### The Wheel Continues to Turn

The past five months have been very eventful for your District Director. In reflecting back, the hardest part of this time period was letting go of someone so close – Lilian McBeth, PRP-R. Since joining NAP, your district director and her best friend shared many hours of sweet parliamentary procedure teaching and coaching students in Highland Park. These students were very successful when competing at the district, state and national levels of Business Professionals of America. Lilie and Joyce joined the National Association of Parliamentarians together (1994) and traveled across the United States together in the name of parliamentary procedure. One of the most amazing aspects of the relationship is that the two never had a cross word with each other. If you will allow me, I'd like to speak in first person. Our relationship was built on mutual respect and admiration. Where one of us was weak the other had strength without question. Lilie was a true friend on a professional and personal level. We shared those daughter and son stories since our children were close in age. The girls hung out together and the boys played football and graduated together. Lilie shared my grief when my daughter died, driving me home from Grand Rapids late at night. Lilie's passing has left a void in my life that is hard to explain. She was my co-worker, my friend, my sister. I will continue to miss her but think of all the fun we had together. Rest In Peace my Sister.

Your district director was active in the following activities since our last newsletter:

- Served as judge for the Michigan Business Professionals of America – Parliamentary Procedure Team Event; BPA National Leadership Conference
- Administered membership exam to students attending the BPA National Leadership Conference – 4 students passed the exam and are new members
- Attended Indiana State Parliamentary Unit annual meeting in

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**Greetings from your Director** (continued)

Speedway, IN bringing greetings from NAP

- Brought greetings to the Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians at their Annual Meeting and installed newly elected officers
- Co-presented, with Julie Pioch, a lesson on Disciplinary Procedures at the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians as well as giving an NAP update
- Brought greetings and presented a workshop at the Detroit Unit Annual Meeting
- Attended a conference call meeting for district directors hosted by Sandy Olson
- Received many requests for parliamentary assistance and/or information and referred those requesting to the appropriate state association president

Many thanks to Ed Frazier and his wife for their exceptional hospitality in Speedway, IN. Additional thanks for all state and unit presidents for their help in contacting members to renew their membership. We must not stop, we must continue to work to keep all of our members. We need to grow and retain our members.

Our Ontario friends need our help. They are struggling to survive and we need to welcome them into our units or help them become stronger as an association. We don't want them to lose their charter. So let's join forces and help them out.

*Reminders:*

Parliamentarian Education and Enhancement Recognition (PEER) Award forms are due July 1 for recognition at the 2014 Training Conference. The NAP Training Conference is to be held in Oklahoma City, OK – August 8-10, 2014. Register online and make arrangements now to attend this exciting conference.

**Note the date** change for the 2015 District Meeting – **April 10-12, 2015**, being hosted by and in conjunction with the Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians and Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians Annual Meetings (more information to follow).



**Association News:**

**Wisconsin Parliamentarians in Winter**

(It may not be what you think)

The Wisconsin Association of Parliamentarians held their Annual Convention in Winter, WI. the weekend of May 2-4, 2014. (Winter, WI is located in the far northern part of the state.)

Friday night found Board members having their pre-convention meeting. Saturday was devoted to the Convention with business, workshops on meetings and motions, and time to explore the area. Workshops were conducted by WAP members with involvement from members of the Junior Winter Parliamentarians.

The luncheon was a real treat with a special Smelt meal. Dinner was part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration in the area and was served by the local Fire Department. The Mexican food was wonderful.

Sunday morning allowed time for breakfast and a chance to talk with fellow parliamentarians before departing for home.

The opportunity of being in a small community lent itself nicely to more time to conduct business and spend more time learning and discussing parliamentary procedure. Facilities were more than adequate and the weather was fine!!!!

*by Elaine Staley, PRP-R*



*To be a friend a man should be tolerant; he should have an understanding heart and a forgiving nature, knowing that all men stumble now and then, and that he who never made a mistake never accomplished anything.*

—Wilferd A. Peterson

WORD SEARCH

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 M U L E S A D T E R A E S S I O N D U  
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 T O D H E N D M E M B E R S I J K H M  
 T F N M S U E C X R C Q A G D L Q E S  
 E F A J S A N O A I O U E N A P U R E  
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 S C X U O T U F V P C L C T S L A L U  
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 U R E Q U O J M T E P S R E G U L A R  
 N S N A N H D R E S N T H M A P A B U  
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 J U S E X E C U T I V E B O A R D O D

Adjourned  
 Agenda  
 Amend  
 Amendment  
 Annual  
 Article  
 Authority  
 Aye  
 Bylaws  
 Call

Charter  
 Committees  
 Executive Board  
 Extend  
 Meeting (2)  
 Members  
 Minimum  
 Motion  
 Object  
 Officers

Organization  
 Pro Tem  
 Privilege  
 Quorum  
 Regular  
 Section  
 Session  
 Special  
 Suspend the Rule  
 Vote

Solution in next issue

**In Memorium**

In Memory of our friends who passed this year

*Lilian McBeth (MI)*



*Francile Anderson (MI)*



*Patricia White (IN)*



**Unit News:**

**Queen City Unit Not Deterred by Weather**

The Queen City Unit (OH) was not deterred by the need to cancel their workshop in late January due to snow. They simply re-scheduled it for late March and held a very successful workshop. It was developed to educate and assist elected/appointed local government officials, board/commission members and the community in conducting orderly and productive public meetings. Topics for the workshop included Handling a Motion, Ranking Motions, Duties of the Chair, and a Q&A session.



**Parliamentary Law Workshop Held**

The Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit annual workshop was held Saturday morning, April 5, in Waterford. Forty people attended including 17 members.

Connie Deford, PRP was the first speaker with the topic Building Better Boards, using a PowerPoint presentation. Eleanor “Coco” Siewert, PRP presented Effective, Efficient Meetings and, using the goldenrod sheet Basic Parliamentary Information, led participants through an ordinary meeting, taking many questions as the lesson proceeded.

Ask the Experts! with Eleanor “Coco” Siewert, Elizabeth “Beth” Haynes, and Art Margerm answering questions was popular, especially for those who wanted to clarify and illuminate particular situations.

Educational materials useful for leaders and board members were sold in an adjoining conference room. The separate room for sales worked very well and was busy before the meeting and during the ten-minute break. There were brisk sales of RONR, RONR in Brief, Tabs for RONR, and more.

*by Barbara Bonsignore*



*It takes two to speak the truth—  
one to speak, another to hear.*

—Henry David Thoreau

## PQC Alert!

Are you thinking about taking the PQC, but not quite ready yet? Did you just miss the deadline for the PQC at the NAP Training Conference in August? Do you want a place fairly close to home where you can take the course? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, District Four has a great opportunity for you. If at least six members are interested in taking the PQC, arrangements will be made to offer it at the 2015 District Four Conference in Michigan. It would most likely be given following the conference, but could possibly be given prior to the conference, depending on what works for the participants and instructors. While April 10-12, 2015 seems like a long way off, it takes time to arrange for the course, so please let District Four Director Joyce Brown-Watkins know of your interest soon. She’ll then start the ball rolling to make the course available. Let’s increase the number of credentialed members in District Four!



## Have You Registered?

The NAP TC is just around the corner. It will be held August 8-10, 2014 in downtown Oklahoma City, OK at the Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center. Hopefully, you’ve already registered. If not, there is still time to get in on the exciting workshops and other activities planned for your enjoyment and enlightenment. Training Conference Coordinator W. Craig Henry and his committee are set to welcome you and Workshop Coordinator Colette Collier Trohan and her committee will offer you a myriad of workshops to provide knowledge, application and resources to “Create the Future.” Don’t miss out on this exciting conference!



## Parliamentary Law Month Celebrated!

A Birmingham-based parliamentary group made a book donation to the Pontiac Public Library in memory of the late Francile Anderson, a lifelong educator, volunteer and philanthropist, and widow of Chief Oakland County Circuit Judge Bob Anderson. The copy of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* was presented by Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit President Barbara Bonsignore to Interim Library Director Devan Green. The book was provided by the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians.

“Fran was involved in so many organizations,” Bonsignore said. “Parliamentary procedure was important to her in her various (groups) because she held leadership roles in so many of them.” Anderson served as president of groups such as the Oakland County Bar Foundation, the Pontiac Oakland Symphony Orchestra, the Waterford Fellowship of Church Women and the Michigan Parent-Teacher Association.

Green thanked Bonsignore and fellow parliamentary group member Ruth Schlucter on Monday. “We’re grateful for the donation and for the symbolism that’s provided here,” the library director said.



Pontiac Public Library - April 21, 2014



**Coming Events**

**NAP**

NAP Training  
Conference  
Oklahoma City, OK  
August 8-10, 2014

Biennial Convention  
Arlington, VA  
September 4-7, 2015

**DISTRICT**

**District Conference**  
April 10-12, 2015

**Illinois  
Annual Meeting**  
2015 - TBA

**Indiana  
Annual Meeting**  
2015 - TBA

**Michigan  
Annual Meeting**  
2015 - TBA

**Ontario  
AGM - TBA**

**Ohio  
Annual Meeting**  
2015 - TBA

**Wisconsin  
Annual Meeting**  
2015 - TBA

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**Youth News:**

*Health Occupation Students of America*

The Bay-Arenac HOSA team took 1<sup>st</sup> place in state parliamentary competition and will represent Michigan at the national competition in Orlando, FL in June. Past NAP President Connie Deford, and David Zettle, prior member of a HOSA national championship team and new NAP member, coach the team.

*Business Professionals of America*

BPA state results for the Michigan parliamentary competition included Stephenson High School in 1<sup>st</sup> Place, followed in 2<sup>nd</sup> place by Bay-Arenac Career Center. Stephenson High School went on to capture 1<sup>st</sup> place in the national competition. Mrs. Sharon Wyble is advisor for the Stephenson team. Advisor for the Bay-Arenac team is Ms. Tammi Leavette.

In individual competition, Alix Johnson (Stephenson) placed first in the written exam and Timothy Miller (Bay-Arenac) was second. Both students passed the NAP membership exam.

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*If you are all wrapped up in  
yourself, you are overdressed.*

—Halverson



**From the editor...**

Thank you to those who contributed to this newsletter. It's always better to get information from many sources than to rely on your editor to come up with all the information. When that happens, you get only the news your editor thinks important.

While summer may be a time for a slowdown in activity for units and associations, please be thinking of what you'll want to report on for the next newsletter that is sure to be issued later this year. Photos are welcome as well as your news.

This is YOUR newsletter, so it should contain the information YOU desire to have. If we all work together, that is sure to happen.

The mailbox is open!



**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!



**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](mailto: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 # \_\_\_\_\_

