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## DISTRICT EIGHT NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to the New Biennium

In the next biennium we will be utilizing the latest technology to teach, learn and communicate with each other. I am committed to communicating with all of our D8 members on a regular basis with information, news, and newsletters. I will be updating information for our website on a regular basis. Please visit [napdistrict8.org](http://napdistrict8.org) for the latest district news and information. It is our official website. If you have photos from unit meetings, state meetings, or events please send them to me at [vkvster@gmail.com](mailto:vkvster@gmail.com) for the website.

The next step is creating or finding methods or applications that provide for two-way, on-going communication between members to have conversations online or in chats where we can ask and answer questions or discuss parliamentary situations. If you have any suggestions or would like to help get something started contact me or Craig Michie, [cmichie@aol.com](mailto:cmichie@aol.com)

In this biennium we need to work on increasing our membership to sustain our units. This may be the time when it is easier than ever before. We now have the membership exam based on RONR In Brief, (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.) Chapters 1-11, reading the chapters, 100 practice questions, and a 40 question exam. Why so much shorter or



*Vivian Vincent District 8  
Director*

easier? It is just the basic facts - not confusing or complicated.

My opinion is that in the future much of the knowledge found in the 300/100 question exams will be studied in continuing education lessons and in the process of studying for registration. If your unit needs study topics for 2018 and you have provisional members this is an easy study session plan.

For instance, the regular, RP, PRP, and retired members in the Arizona Alpha Unit committed to spending three 1-hour study sessions working with their provisional members over the next three months preparing for the membership exam. They will sit with them while they take the 40 question exam at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> study session in January.

You will find the NAP Study Guide, the first steps to learning how to master meetings, which includes the questions, online at [parliamentarians.org](http://parliamentarians.org) in the Store. It is a free download. Email me if you have questions.

### Thank You's

I truly appreciate volunteers! I would like to thank D8 members for the time and effort they will be giving to make my job easier and helping you along the path to a better district.

- Frank Fitzgerald PRP (ASAP) will be serving as Parliamentarian for D8 and assisting me with great advice over the next two years.
- Kirby Glad PRP (USAP) is our [napdistrict8.org](http://napdistrict8.org) webmaster and is awesome - in fact, he is so good he has been appointed as the NAP Webmaster.
- Craig Michie (NSAP) volunteered to work on technology communication leading the way to find the apps that will keep us in touch with our members here and abroad.
- Maria Trujillo-Tough (CSAP) is serving as the D8 Newsletter Editor adding a professional touch to this communication effort and you can see it in this first edition.
- Marie Frasca will serve as our 2019 D8 Conference Meeting Coordinator for the meeting in Las Vegas, NV sharing her astounding organizational skills and experience with state and national events.

Past District 8 Directors:

- Frank Fitzgerald PRP (ASAP),
- Dave Mezzera PRP (CSAP),
- Steve Gladstein PRP (HSAP), and
- Dollie McPartlin PRP (NSAP), are truly appreciated for their opinions and advice that provide this director with guidance on district matters.

Thank you all for the wonderful reception and support you've given me as District 8 Director.

*Civian Vincent PRP*

District 8 Director

## D8 DIRECTOR NEWS

What a privilege it is to be part of District 8. In the past few weeks I have met the most wonderful people and best parliamentarians in the world.

I attended the ASAP annual meeting for the first time as District Director in Prescott, AZ for a weekend with many of my AZ parli friends where every minute was devoted to learning and teaching and socializing. ASAP was two days of excellent workshops mixed with a little business. A special part of this meeting was seeing ASAP member, Frank Fitzgerald, recognized for his work on behalf of members for many years and a proclamation from the Mayor of Prescott.

In September, at the NAP Convention, I met members from across District 8 and learned that we all want to make D8 the best it can be through communication, service to one another, and to feel that we are supported.



In Reno, Nevada I toured historical Virginia City with NSAP members before attending their annual meeting on Saturday. I learned about the Nevada statues related to open meetings and public records during lunch. I also found out that Las Vegas was originally in Arizona, before state boundaries were re-drawn.

The NSAP annual meeting was a full day of great workshops - CSAP member, Dave Mezzera, was there to present workshops. I served NSAP President, Gail Knapp, as Parliamentarian for the business meeting.

Congratulations to all for incredibly successful meetings. I look forward to attending more next year.

### **NAP CONVENTION**

It was exciting to see so many D8 members at the NAP convention. As you will see in the congratulations that follow District 8 has incredible members who will shape the future of NAP. If you go to the District 8 website [napdistrict8.org](http://napdistrict8.org) you will see photographs of our members teaching and learning and having a good time in Chicago. You can also view more convention photos at [parliamentarians.smugmug.com](http://parliamentarians.smugmug.com)



The big

news from the convention comes from the District 8 meeting held on Sunday, Sept. 10. The members voted to suspend the district standing rules to allow Arizona (ASAP) to host the 2019 District 8 Conference in Las Vega, Nevada during the 2019 NAP Biennium convention. This means that it will make it possible for members to travel to one location for both events, we will conduct a business meeting, and attendees can take advantage of many workshops and events associated with the NAP convention. ASAP will be the host and provide our renowned Arizona hospitality at the meeting.

You are invited to observe the November Board of Directors meeting, conducted via AdobeConnect, November 14 at 7 p.m. (CT).

I encourage you to observe this meeting because the board will be approving the President's appointments and it would be a great opportunity to show our support for the D8 members.



### **Past District 8 Director Frank Fitzgerald**

Frank has been instrumental in shaping our association and district. In addition to the wonderful tribute to Frank at the ASAP meeting, he was recognized by NAP President, Jim Jones at the 41<sup>st</sup> NAP convention.

Immediately following his induction as NAP President, Jim

Jones recognized Frank for his dedication and service to NAP the Trailblazer Award. Thank Frank, for all the wonderful years



ASAP, District 8, NAP, all the hugs, and your friendship.

### **District 8 members**

D8 members will serve in 18 (and counting) appointed NAP positions for the next two years as committee chairs, committee members, or appointed board positions. NAP President, Jim Jones, has appointed the following members to NAP committees and positions.

- Vivian Vincent (AZ) District Eight Director  
- Membership Extension and Retention Committee (MERC)
- Mike Peck (AZ) - Professional Development Committee Chairman
- Al Gage (AZ) - Youth Task Force Chairman
- Ronald Arruejo (CA) - Youth Task Force
- Ronald Avedesian (CA) - Bylaws Chairman
- Lorenzo Cuesta (CA) - Membership & Registration Examiners Committee
- Lorraine Talbot (CA) - Educational Resources
- Tennebee Hall (CA) - Membership & Registration Examiners Committee
- Jim Stewart (CA) - NAP Board of Directors Parliamentarian
- James Stewart (CA) - Parliamentary Research Committee
- Jim Stewart (CA) - Professional Services Subcommittee Chairman
- Ronald Arruejo (CA) - Youth Committee
- Dollie McPartlin (NV) - Biennial Convention Committee 2019 Coordinator
- M Carling (NV) - Bylaws
- Jim Hinkle (NV) - Communication Committee Chairman
- Kathy Boyer (UT) - Independent Learning Subcommittee
- Jessica Christopher (UT) - Membership & Registration Examiners Committee
- Kirby Glad (UT) - Technology Committee, Website Webmaster  
[Kirby Glad is also the D8 Webmaster for napdistrict8.org]

- D8 also is home to Gail Knapp, NSAP President, elected to the Commission on Credentialing

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### 2015-2017 HONOR ROLL OF INSTRUCTORS

These D8 members were highlighted in Membership & Youth Recognition Lunch program at convention for teaching and sponsoring new NAP members in the past biennium:

- ✚ Rollie Cox (CA),
  - ✚ Lorenzo Cuesta (CA),
  - ✚ Al Gage (AZ),
  - ✚ Joan Harmon (CA),
  - ✚ Fei He (CH),
  - ✚ Ray He (CH),
  - ✚ Jumbling Ma (CH),
  - ✚ David Mezzera (CA),
  - ✚ William Puette (HI),
  - ✚ James Stewart (CA),
  - ✚ Pengfei Wen (CH),
  - ✚ Tianpeng Yuan (CH)
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### Request for Articles

*Tell us what information you would like to see and read about in future newsletters or on our website. Everyone is welcome to submit articles for the newsletter. Please send suggestions on proposed newsletter articles to Maria Trujillo-Tough at mvtrujil@gmail.com. Suggestions for the website should be sent to Vivian Vincent at vkvster@gmail.com.*



## The Silent Gavel

Our thoughts and support are with June Asato, HSAP President, whose husband, Bob, passed away after a short illness on June 29. Bob joined NAP in June 2003 and was a member of the HI Aloha-Ohana Parliamentary Unit.

### NAP CONVENTION PHOTOS OF DISTRICT 8 MEMBERS



*Wanchun Sun (China)  
Protocol Committee*



*Gail Knapp, PRP  
NSAP President*



*Jim Stewart, NAP  
Parliamentarian*



*Dan Ross, (Japan) with  
words of inspiration*



*Al Gage, PRP  
ASAP President*



*David Mezzera  
"Follow the Leader"  
workshop*



*Lorenzo Cuesta  
"Side Issues with  
RONR"*

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