

District Five News Connections

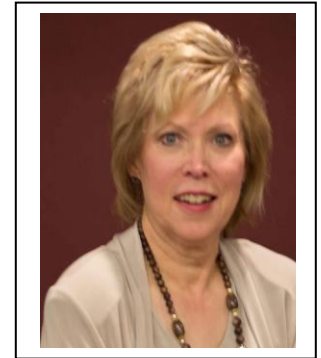
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District Five consists of the following chartered associations:

- Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians
President Virginia Berberick PRP - virginiaberberick@earthlink.net
- Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians
President – Medard Kaisershot PRP - mkaisers@isd.net
- Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians
President – Larry Martin PRP - lddsmartin@att.net
- Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians
President – Bonita Dickinson PRP - bbdickin@gmail.com
- Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians
President – Don Freese RP - freesed@mymts.net



Denise Irminger PRP
District 5 Director 2013-2105

and the following unchartered regions: Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nunavut and Saskatchewan.

Calendar of Events

District Five Conference
June 20-22, 2014
Overland Park, KS

Kansas Annual Meeting
April 2015

Manitoba AGM
April 12, 2014

Minnesota Annual Meeting

Missouri Annual Meeting
April 11, 2014

Nebraska Annual Institute
May 2, 2014

The NAP Biennial Convention in Portland, Oregon was one a busy one with conducting business, attending excellent workshops, and of course there was one's opportunity to reconnect with parliamentary friends and make new ones too.

Congratulations are extended to our new President – Ann Guiberson PRP, Vice President – Mary Randolph PRP, to our own District V member Ann Rempel PRP on reelection as NAP's Secretary, Treasurer --Evan Lemoine PRP, Directors-at-Large: Steve Glanstein PPR, James N. Jones PRP, Jim Stewart PRP, and District Director Representatives – Daniel Ivey-Soto PRP and Denise Irminger PRP.

"It is my honor to serve as your District Director and to have been elected along with District Six Director Daniel Ivey-Soto to represent the Districts on the NAP Board of Directors. I will be seeking your input and assistance.

The eight District Directors serve on the Membership Extension and Retention Committee (MERC) which is chaired by Sandra K. Olson PRP. MERC has established goals to hold district public workshops, involve the NAP partnerships in district activities, increase membership by at least 5 percent, and to follow-up with membership on renewing their membership with NAP.

Editor – Joy Freeland PRP

I encourage you to review and participate in the "Parliamentarian Education and Enhancement Recognition Award" aka PEER Award to encourage members to be actively involved in the education and enhancement of a parliamentarian.

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Reminder to all members, if you have not yet paid your dues please do so before February 1. We want to retain all of you in our District Five Membership.

Plans are being developed for the June 20-22, 2014 District Five Meeting in Overland Park, Kansas. More information will be coming soon. I look forward to seeing you all there. In the meantime you may contact me by e-mail at deniseirminger@aol.com.

Please send me your Association and Unit's newsletter and articles you want to feature in upcoming issues of your District Five News Connection.

2013-2015 National Association of Parliamentarians Elected Officers



(Front Row) Evan Lemoine, Treasurer; Mary Randolph, Vice President; Ann Guiberson, President; Ann Remple, Secretary
(Back row) Mike Chamberlain, Executive Director; Jim Jones, Director-at-Large; Steve Glanstein, Director-at-Large;
Denise Irminger, District Representative; Jim Stewart, Director-at-Large; Daniel Ivey-Soto, District Representative

2013-2015 DISTRICT DIRECTORS



(Front row) Bill Starkey, Alice Bartelt, Nancy Dauster, Darlene Allen
(Back row) Daniel Ivey-Soto, Denise Irminger, Joyce Brown-Watkins, John Hohlbauch



District Five attendees – 2013 NAP Convention – Portland, Oregon

Lucretia Ottaway, Claire Schiller, Karen Watson, Pat Reymann, Denise Irminger, Virginia Berberick, Lynna Gene Cook, Vera Chernecki, Chris Dickey, Bonita Dickinson, Bonnie Taylor, Larry Martin, Kevin Wendt, Sheryl Rippke, Jim Taylor, Laura Meade, Bill Peterson, Medard Kaisershot, Lyle Kleman, Bob Williams, Ginny Altman, Jeanette Williams



Incoming District V Director Denise Irminger and
District V Director Vera Chernecki
2013 NAP Convention – Portland, Oregon

Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians



The President of the Nebraska State Association is Bonita Dickinson, MAL, from Sidney, Nebraska. She joined NAP in 1997. She has served as NSAP Convention Chairman, member of the Education and Workshop Committee, Finance Committee Chairman for 2 terms, helped with workshops for the past 8 years and was elected President of NSAP in May of 2012. She has been the national parliamentarian for the BPO Does for 5 years as well as parliamentarian of local groups such as the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Rebekahs, and BPO Does.

Bonita is a retired high school science and math teacher of 32 years. She has been interested in Parliamentary Procedure for many years, but decided to become committed to greater learning while sponsoring Sidney High School Student Council for 12 years and keeping the Seniors from 'Ruling the Roost'. It was exciting to see the underclassmen learn proper procedure and use it to get great ideas adopted by the group. It was a sophomore who moved to raise \$5000 to support a 'Make a Wish' child in Nebraska. The motion carried and they have contributed \$5000 each year for the past 8 years. Community service, youth and church are high on Bonita's list. Sewing is a special hobby.

She and her husband Dale, who worked 38 years for the Union Pacific RR, enjoy traveling, Rodeo, and Professional Bull Riding.

Bonita quit teaching for 5 years and lived in a private railroad bunk car while Dale worked on a railroad gang of 150 men, laying new rail, all over the Union Pacific System from Omaha, Ne to California, Washington, and Oregon and all places in-between. What a way to see the country and meet new people!



Bonita and Sandra K. Olson, NAP Educational Foundation President, displaying Bonita's handmade quilt which was featured at the Educational Foundation's live auction.

Missouri Santa Fe Trail Unit celebrates 50th Anniversary

Since its formation in September, 1963, leadership in the study, teaching and use of good parliamentary procedure has been the aim of the Santa Fe Trail Unit, Eastern Jackson County, of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP). Many Registered Parliamentarians (RP) and Professional Registered Parliamentarians (PRP) have been certified while members of this unit. A special commemoration of its 50th anniversary was part of the regular meeting on September 19th at Trinity Episcopal Church in Independence, Missouri. The celebration included reading of a proclamation from Mayor Don Reimal in which September 19th was designated as “National Parliamentarian Day” in the City of Independence. NAP President Ann Guiberson sent greetings and her congratulations in a letter and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to two of the Unit’s charter members – Lorraine Buckley, RPRP, and Mary Pisciotta. Although Mrs. Buckley was not able to attend, among the honored guests present were: Unit Charter Member Mary Pisciotta; Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians (MSAP) President Larry Martin, PRP, and Treasurer Virginia Berberick, PRP. The work of current Unit members, who have been or are active in MSAP and NAP over this first half-century, was also acknowledged. Unit members recognized include: Teresa Dean, PRP; Joy Freeland, PRP; Elaine Fulton, RP; Denise Irminger, PRP; Bruce Lowrey, RP; Bobbie Nicholson-Stevenson; Nina Sinclair, RP; and Carolyn Tillman, RP.



Santa Fe Trail Unit 50th Anniversary reception attendees: (l to r) MSAP Treasurer Virginia Berberick, MSAP President Larry Martin (in back), Linda Sehr (prospective member), Carolyn Tillman, Vice President Shirley McCarty (in back), Charter Member Mary Pisciotta (holding anniversary cake), Fred Larsen (in back), Treasurer Teresa Dean, Bobbie Nicholson-Stevenson, Jane Sharon. (Not pictured, Historian Joy Freeland.)



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: _____