



# Great Lakes Grapevine

NAP District Four

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## Greetings from your Director:



Joyce Brown-Watkins  
District Four Director

### *Parliamentary Procedure, A Revolutionary Idea!*

What a powerful theme! District Four Conference is being held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Annual Meeting in Madison, WI, May 5 – 7, 2017 at the Madison Crowne Plaza Hotel. Registration for NAP members and nonmembers is \$150 which includes all workshops and meals. Student registration fee is \$100 and the fee for members guests not attending workshops (meals only) is \$100. Hotel room rates are \$104 plus tax and rooms can be reserved immediately. More specific information is in this newsletter.

Be prepared to soak in the sights of Madison along with experiencing a very educational conference. As in the past your volunteering to serve on District Conference committees will be requested. You are encouraged to volunteer.

District Four did a good job in renewing memberships, yet, there are still those that have not renewed. It is not too late to pay your membership dues; however, there is a reinstatement fee assessed. We are striving for 100% membership renewals and need your assistance to ensure we reach our goal. As a reminder, contact headquarters and post your meeting dates and workshops on the national calendar. There are always individuals trying to locate parliamentarians and/or units in their area to study parliamentary procedure.

Thank you for your efforts to recruit new members over the past year. We continue to strive for 5 new members per month per district. District Four you have been doing a good job. Many thanks from the Membership Extension and Retention Committee. Recognition for membership retention and increase will be noted at our District Conference.

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## Greetings from your Director (continued)

The 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention will be held in Lombard, IL, September 8-11, 2017 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. Thank you to those members who have volunteered to assist in different capacities. Volunteers may still be needed. Contact Sadie Boles, [spbolesaa04@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spbolesaa04@sbcglobal.net), who is serving as conference chair, for information as to how you can assist and any other questions you may have. Although Illinois is hosting the convention, it is up to District Four to be supportive of Illinois and aid in a successful convention. We are all in this together, District Four. Mark your calendars and be plan to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention. Housing will be at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. There will be an election of officers for the 2017-2019 biennium and of course, bylaw amendments. The convention should be educational as well as an excellent opportunity to network with fellow parliamentarians from across the country. Keep an eye out for more information shared in the NP.

This being our final newsletter of the biennium, your District Director would like to thank the District Four members for their support over the past 3-1/2 years. It has been a pleasure serving as your District Director.

Thank you to Patricia Dolan for being the BEST newsletter editor in the country. Your support, expertise, and patience is and has been indispensable. I commend you and thank you for your assistance.

Thank you District Four members for your assistance and support during this District Director's tenure.



Gratitude is the single most important ingredient to living a successful and fulfilled life.

*Jack Canfield*

## A Tribute



Nola Pursiful  
NAP President  
2003-2005

Nola Pursiful, PRP-R, joined NAP when her business students at Highland Park High School were eager to learn parliamentary procedure so they could enter the BPA competition. She was coach and advisor to the students and helped the Highland Park Parli-Bears parliamentary teams win a total of seven national titles during her career.

As a member of MSAP, Nola held many offices and served as association president from 1992-1994. She then served NAP on the Education Committee, was Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice President, Vice President, and became the 37th NAP President in 2003 at the biennial convention in San Antonio, TX. She held her convention in the Emerald City of Seattle (actually in SeaTac) in 2005, entering the convention on the Yellow Brick Road as "Dorothy" from the Wizard of Oz.

Mrs. Pursiful continued to be active as a parliamentarian, served many organizations, and helped students of all ages to become knowledgeable about parliamentary procedure. She and her husband, Darrell, moved to Georgia several years ago to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter. She maintained her interest in, and love of, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* to the end.

Rest in peace, dear Nola!

## *RESOLUTION*

*Whereas* Mrs. Nola Pursiful dedicated a great deal of her life to teaching the students in Highland Park Schools and coaching students to excel at the District, State, and National levels in the use of Parliamentary Procedure; and

*Whereas* Mrs. Pursiful went on to recruit and train many of her peers in the art of parliamentary procedure in their quest to become knowledgeable of and receive credentials becoming Parliamentarians in District Four (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Ontario); and

*Whereas* Mrs. Pursiful welcomed into her family her Highland Park students and their families, showering them with her enormous gift of love and compassion;

*Whereas* As a member of many organizations and having served as parliamentarian to the same, the Michigan family and District Four parliamentary friends truly miss and love Nola Pursiful; therefore be

*Resolved* That this Resolution be shared with, then gifted to Mr. Darrell Pursiful and family in her memory on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Father 2017.

Joyce A. Brown-Watkins, PRP  
District Four Director

## Association News:

### Michigan State Association

The Michigan State Association will hold its Annual Meeting in Southfield, Michigan, March 31 - April 2, 2017 at which time new officers will be elected and educational workshops will be held. The association is pleased to have Daniel Seabold, authorship assistant, as the guest presenter at the annual meeting.

### Ohio Association

The Ohio Association of Parliamentarians 2017 Annual Training Session will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Forest Park Senior Center, Forest Park, Ohio (Cincinnati, Ohio area). Theme: "Stepping to the Rhythm of Robert: Revise-Amend-Recommend".

## Unit News:

### *Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law - Michigan*

The unit held its annual meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in hopes that members who are unable to attend meetings during the week would participate in the meeting. Election of officers was held and the program for 2017 determined. Since this is the only unit on the west side of the state, members drive up to 1-1/2 hours to meetings. Their participation is most welcome.

The unit determined to meet quarterly with the February and November meetings on the fourth Saturday and the May and September meetings on the fourth Thursday morning. This will accommodate members who cannot attend during the week as well as those who cannot attend on weekends.



*Louise Saks Parliamentary - Michigan*

### Want to Study Robert's Rules of Order?

#### New Study Unit Forming

*When:*

April 29, 2017

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

*Where:*

Bloomfield Township Senior Center

4315 Andover Road, Bloomfield Township

Study Unit members share their experience and learn how to use parliamentary procedure to keep meetings on track and accomplish more with less distraction.

Check out Michigan study units at:

[www.Michiganparliamentarian.org](http://www.Michiganparliamentarian.org) OR

[www.parliamentarians.org](http://www.parliamentarians.org).

### All are Welcome

#### Sponsored by:

Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit (LSPU),  
a unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP)

#### National Association of Parliamentarians

NAP is a society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure.



**Unit News** *(continued)*

*Central Ohio Parliamentary Unit*

The Central Ohio Unit is sponsoring a seminar for the public in honor of Parliamentary Law Month entitled “Parliamentary Law and Governance” on Friday, April 7, 2017 in Columbus, OH. Subjects to be covered include: basic minutes, mechanisms of elections, and how to develop policies.

*Lori-El Unit, Ohio*

The unit will host its first annual community education forum celebrating National Parliamentary Law Month on April 1, 2017, in Lorain, OH. Workshop topics are: Leadership, Rights of Members, Nominations, and How to Run a Meeting. The event is designed to reach out to the many area organizations and community groups that serve in the Lorain-Elyria area.

*North Coast Unit, Ohio*

Questions the unit asks:

1. How many members are in your unit?
2. Does your unit have a formal study curriculum?
3. What is the unit studying?
4. If you do have a formal study plan, who teaches?
5. Are electronic meetings allowed in your state or province?
6. If you have electronic meetings all or part of the year, how are they conducted?
7. Is it an email to everyone or do you use any certain online meeting service such as GoToMeeting.com?
8. Do you have a group Skype or Facetime?
9. Are you looking for new members?



**In Memorium**

Nellie Caver  
Ohio Association

**Calling All Associations, Units,  
and Members!**

You are invited to participate in an exciting fundraising event at the District 4 conference May 5-7, 2017! We will be holding a silent auction during the three day event and your donations are needed. We are asking for themed baskets of approximately \$50.00 value that will be bid on during the meeting. The baskets can be themed to fit your state or city, wine, pampering, jewelry, holiday, you name it, we want it! If you can help out by donating a themed basket, please contact Christina Emmert at hygiene93@gmail.com or 815-519-0748.

Please include a theme for your basket and if possible the contents of the basket. Let’s make this an exciting and fun event for all attending!



**District Conference Ad Request**

The NAP District Four Spring Conference is requesting every Unit and State Association in District Four and interested members to consider submitting an ad to promote their regular meetings and public workshops or other services.

The cost for a half page B&W ad (5” wide x 4” high) \$25  
The cost for a full page B&W ad (5” wide x 8” high) \$40

Deadline: April 15, 2017

Submit print-ready ad or ad wording by April 15.  
Email ad to [robertschuckrp@gmail.com](mailto:robertschuckrp@gmail.com) or mail it to Robert Schuck, PO Box 127, Winter, WI 54896  
Make payment to “WAP” Elaine Staley, WAP Treasurer 933 Magnolia Ln, Madison, WI 53713  
Questions may be sent to Robert Schuck, RP at 608-513-6830.

Members who wish to submit an ad are welcome to do so as well as other sponsors who are interested in advertising to 70 or more members of District Four and the greater Madison, Wisconsin area.

Thank you for your support of the NAP District Four Spring Conference,

## The Value of Time

Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day.

Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course.

Each of us has such a bank; its name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds.

Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose.

It carries over no balance. It allows no over draft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day.

If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow."

You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it wisely as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

The clock is running!! Make the most of today!

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special enough to spend your time with. Share it to make a difference, share it to leave a legacy, share it to help bear the burden of another.

How will YOU spend your bank account of 86,400 seconds?

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*You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.*

Shirley Chisholm

## Unit Challenge at District 4 Conference

Dear Unit Presidents and Members,

Greetings from the Madison Unit. The Madison Unit along with the Milwaukee County Unit and the Wisconsin Association of Parliamentarians are looking forward to welcoming you to the NAP District 4 Spring Conference.

In order to add recognition to our unit presidents and your local unit the Madison Unit of Parliamentarians is sponsoring a Unit Challenge. The Unit Challenge is open to every NAP Unit. The NAP unit with the most unit members registered for the NAP District 4 Spring Conference by April 15, 2017 will be recognized at the conference and awarded a \$50 book store gift certificate. Every Unit knows the challenge of planning and coordinating quality workshops and seminars and \$50 worth of educational books and resources is a great addition to your next successful unit program.

I look forward to meeting you at the District Four Spring Conference and may every unit bring as many members as possible.

Thank you for your leadership and for all you do.

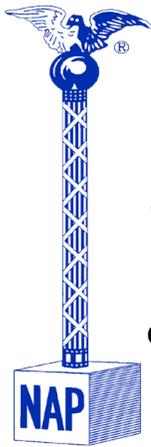
Sincerely,

Robert Schuck, RP  
Madison Unit of Parliamentarians President

## Public Leadership Seminar

This seminar is combined with the 58th Annual Wisconsin Association of Parliamentarians Membership Convention, and will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 (See Conference Registration Form). Cost is \$50.00.

The Public Leadership Seminar presented by the WAP Education Committee is for the public and everyone is invited to attend. It is especially helpful for members who serve on a board of directors, as well as individuals who hold the position of parliamentarian. If you plan to run for any leadership position in upcoming elections, then this is a great opportunity for tips and training. The seminar will cover the basics of parliamentary procedure and rules of order found in normal meetings of clubs and other organizations.



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®**  
**DISTRICT FOUR Spring Conference REGISTRATION FORM**  
**"Parliamentary Procedure, A Revolutionary Idea!"**

Crowne Plaza Madison - May 5 - 7, 2017  
 4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53704  
 Guest Room Reservations Call: 888-233-9527 Room  
 Rate: \$104 plus tax. Cut off date: **April 5, 2017**  
**Conference code for reservations: 'NAP District 4' group**

**TENTATIVE COMBINED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Public Leadership Seminar Registration Open*
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Public Leadership Seminar
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH
<b>4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spring Conference Registration Open</b>
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	WAP State Meeting & Election of Officers
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	District Four DINNER

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast, Registration, Sales Table
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Membership Exam (**pre-registered required)
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies & Workshop 1
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Workshop 2
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	District Four Business Session & NAP Report
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Workshop 3
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	District Four Meeting (if needed.)
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner in the City (Not included in registration.)
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	*Special Event - Dbl Decker Bus Tour of Madison

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Worship & Memorial Service
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Workshop 4
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Workshop 5
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Awards & Installation of Officers

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**4 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER**

1. Online: [www.parliamentarians.org](http://www.parliamentarians.org)
2. Fax: 816.833.3893
3. Phone: 888.627.2929 or 816.833.3892
4. Mail: NAP D4 Conference Registration  
 213 S. Main St., Independence, MO 64050-3808  
 Please type or print legibly.  
 Payment must accompany registration.

\*\*The membership exam will be available on Saturday morning.  
 Please email Robert Schuck at: [RobertSchuckRP@gmail.com](mailto:RobertSchuckRP@gmail.com)  
 by **April 15th** if you are interested in taking the exam.

**Questions? Call, Robert Schuck at: 608-513-6830**

1. Complete registration form
2. Make check payable to 'NAP'
3. Mail to: NAP D4 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, 213 S. Main St., Independence, MO 64050-3808.



Type of Registration	Amt.	#	Amount Due
Regular Registration ( <b>received</b> by 4/15/17)	\$150		\$
*Sat. Special Event - Bus Tour of Madison	\$ 30		\$
Students & Guests & Saturday Only Regist.	\$100		\$
On-site & After 4/15/17 Registration	\$175		\$

**Total Amount Enclosed \$**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Assoc. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose information on additional registrants as needed. Please indicate any special dietary requests.**

**Coming Events**

**NAP**

NAP Convention  
Lombard, IL  
September 8 - 11,  
2017

NAP Training Conference  
Buffalo, NY  
2018  
September 7-9, 2018

**DISTRICT**

**District Conference**

May 5-7, 2017  
Madison, WI

**Illinois**

**Annual Meeting**

2017 - TBA

**Indiana**

**Annual Meeting**

2017 - TBA

**Michigan**

**Annual Meeting**

Mar 31 - Apr 2, 2017  
Southfield, MI

**Ohio**

**Annual Meeting**

May 19, 2017  
Forest Park, OH

**Ontario**

AGM - TBA

**Wisconsin**

**Annual Meeting**

2017 - TBA

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**Joy of Standing Rules!**

A few years ago, on its regular meeting day, the Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit (LSPU) MI faced a decision when there was a snowstorm during the night and roads were impassable in some neighborhoods. It wasn't a life-threatening snowstorm, just the run-of-the-mill sort that all of us in District Four might have anytime any winter.

That early morning before the 9:30 meeting, time was spent making phone calls—it was before “everybody” texted. The president contacted the vice-president, the treasurer, and the secretary who lived in a nearby community. Hardly before the president would get off the phone somebody else would call wondering about the meeting. Eventually and laboriously, the meeting was cancelled. People called members so nobody would attempt to brave the weather.

This winter there was another snowstorm. The president e-mailed the corresponding secretary to send out an e-mail notice to members and then the president went back to bed. There were no rounds of phone calls or second-guessing the snow accumulation. Meeting was cancelled as easy as that.

What made the difference? It was the addition of a standing rule.

Meetings of the Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit shall be held the third Tuesday of each month from September through May at 9:30 A.M., conditions permitting. LSPU meetings are cancelled if Birmingham Public Schools are closed due to the weather.

Even sending an e-mail to members wasn't necessary but it was nice to do after the decision had been easily, quickly made. School was closed in Birmingham; LSPU is cancelled. Ah, the joy of well-written Standing Rules!

*Gretchen Denton  
President, LSPU*

**From the editor...**

This is the final issue of the *Great Lakes Grapevine* for this biennium. It has been a great experience that this editor encourages everyone to try. No experience is needed. There is lots of help available from other parliamentarians and online to get you through the first issue. After that, it becomes easier and easier. Cooperation from association presidents and units in contributing news has helped to make the newsletter a success. Photos always make things more interesting. The next District Director will be elected at our conference in Madison, Wisconsin in May. He or she will need assistance with various jobs. Consider volunteering for one of them. It is a good way to get acquainted with other parliamentarians from across the district and your new director will very much appreciate the assistance.

It has been a joy to work with Joyce Brown-Watkins these past four years and this editor wouldn't trade the experience for anything. She has had the assistance of a ghost editor for a couple issues and is deeply indebted to that assistant. She knows of one grave error (made by the editor) in the last issue that (hopefully) did not cause too big a problem for those affected. At least, the editor did not hear about problems.

Remember, the district conference is May 5-7, 2017 in Madison, WI and the NAP biennial convention is September 8-11, 2017 in Lombard, IL – both in District Four. Marcella Morrison, past District Four Director, is the Convention Coordinator and will welcome your assistance as it “takes a district” to put on a convention. Marcella can't do it alone, and District Four has always come through for each other and must do so again.

Your editor hopes to see many of you at both the district conference and the biennial convention. Until then...



## Effective Members Create Good Meetings

Saturday, April 29, 2017 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit (LSPU), a division of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), offers this annual workshop to mark Parliamentary Law Month.

**Connie Deford**, a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) and former President of the National Association of Parliamentarians, will address the following issues:

What are the rights and responsibilities of a member?

How do you participate in a meeting?

What behavior borders on abuse of power?

How can difficult behavior be managed?

In addition to Deford's presentation, attendees will be able to ask questions of parliamentary experts about issues of concern to them. The 11th Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)*, along with other educational materials, will be available for purchase on the day of the workshop.

Where: Bloomfield Township Senior Center  
4315 Andover Road  
Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

Fee: \$20.00 by April 24th; \$25.00 after April 24th (and at door)  
\$5.00 student admission (no difference in price at door)

For more information contact Coco Siewert: e.siewert@wayne.edu or call 248-642-7024.

### Registration Form

Please register for Workshop by Monday, April 24, 2017  
Make checks payable to LSPU

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Organization: (if applicable)

Where did you learn about this Workshop?

Are you a full time student?                      Where?

Mail registration form with check to LSPU, P.O. Box 473, Birmingham, MI 48012