Hello District 7 Parliamentarians,

Just a quick little newsletter before the Convention!

I am hoping to see many of our members at the 2017 NAP Biennial Convention next week. It promises to be an momentous mix of learning, business, and fellowship as we meet up with our old friends and colleagues and make new ones!

For those of you who are attending, please remember that our district will be meeting together on Friday evening, September 8, from 8-10 PM—so mark it on your calendar. It will be an informal session, and a chance to catch up with each other and discuss the events of the past biennium and the promises of the new one!

I hope to see you in Chicago (Lombard, actually)!

Warm Regards,
2017 CONVENTION SCHEDULE
(Tentative as of March 1, 2017 – Schedule is subject to change)

Thursday, September 7, 2017
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. — NAP Board of Directors Meeting
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. — Open Lunch with NAP Board Members
1 p.m.-6 p.m. — Registration & Credentialing Open
1 p.m.-6 p.m. — NAP Bookstore Open
5 p.m.-10 p.m. — Trip to Navy Pier (Downtown Chicago)

Friday, September 8, 2017
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Registration & Credentialing Open
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — NAP Bookstore Open
8 a.m.-noon — RP/Membership Exam
1 p.m.-5 p.m. — Opening NAP Biennial Business Meeting
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. — Bylaws Forum
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. — Registration Open
8 p.m.-10 p.m. — District/Committee Meetings

Saturday, September 9, 2017
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Registration & Credentialing Open
8:30 a.m.-noon — NAP Biennial Business Meeting (Cont’d)
12:15 p.m.-2 p.m. — Membership & Youth Recognition Lunch
2 p.m.-4:30 p.m. — Registration Open
2 p.m.-5:30 p.m. — NAP Bookstore Open
2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. — Educational Workshops
3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. — Educational Workshops
7 p.m.-10 p.m. — Silver & Blue Gala (evening attire)

Sunday, September 10, 2017
7 a.m.-8 a.m. — Inspirational Service (nondenominational)
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Registration & Credentialing Open
8:30 a.m.-noon — NAP Biennial Business Meeting (Cont’d)
12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. — Past Presidents Lunch
2 p.m.-6:00 p.m. — NAP Bookstore Open
2 p.m.-3:15 p.m. — Educational Workshops
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. — Educational Workshops
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. — 2017-2019 Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2017
8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. — Commission on Credentialing Plenary Session
8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. — Educational Workshops
10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. — 2017-2019 Board Introduction
11:30 a.m.-noon — Closing Session

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — 2017-2019 Board of Directors Meeting

Westin Lombard Yorktown Center
70 Yorktown Center - Lombard, Illinois 60148
(outside Chicago)

Convention Opportunities:

Membership and RP Exam Session
Friday, September 8, 8 a.m.-noon

On Friday, September 8, from 8 a.m.-noon, you can take as many as three parts of the Registered Parliamentarian® exam. Larry Martin, PRP, chairman of NAP’s Membership and Registered Examiners Committee, will be the monitor. Which parts you take is up to you.

Anyone wishing to join NAP onsite may take the membership exam, which is based on the Robert’s Rules of Order, In Brief (2nd Edition). A free downloadable study guide is available in the NAP Online store at www.parliamentarians.org.

Bylaws Forum: What to Expect
Friday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Bylaws Committee Chair Weldon Merritt, PRP, will answer any of your questions about the proposed bylaws amendments to be considered during the business meetings. Bring your bylaws booklet and questions.

District Meetings
Friday, September 8, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Connect with others from your area during the district meetings on Friday, September 8, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

National Youth Day
Saturday, September 9, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

NAP’s Youth Committee will focus on youth and young adults studying parliamentary procedure in the 4th National Youth Day program during the convention on Saturday, September 9. Attendees will include the national student parliamentarians of each of the six Career and Technical Student Organization partners of NAP.

Youth (and advisors) attending Youth Day will find it interesting to observe the Saturday morning convention business meeting with parliamentarians actively…and sometimes dramatically…carrying out “all of the motions in the book.” Afternoon workshops will offer opportunities to participate in discussions and activities with parliamentarians.
Silver & Blue Gala: An Evening of Celebration

Join us on Saturday, September 9 from 7-10 PM for an evening of music, dancing, and celebration at this new feature of the NAP biennial convention. This special dinner event is a great time to celebrate the outgoing board of directors and welcome in the new board, which will take office at the close of the convention on Monday, September 11.

Bring your dancing shoes and get ready for a special evening. And be sure to pack your evening attire!

NAP Bookstore

Check out what’s new and stock up on your favorite study and teaching tools in the onsite NAP bookstore and save shipping fees. Shop early as we never know what the hottest sellers are going to be.

See the convention schedule for the bookstore’s hours.

Photos needed!

Please bring your cameras and/or cell phones and take lots of pictures at the convention. We need photos for upcoming newsletters. We want to show off our attendance at this wonderful event.

Need to Renew Your PRP?

From NAP Headquarters:

If you need to renew your Professional Registered Parliamentarian credential, now is the time to enroll in the upcoming PRC e-modules. Remember to register early, as "seating" is limited. You can register through the online store (registration closes 30 days prior to the course).

The scheduled courses are:

10/7/2017 - Teaching RONR Module - Webinar Register by 9/7/2017
10/19/2017 - Serving as Meeting Parliamentarian Module - Webinar Register by 9/19/2017
10/24/2017 - Governing Documents Module - Webinar Register by 9/24/2017
11/1/2017 - Script Writing Module - Webinar Register by 10/1/2017
11/16/2017 - Doing Business as a Professional Parliamentarian Module - Webinar Register by 10/16/2017