M I N U T E S

Sunday, October 3, 1999

CALL TO ORDER

The Thirty-Second Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians was called to
order on Sunday, October 3, 1999, at 1:43 pm by President Carrie-Mae Blount in the Century C Ballroom
of The Westin Crown Center Hotel, One Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Secretary Jeanette Williams
was present.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Third Vice-President Nola Pursifull presented the inspiration Big Rocks in the Jar of Life. Students from the
ROTC units of the Blue Springs R-IV School District in Blue Springs, Missouri, posted the colors. The
assembly sang The Star Spangled Banner and O Canada accompanied by Jane Watkins, a member of the
Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians.

WELCOMES

Betty Waldron, President of the Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians, and Anita March,
President of the Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians, presented the welcome to Missouri and
Kansas. Teresa Lupton, Convention Coordinator, presented the welcome to the convention and read a
proclamation from the Mayor of Kansas City. James Lochrie, President of the American Institute of
Parliamentarians, greeted the convention. On behalf of NAP, First Vice-President Leonard Young
responded to the welcoming messages.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Blount presented the NAP officers seated at the head table: Leonard Young, PRP, First
Vice-President; Donna Reed, PRP, Second Vice-President; Nola Pursifull, PRP, Third Vice-President;
Jeanette Williams, PRP, Secretary; Gloette Hess, PRP, Treasurer; Carl Ann "Jimmy" Stickeler, PRP,
Parliamentarian.

President Blount introduced the past presidents of NAP attending the convention: Agnes Norman,
RetPRP; Lorraine Buckley, PRP; Carl Ann "Jimmy" Stickeler, PRP; Rollie Cox, PRP; Loretta Simonson,
PRP; Kathryn "Kay" Scheld, PRP.

President Blount introduced Myraline Lesley, PRP, President of the NAP Educational Foundation, and
Sarah Nieft, NAP Executive Director.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Second Vice-President Donna Reed introduced the keynote speaker, Nancy Hightshoe, who spoke on
Integrity-Architect of Your Destiny.

Recess and Reconvene

Without objection, the meeting recessed at 3:00 pm. The meeting reconvened at 3:13 pm.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Wight, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 2:10 pm on October 3, 1999, the
following have registered for the convention: Elected Officers - 6: Appointed Officers - 1; District
Directors - 7; Appointed Standing Committee Chairmen - 5; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Past
Presidents of NAP - 6; Association Presidents, Association Vice-Presidents (or Presidents-Elect or
Alternates) - 49; Association Delegates - 48; Association Members-at-Large Delegates - 32; Unchartered
State/Province Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen - 1; Unchartered State/Province Members-at-Large
Delegates - 0; Unit Delegates - 123; Club Delegates - 1; Number of Delegates Entitled to Vote - 280;
Number of Non-Voting Members and Guests - 42; Total Number in Attendance - 322. On behalf of the
committee, Wight moved the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members
of this convention. Motion was adopted.

CONVENTION STANDING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT
Peggy Young, Chairman of the Convention Standing Rules Committee, read and moved the adoption of
the convention standing rules which were adopted as presented:
1. The president shall appoint a committee of three to approve the minutes.
2. Only delegates shall be seated in the delegate section of the assembly hall.
3. Identification badges issued by the registration committee shall be worn for admission to all
meetings and educational workshops. Badges may not be transferred without proper action by the
credentials committee.
4. A delegate wishing to speak shall use the public address system and give his or her name and
office, title or membership designation.
5. All main motions and amendments shall be presented to the presiding officer and secretary in
writing and shall be signed by the maker of the motion.
6. All original main motions or resolutions, except those offered by the board of directors or by
committees, shall be referred without debate to the resolutions committee no later than 12:30 P.M.
on the third day of the convention to be presented with recommendations during the report of the
resolutions committee.
7. Speeches in debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each member on each debatable
question, section, or subdivision thereof. Total debate for each proposed bylaw amendment shall
be limited to ten (10) minutes unless extended by the assembly.
8. Voting cards will be used in all meetings as follows:
   a. Voters will raise voting cards while remaining seated for all votes.
   b. Voters will stand for verification of votes.
   c. The presiding officer will direct any necessary change to this procedure, such as a counted
      rising vote.
9. Nominations for each office shall be limited to one nominating speech of two (2) minutes for each
nominee.
10. Candidate speeches at convention:
    Immediately after nominations are completed, each candidate for each office will be given three
    (3) minutes to address the convention.
11. Video camera and recording equipment, other than that approved by the president, shall not be
    permitted in the assembly hall or in the educational workshops.
12. There shall be no smoking in the assembly hall, in the educational workshops, or at meals.
13. All official communications during the meeting must be delivered by official pages.
14. All announcements shall be submitted in writing to the convention coordinator.
A point of information was raised if Rule #9 pertained to officers; the president answered in the
affirmative.

CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Teresa Lupton, Chairman of the Convention Program Committee, moved the adoption of the convention
program as printed in the convention handbook with the announced changes. Motion was adopted.
President Blount stated that adjustments to the program would be made by the president as necessary.

APPOINTMENTS
President Blount announced the following appointments:
Minutes Approval Committee: Viola Brannen (NE), Chairman; Cathryn Ables (CO); Evelynne
Thompson (NM)
Elections Committee: Lorraine Buckley (MO), Chairman; Vi Crabtree (MO); William Carter (MN);
Rosalind Ellis (MI); Lyle Kleman (MI); Avis McDonald (IL); Paula Petruso (NV); Phyllis Roberts
(VA); Mary Short (TX); Betty Zachariae (NE)
Resolutions Committee: Doris Abbate (NY), Chairman; Franzella Buchanan (PA); Lorraine Hilscher
(TX); Ann Litton (AZ); Solveiga Unger (NV).
Anita March, Chairman of the Pages, introduced the following pages: Violet Corbett, Patricia Horton,
Willa Hyde, Denise Irminger, Fred Powers, Marjorie Vogel, Alice Ragona, Courtney Owen, Pat Wilson, Tobe Fluty, Matt King.

President Blount announced that Ann Guiberson is serving as Chairman of the Timekeepers; assistants are Carol Austin and Louise Crist.

President Blount announced that Connie Deford (MI), Chairman, and Patricia Dolan (MI) will serve as the daily newsletter (The T.E.A.M. Times) committee.

REPORT OF MINUTES APPROVAL COMMITTEE FOR 1997 MINUTES
Patricia Dolan reported the minutes of the 1997 convention were approved by the committee.

YOUTH ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES
Martha Poe, Chairman of the Youth Committee, introduced the representatives/interns attending the convention: Courtney Owen (SC) - Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); Pat Wilson (KS) - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Tobe Fluty (TX) - Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA); Matt King (IL) - Phi Beta Lambda (PBL).

EXPLANATION OF TIMING PROCEDURE
Ann Guiberson, Chairman of the Timekeepers, explained the timing procedures.

ELECTION RULES
On behalf of the committee, Lorraine Buckley, Elections Chairman, moved the adoption of the election rules which were adopted as amended:

1. VOTING CARDS: The credentials committee will issue a voting card to each voting member of the convention body at the time of registration. If a voter loses this voting card, the voter must report to the Credentials Desk to obtain a replacement card. On presentation of a voting card, voters shall be issued a ballot.

2. BALLOTS: Candidates nominated by the nominating committee shall be listed first followed by candidates nominated from the floor. Space shall be provided under each office to write in names.

3. SPOILED BALLOTS: If a ballot is marked in error or spoiled, it may be returned to a designated member of the election committee who shall mark it "SPOILED" and issue another ballot.

4. ELECTIONEERING: No electioneering for any candidate shall be allowed in the vicinity of the polling place.

5. COUNTING THE VOTE: The election committee members shall act as tellers. Counting of the ballots may be done by an optical scan voting machine or punch cards. When there is any doubt about the marking of a ballot, it shall be set aside for consideration by the whole committee. A majority vote of the committee shall decide how the ballot is recorded.

6. VOTE REQUIRED FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS: If no candidate for an office receives a majority vote, a time to vote again for that office shall be announced immediately.

7. ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Election is by plurality. Article VII, Section 1A of the bylaws provides that "No member shall serve two consecutive terms on the committee, no state or province or the District of Columbia shall be represented for two consecutive terms, no two members shall be from the same state, and no more than two members shall be from one district. If more than one member from a state receives sufficient votes to be elected, the one receiving the largest number of votes shall serve. In the event of a tie for any position, lots shall be drawn to determine who shall serve." The tellers report shall indicate candidate's states, provinces, and districts.

8. PRESERVATION OF BALLOTS: Ballots, tally sheets and computer tapes shall be sealed and placed in custody of the executive director to be preserved for 30 days, after which time they shall be destroyed.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICES
Nancy Sylvester, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, recognized the other committee members (Jacquelyn Brown, CA, District 8; Thomas Gmeinder, MN, District 5; Edith Stidman, MD, District 2; Betty Tunstall, DC, District 2) and thanked them for their work. She read the report of the committee and reported the following nominees: President - Leonard Young, PRP; First Vice-President - Donna Reed, PRP; Second Vice-President - Nola Pursiful, PRP; Third Vice-President - Jeanette Williams, PRP;
Carl Ann “Jimmy” Stickeler, Parliamentarian, read the pertinent sections (Article VII: Section 1.A.2; Section 1B; Section 2) from the bylaws relating to nominations for elected office. The president called for nominations from the floor for each office. There being no further nominations, the president declared nominations closed for all elected offices.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Nancy Sylvester, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the states that were represented on the 1997-1999 committee: Illinois, Minnesota, California, District of Columbia, Maryland.

Carl Ann “Jimmy” Stickeler, Parliamentarian, read the pertinent sections (Article VII: Section 1.A) from the bylaws relating to nominations for the nominating committee.

The president opened nominations for the 1999-2001 Nominating Committee. The following were nominated: Doris Gerace (MA, District 1); Carl Ann “Jimmy” Stickeler (FL, District 3); Marjorie Weber (IN, District 4); Craig Henry (OK, District 6); Franzella Buchanan (PA, District 2); Josephine Horne (MI, District 4); Mary Short (TX, District 6); Ann Rempel (KS, District 5). There being no further nominations, the president declared nominations closed for the nominating committee.

**MOTION FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Nancy Sylvester moved: “That the convention direct the Bylaws Committee to propose to the 2001 convention changes to the bylaws that will reduce the current length of commitment of officers by changing the tradition of moving “up the ladder” thereby requiring at least a ten-year commitment.” She mentioned that the board recommended adoption of this motion by the convention body. Julia vonHaam moved the previous question which was adopted. Main motion was defeated.

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

President Blount asked the candidates for the Nominating Committee to stand in front of the head table as their names were called; the names, states, and districts were displayed on the screens.

**NO-NOTICE AMENDMENTS**

On behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, First Vice-President Leonard Young gave previous notice of the following bylaw amendment: “Amend Article III. Members by adding a new section “F”: To qualify for honorary membership an individual shall be a non-member who has given exceptional service to NAP or whose contribution to parliamentary law has added distinction to the profession. An individual becomes an honorary member upon recommendation by the Board of Directors and a two-thirds vote of the NAP convention. Honorary members shall not pay dues and shall have the right to attend meetings and to receive a complimentary subscription to the National Parliamentarian. At no time shall there be more than ten honorary members.”

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Chairman Martha Poe gave previous notice of the bylaw amendment to amend Article III. Members Section 1. A. 3. by inserting the words ”, registered, or professional registered” after the words “qualify for a 50% reduction in regular”.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Chairman Robert Clipson gave previous notice of the bylaw amendment to amend Article VI. Officers Section 6.1.2. by striking out the words “for that term”.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

President Blount announced that officers reports are in the convention packet and only supplemental reports would be given except for the president’s remarks.

**MOTION**

Dick Weber moved that each candidate for elected office and nominating committee be permitted to address the assembly. Seconded. President Blount ruled the motion out of order because it is in conflict with Convention Standing Rule #10. Weber appealed the decision of the chair. Seconded. The president declared the decision of the chair was upheld on a show of voting cards. A division was called; the
president declared the decision of the chair was upheld. Weber moved that a counted vote be taken.
Seconded and adopted. The tellers reported the results of the standing counted vote: Affirmative - 152;
Negative - 97. The president declared the decision of the chair was upheld and the original motion
regarding candidate speeches was not in order.

CALL FOR THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
The orders of the day were called for. The president ruled the point was well-taken and stated the next
business in order was the credentials report.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
John Wight, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 3:40 pm on October 3, 1999, the
following have registered for the convention: Elected Officers - 6; Appointed Officers - 1; District
Directors - 7; Appointed Standing Committee Chairmen - 5; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Past
Presidents of NAP - 6; Association Presidents, Association Vice-Presidents (or Presidents-Elect or
Alternates) - 49; Association Delegates - 51; Association Members-at-Large Delegates - 33; Unchartered
State/Province Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen - 1; Unchartered State/Province Members-at-Large
Delegates - 0; Unit Delegates - 131; Club Delegates - 1; Number of Delegates Entitled to Vote - 292;
Number of Non-Voting Members and Guests - 45; Total Number in Attendance - 337. On behalf of the
committee, Wight moved the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members
of this convention. Motion was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The following announcements were made: Everyone is invited to the Meet the Candidates reception in the
Garden Terrace at 6:00 pm; Seating for the Past Presidents’ Banquet and Burn The Mortgage celebration
will begin at 7:00 pm; Voting will be held from 7:00-8:30 am tomorrow; A complimentary continental
breakfast sponsored by Perseus Books will begin at 7:00 am tomorrow; The Bylaws Forum will be held
from 7:15-8:45 am tomorrow; The Sales Room will be open at various times during the convention except
during business meetings and materials purchased during the convention will be shipped with no
shipping and handling charges.

ADJOURNMENT
Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Monday, October 4, 1999

CALL TO ORDER
The second business meeting of the Thirty-Second Biennial Convention was called to order at 9:02 am on
Monday, October 4, 1999, by President Carrie-Mae Blount in the Century C Ballroom of The Westin
Crown Center Hotel, One Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Secretary Jeanette Williams was present.

INTRODUCTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
President Blount introduced the chairmen of standing committees who all serve on the board of directors:
Budget-Finance - Greta Hess, PRP; Bylaws - Robert Clipson, PRP; Education - Craig Henry, PRP;
Membership - Betsy McUane, PRP; Planning and Development - Leonard Young, PRP; Professional
Development - Nola Pursifull, PRP; Public Relations - Donna Reed, PRP; Registration Examiners - Virginia
Berberick, PRP; Youth - Martha Poe, PRP.

President Blount asked all first-time attendees at the convention to stand and be recognized.
President Blount acknowledged the presence of the past leadership, especially the past presidents of NAP,
at the Burn The Mortgage celebration held in conjunction with the past presidents’ banquet.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
President Blount called attention to the list (in the convention program booklet) of those NAP members
who have passed on during the last two years and asked if there were omissions. The following were
added to the list: Dorothy Gray-Smith - Washington; Lucile Eidson - New Mexico; Eleanor Seligman -
New Mexico; Marie Summers - Florida; Janet Yeam - California; Elinor Glass - North Carolina; Ruth
Joseph - Indiana; Roderick "Charles" Wiley - Virginia; Thelma L. Phillips - Nebraska; Nelson Neggaard -
Virginia. President Blount read the following:

In the rising of the sun and its going down, we will remember them.
In the blowing wind and chill of winter, we will remember them.
In the opening buds and rebirth of spring, we will remember them.
In the blue sky and warmth of summer, we will remember them.
In the rustling leaves and beauty of autumn, we will remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we will remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength, we will remember them.
So long as WE live, THEY too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

She then called for a moment of silence in memory of deceased members.

INSPRIATION
Patricia Jones, Ohio Association of Parliamentarians, presented the inspiration, a Team poem.

Dick Weber rose to a point of group privilege indicating that the water carafes were empty.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
John Wight, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that as of 8:50 am on October 4, 1999, the following have registered for the convention: Elected Officers - 6; Appointed Officers - 2; District Directors - 7; Appointed Standing Committee Chairmen - 5; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Past Presidents of NAP - 6; Association Presidents, Association Vice-Presidents (or Presidents-Elect or Alternates) - 50; Association Delegates - 54; Association Members-at-Large Delegates - 33; Unchartered State/Province Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen - 1; Unchartered State/Province Members-at-Large Delegates - 0; Unit Delegates - 138; Club Delegates - 1; Number of Delegates Entitled to Vote - 304; Number of Non-Voting Members and Guests - 47; Total Number in Attendance - 351. On behalf of the committee, Wight moved the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this convention. Motion was adopted.

MOTION REGARDING PROGRAM MODIFICATION
Eli Mina moved to suspend the rules to allow consideration of resolutions prior to the scheduled time on the agenda. Seconded and defeated. Eli Mina moved that the vote be counted. Seconded and defeated.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
President Blount presented the following addendum to the printed president's report: Acknowledged the Burn the Mortgage celebration; Stated that although there were approximately 900 new members, total membership remained constant; Recognized Rollie Cox and Kay Scheld for their work on the University of Wisconsin Extension Course; Congratulated the leadership for the continuing success of the Conference of Presidents; Reported that serving as NAP president was far more work and more challenging than she had anticipated but she had far more support than she had expected. She concluded her remarks with the message that The membership holds the key to the success of NAP.

There were no addendums to the reports of the other officers.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Executive Director Sarah Nieft introduced her co-workers at NAP headquarters, Debbie Montavy and Mary Wills. Nieft reported the TEAM theme is prevalent throughout the NAP office through cross-training and a feeling of camaraderie. It has been a learning experience which she has thoroughly enjoyed to become familiar with the various acronyms within NAP and she thanked Carrie-Mae and Bob Blount for their assistance during this learning process. The office is now technologically equipped to provide even better member services. There was a standing ovation following this report.

INTRODUCTIONS
President Blount introduced Historian Myraline Lesley, PRP, and Editor Georgia Kimball, PRP.
(Historian's report is Attachment One.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Secretary Jeanette Williams reported the board met five times during the biennium and that the written report will be distributed later in the convention. (Report of the Board of Directors is Attachment Two.)
On behalf of the Board of Directors, Williams moved adoption of the following resolution:
Whereas, It has been fourteen (14) years since NAP last revised its bylaws; and
Whereas, Many members have suggested that NAP’s bylaws should be a model for other organizations to emulate; and
Whereas, There are many procedural and administrative processes in the current NAP Bylaws which do not represent a practice congruent with RONR; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the 1999 NAP Convention authorize the Bylaws Committee to prepare a revision of the NAP Bylaws for presentation to the 2001 NAP Convention.

Dick Weber moved to postpone the resolution until after consideration of the bylaw amendments.
Seconded. Steve Cianstein raised a parliamentary inquiry as to whether or not bylaw amendments would be considered at this convention if the resolutions were adopted; the president responded that the affirmative. The motion to postpone was defeated. After discussion on the resolution and adoption of the previous question, the resolution was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
President Blount announced the reports are included in the convention packet and only those chairmen who have an addendum will report.

Membership Committee Chairman Betsy McUne reported that 1016 membership examinations were given during the biennium resulting in 948 new members.

Registration Examiners Committee Chairman Virginia Berberick reported that thirteen (13) members took all or part of the registration examination on the Saturday immediately preceding the convention; she announced the names of the six (6) newly registered parliamentarians and stated all examinations have not yet been graded.

Bylaws Committee Chairman Robert Clipson reported the bylaws of California Alpha Gamma Unit have been approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES
President Blount introduced Ann Homer and Nancy Sylvester who presented a demonstration on the electronic equipment which will be used to display the proposed bylaw amendments and subsequent action.

Resolution from Bylaws Committee
On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Chairman Clipson moved adoption of the following resolution which was adopted as amended: “That the bylaws committee be authorized to correct article and section designsations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the membership in connection with the proposed bylaw amendments considered at the NAP 32nd Biennial Convention.”

Without objection it was agreed the chair would not repeat the amendment in stating the question since the amendments will be displayed on the screen and delegates have a printed copy.

Amendment #1 - Bylaws
Amend Article III. Members Section 1. Classification C, Professional Registered, by adding a new #3 and #4:

3. Successful completion of any course required for this class of membership shall be determined as follows:
   a. Physical attendance for the entire course, and
   b. Successful completion of a multiple choice examination prepared under the direction of the professional development committee.

4. Any member who has failed to pass any examination or course required for this class of membership shall be entitled to file a written appeal to the board of directors within thirty days of notification of failure. The board of directors shall appoint a committee of three Professional Registered Parliamentarians. Each of the PRPs shall have a minimum of ten continuous years of certification as a PRP. They shall not be members of the professional development committee nor any of the instructors. The committee shall investigate the appeal and make a decision within
thirty days of the appeal. The decision of the committee shall be final.”

Steve Glanstein asked for unanimous consent to divide the question to consider new #3 and new #4 separately. An objection was raised; the president took the vote and the question was divided.

The president stated the motion on new #3. Teresa Dean raised a point of information asking to which courses the amendment applied. Nola Pursiful responded that it applies to the professional qualifying and the professional development courses. After discussion and ordering of the previous question, #3 was defeated.

The president stated the motion on new #4. A point of information was raised as to the number of PRPs with ten years of continuous certification. President Blount responded that the information was not available. President Blount announced the time had expired and took the vote on #4 which was defeated.

Amendment # 2 - Bylaws
Amend Article IV. Dues, Fees, and Finances Section 1. Dues. G. by substitution:
Current wording: “Dues from a member accepted for the first time between September 1 and January 1 shall apply to the next year’s dues.”
Proposed wording: “Dues paid by a member who successfully passes a membership examination taken during the months of September through December shall extend through the next calendar year.” The bylaw amendment was adopted.

REPORT OF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
Lorraine Buckley, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following Tellers’ Report:

President
Number of votes cast 238
Necessary for election 120
Leonard Young received 230
Virginia Berberick received 1
Jean Mostrom received 1
Donna Reed received 1
Page Johnson received 1
Steve Glanstein received 1
Illegal Votes 3

President Blount repeated the report and declared Leonard Young elected President for the 1999-2001 term.

Lorraine Buckley, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following Tellers’ Report:

First Vice-President
Number of votes cast 246
Necessary for election 124
Donna Reed received 236
Virginia Berberick received 5
Betty Green received 1
Ardith Irman received 1
Illegal Votes 3

President Blount repeated the report and declared Donna Reed elected First Vice-President for the 1999-2001 term.

Lorraine Buckley, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following Tellers’ Report:

Second Vice-President
Number of votes cast 258
Necessary for election 130
Nola Pursiful received 252
Virginia Berberick received 2
Illegal Votes 4

President Blount repeated the report and declared Nola Pursiful elected Second Vice-President for the 1999-2001 term.
Lorraine Buckley, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following Tellers’ Report:

**Third Vice-President**
- Number of votes cast: 242
- Necessary for election: 122
- Jeanette Williams received: 218
- Virginia Berberick received: 17
- Page Johnson received: 1
- Joy Myers received: 1
- Mary Short received: 1
- Illegal Votes: 4

President Blount repeated the report and declared Jeanette Williams elected Third Vice-President for the 1999-2001 term.

Lorraine Buckley, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following Tellers’ Report:

**Secretary**
- Number of votes cast: 247
- Necessary for election: 124
- Viola Brannen received: 241
- Virginia Berberick received: 2
- Gene Bierbaum received: 1
- Illegal Votes: 3

President Blount repeated the report and declared Viola Brannen elected Secretary for the 1999-2001 term.

Lorraine Buckley, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following Tellers’ Report:

**Treasurer**
- Number of votes cast: 254
- Necessary for election: 128
- Connie Deford received: 250
- Virginia Berberick received: 1
- Illegal Votes: 3

President Blount repeated the report and declared Connie Deford elected Treasurer for the 1999-2001 term.

Lorraine Buckley, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following Tellers’ Report:

**Nominating Committee**
- Number of ballots cast: 288
- Necessary for election: 177
- Plurality
- Carl Ann “Jimmy” Stickeler received: 167
- Ann Rempel received: 154
- Franzella Buchanan received: 132
- Marjorie Weber received: 125
- Mary Short received: 123
- Doris Gerace received: 116
- Craig Henry received: 50
- Illegal Votes: 0

President Blount repeated the report and declared the following elected to the 1999-2001 Nominating Committee: Carl Ann “Jimmy” Stickeler (Chairman), Ann Rempel, Franzella Buchanan, Marjorie Weber, Mary Short.

Eli Mina raised a point of information asking which votes were considered illegal; Chairman Buckley responded that people had punched holes in incorrect places on the punch cards.

Dolly McPartlin moved that a ten minute recess be taken. Seconded and adopted. The meeting recessed at 10:40 am and reconvened at 10:52 am.

**AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES (continued)**

President Blount resumed consideration of the amendments to the bylaws and standing rules.
Amendment #3

Amend Article IV. Dues, Fees, and Finances Section 1. Dues E and F by substitution:

Current wording:
"E. Members shall pay NAP national dues and state/provincial dues directly to NAP Headquarters.
F. Each state or provincial association shall be responsible for notifying NAP Headquarters of its current state/provincial dues for all membership classifications by October 1 of each year.

1. By January 15 each year, NAP Headquarters shall forward to each state/province president and unchartered state chairman a list of all members who have paid NAP and state/province dues by the due date with a check for the amount of appropriate dues.

2. By February 15 each year, NAP Headquarters shall forward to each state/province president and unchartered state chairman a list of all members who have paid NAP and state/province dues by the delinquent date with a check for the amount of appropriate dues.

3. By March 15 each year, NAP Headquarters shall forward a list of all members who have paid state and national dues and a list of members who have forfeited their membership to each state/province president and unchartered state chairman with a check for the amount of appropriate dues."

Proposed wording:
"E. Members shall pay NAP dues directly to NAP.
F. State/provincial membership dues shall be paid directly to state/provincial treasurers by January 15.

1. Each state/provincial treasurer shall, by February 15, forward to NAP Headquarters a list of all members who have paid state/provincial membership dues and a list of all members who have not paid state/provincial membership dues.

2. NAP shall provide each state/province treasurer with an appropriate dues membership record/report form.

3. Members who have not paid state/provincial dues by March 15, shall be considered delinquent, and shall be reported to NAP by the state/provincial treasurer."

With the proviso that, if adopted, this amendment shall become effective January 1, 2000. The previous question was ordered; the bylaw amendment was defeated.

Amendment #4 - Bylaws

Amend Article IV. Dues, Fees, and Finances Section 1. Dues F.1., 2., and 3. by inserting words: Insert the word “president” after the words “each state/province” in F.1.; insert the word “province” after the words “unchartered state” in F.1., F.2., F.3.

The president ruled a proposed amendment to strike out “president” and insert “treasurer” out of order because it exceeded the scope of notice.

The bylaw amendment was adopted and the current wording is:
"F. Each state or provincial association shall be responsible for notifying NAP Headquarters of its current state/provincial dues for all membership classifications by October 1 of each year.

1. By January 15 each year, NAP Headquarters shall forward to each state/province president and unchartered state/province chairman a list of all members who have paid NAP and state/province dues by the due date with a check for the amount of appropriate dues.

2. By February 15 each year, NAP Headquarters shall forward to each state/province president and unchartered state/province chairman a list of all members who have paid NAP and state/province dues by the delinquent date with a check for the amount of appropriate dues.

3. By March 15 each year, NAP Headquarters shall forward a list of all members who have paid state and national dues and a list of members who have forfeited their membership to each state/province president and unchartered state/province chairman with a check for the amount of appropriate dues."

Amendment #5

Amend Article V. Divisions Section 2 Districts B.3. by striking out the words “consecutively in the same offices”.

Dick Weber moved to amend by striking out the word “consecutively”; seconded and adopted. Bylaw amendment was adopted and reads: “Directors may serve for two terms consecutively.”
Amendment #6

Amend Article V, Divisions Section 5, Units B, by striking out the last sentence:

“For purposes of representation at NAP, the unit membership shall include a minimum of five NAP members who are not counted in another unit for representation at NAP.”

Teresa Dean raised a parliamentary inquiry asking if this amendment were adopted if the same five people could organize five units and each unit would be allowed one delegate. The answer was in the affirmative.

The motion to extend debate time was made, seconded and adopted. The president ruled a motion to refer to committee out of order because the inference was that the assembly wished to debate the motion by adoption of the motion to extend debate time.

Bylaw amendment was defeated.

President Blount announced that Linda Juteau serves as microphone spotter and indicates to the president who is the next person to speak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made: Everyone is invited to attend a reception hosted by the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians in honor of Leonard Young; The luncheon focus is on the workshop presenters; Educational workshops begin this afternoon; The banquet focusing on the board of directors will be this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

CALL TO ORDER

The third business meeting of the Thirty-Second Biennial Convention was called to order at 9:07 am on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, by President Carrie-Mae Blount in the Century C Ballroom of The Westin Crown Center Hotel, One Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Secretary Jeanette Williams was present.

INTRODUCTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

President Blount introduced the NAP District Directors who all serve on the NAP board of directors:

District One Director - Audrey Carragher, PRP; District Two Director - T. Page Johnson, PRP; District Three Director - Martha Hughes, PRP, who is absent recovering from surgery; District Four Director - Marjorie Weber, PRP; District Five Director - Viola Brannen, PRP; District Six Director - Eleanor Earle, PRP; District Seven Director - Mary Randolph, PRP; District Eight Director - Mary Bahde, PRP.

Lorraine Buckley, Past NAP President, was recognized for attending eighteen NAP conventions.

INSPIRATION

James Roberts of the Virginia Association presented the inspiration Smiles.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Wight, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 8:50 am on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, the following have registered for the convention: Elected Officers - 6; Appointed Officers - 2; District Directors - 7; Appointed Standing Committee Chairmen - 5; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Past Presidents of NAP - 6; Association Presidents, Association Vice-Presidents (or Presidents-Elect or Alternates) - 50; Association Delegates - 55; Association Members-at-Large Delegates - 34; Unchartered State/Province Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen - 1; Unchartered State/Province Members-at-Large Delegates - 0; Unit Delegates - 138; Club Delegates - 2; Number of Delegates Entitled to Vote - 307; Number of Non-Voting Members and Guests - 46; Total Number in Attendance - 353. On behalf of the committee, Wight moved the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this convention. Motion was adopted.
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES (continued)

President Blount resumed consideration of the amendments to the bylaws and standing rules.

Amendment #7 - Bylaws (and consequential amendments)

Amend Article V. Divisions by striking out the word “districts” in Section 1; by striking out Section 2 in its entirety.

James Stewart moved to postpone indefinitely. Seconded and adopted.

The president announced that the amendments consequential to #7 would be recorded as rejected. Those amendments are:

7.a: Amend Article V. Divisions Section 3. Associations G, by striking out.
7.b: Amend Article V. Divisions Section 4. Unchartered States or Provinces A, by striking out the words “with the approval of “ and the words “the district director”.
7.c: Amend Article V. Divisions Section 4. Unchartered States or Provinces B, 1., by striking out the words “with the assistance of the district directors.”
7.d: Amend Article VII. Nominations and Elections Section 1. Nominations A, by striking out the words “and no more than two members shall be from one district.”
7.e: Amend Article VIII. Meetings Section 3. Voting Body by striking out “C. District directors.”
7.f: Amend Article IX. Board of Directors Section 1. Composition A, by striking out the words “district directors”.
7.g: Amend Article IX. Board of Directors Section 2. Duties B, 4. by striking out the words “district director.”
7.h: Amend Article IX. Board of Directors Section 2. Duties B, 9. by striking out in its entirety.
7.i: Amend Article XI. Committees Section 8. Public Relations Committee B, 3. By striking out the word “district”.
7.j: Amend Article XVIII. Amendment of Bylaws Section 2. A,1 by striking out the words “a district”.
7.k: Amend Standing Rule 5 by striking out the words “or district”.

Amendment # 10 - Bylaws

Without objection, permission was granted to consider Amendment #10 at this time.

Amend Article XII. Disciplinary Procedure, by substitution:

“Section 1. Ethics Committee

A. The committee shall be composed of three registered or professional registered members who shall not be members of the board of directors.
B. Members of the committee shall serve staggered six-year terms.
C. One member of the committee shall be nominated by the president and elected by the board of directors at its first meeting of each biennium for a six-year term.
D. One member of the committee shall be nominated by the president and elected by the board of directors at its first meeting of each biennium to serve as committee chairman for a two-year period.
E. The committee shall report only to the board of directors.

Section 2. Complaints

The committee shall process complaints received on an approved Ethics Complaint Form in accordance with provisions contained in the Rules for Disposition of Complaints by the Ethics Committee.

With the proviso that in the initial year, three members of the committee shall be elected as follows: A. The president shall nominate and the board of directors shall elect one member to serve a term of six years. B. The board of directors shall nominate and elect one member to serve a term of four years and one member to serve a term of two years.”

Eli Mina moved to strike out “nominated by the president and”. Seconded. Steve Glanstein raised a parliamentary inquiry. The president announced that the time for consideration of the bylaw amendment has expired. Glanstein stated his parliamentary inquiry which asked if the proposed amendment exceeded the scope of notice. The president responded that she had allowed it.

The proposed amendment to strike out the words “nominated by the president and” was defeated. The
bystlaw amendment with the proviso was adopted.

Amendment #8 - Bylaws

Amend Article VI. Officers Section 6. Duties of Officers A. by inserting a new paragraph 4 and re-numbering: A. The President shall: “4. nominate the following, as provided in Article XII: a) A registered or professional registered parliamentarian for membership on the ethics committee, b) A member of the ethics committee to serve as committee chairman.”

The bylaw amendment was adopted.

Amendment #9 - Bylaws

Amend Article IX. Board of Directors Section 2. Duties B. by inserting new paragraphs 7 and 8 and re-numbering:

7. Electing a registered or professional registered parliamentarian to membership on the ethics committee, as provided in Article XII.

8. Electing a member of the ethics committee to serve as committee chairman, as provided in Article XII.”

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

President Blount thanked the Special Committee to Review “Rules for Disposition of Complaints”.

Amendment #11 - Bylaws

Amend Article IX. Board of Directors Section 3. Sessions A. Regular by striking out the words “at convention” and inserting the words “immediately prior to convention”.

A vote was taken by a show of voting cards; the president requested a standing counted vote; there were 150 in the affirmative and 105 in the negative; the president declared the bylaw amendment was defeated.

Amendment #12 - Bylaws

Amend Article X. Conference of Presidents by striking out the words “Two additional officers from each association may attend.” and inserting “The president and two additional officers from each association, and two representatives from each unchartered state or province may attend.”

The previous question was adopted. Bylaw amendment was adopted.

Michael Malamut raised a point of information as to the selection process for the representatives from the unchartered states and provinces; the president responded that the state/province chairman would make the selection.

Amendment #13 - Bylaws

Amend Article XI. Committees Section 6. Membership Committee by inserting the word “Examiners” after the word “Membership”.

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

Amendment #14 - Bylaws

Amend Article XI. Committees by creating a new committee and adding a new section:

“A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of the district directors.

B. Chairman. The committee shall elect a chairman from among its members.

C. The committee shall:

1. Promote extension and retention of membership, and the formation of units and associations.

2. Promote educational programs especially in unchartered areas.

3. Coordinate the membership activities of the district directors.”

Without objection, “B. Chairman. The committee shall elect a chairman from among its members.” was struck. The bylaw amendment was adopted as amended.
Consequential Amendment to #14 - Bylaws

Amend Article XI. Committees Section 1. Standing Committees by inserting the words "extension/retention" after the word "membership".

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

Amendments #15 and #15a - Bylaws

The president ruled that, even though #15a was listed as an amendment consequential to #15, that each proposed amendment could "stand alone" and recommended that #15a be considered first because the result of the vote on #15a could affect a delegate's vote on #15. Without objection, it was determined that #15a would be considered first.

Amendment #15a:

Amend Article XVIII. Amendment of Bylaws Section 3. A. by substitution:

A. When the convention has authorized a revision, the revision shall be drafted by a committee composed of eight members. Each district director shall appoint one member of the committee from among NAP members who are elected officers of an association within the district and who are not members of the NAP Board of Directors or a member of any NAP Standing Committee. The committee shall choose its chairman."

President Blount ruled the amendment out of order because if it were adopted, it would create a committee that would be assigned the same responsibility as the bylaws committee. Page Johnson appealed from the decision of the chair. Ann Rempel raised a parliamentary inquiry as to whether amendments would be outside the scope of notice. The president took the vote on the appeal and declared the decision of the chair was not sustained. A division was called and the president took a counted standing vote; the result of this vote was 155 in the affirmative and 121 in the negative; the president declared the decision of the chair was sustained and amendment #15a would not be considered.

Amendment #15

Amend Article XI. Committees Section 3. Bylaws Committee, A. Composition by striking out the words "except when the drafting of a revision is authorized the committee shall consist of a chairman and four members".

Page Johnson moved to postpone indefinitely. Seconded. President Blount stated that Dick Weber's remarks were not germane; Weber appealed from the decision of the chair and the motion was seconded. The president took the vote on the appeal and declared that the decision of the chair was not sustained. A division was called and a standing vote was taken and the chair declared the decision of the chair was not sustained. The motion to postpone indefinitely was adopted.

Without objection, a ten minute recess was taken at 10:17 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:35 am.

Dick Weber rose to a point of personal privilege and apologized if his remarks prior to the recess had offended anyone.

Amendment #16 - Bylaws

Amend Article XI. Committees Section 8. Public Relations Committee, by striking out the words "Public Relations" and inserting the word "Communications" and by adding new paragraphs 4 and 5 in B:

4. prepare and administer marketing plans for NAP services and educational materials.
5. be responsible for the NAP Internet web site."

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

Amendment #17 - Bylaws

Amend Article XII. Disciplinary Procedure Section 2. Ethics Committee, by adding a new paragraph:

"All complaints shall be resolved within 90 days of the initial complaint, unless the committee determines that the delay was due to good cause. In the case of any delay, the committee shall report the reason for the delay in writing to the board of directors and the accused."
Eli Mina moved to strike out the words “unless the committee determines the delay was due to good
cause”. Seconded and defeated. Bylaw amendment was defeated.

**Amendment #18 - Bylaws**
Amend Article XIII, Headquarters Section 3, by striking out the words “and the convention body”.

Page Johnson raised a point of order stating this amendment was not properly before the convention body
because it was proposed by a subcommittee. The president ruled the point was not well taken.

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

**Amendment #19 - Standard Code of Ethical Conduct for Parliamentarians**
Amend the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Parliamentarians, #5, by substitution:

“A parliamentarian shall not give anything of value to a person for recommending the parliamentarian’s
services, except that a parliamentarian may (1) pay the reasonable cost of advertising and (2) pay the usual
charges of a referral service.”

Ann Gilton raised a parliamentary inquiry asking the vote required to adopt the amendment because
previous notice had been given; the president responded that it would require a majority vote.

The amendment to #5 of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Parliamentarians was adopted.

**Amendment #20 - Bylaws**
Amend Article V, Divisions Section 3. Associations D. Charter by striking out in its entirety and
renumbering:

“Article V. Divisions Section 3. Associations D. Charter
1. Application for an association charter shall be made on the official form obtained from NAP
Headquarters
2. Four copies of the proposed bylaws shall be sent to the NAP bylaws committee.”

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

**Amendment #21 - New Standing Rule**
Add a new standing rule:

“Application for an association charter shall be made on the official form obtained from NAP
Headquarters. Four copies of the proposed bylaws shall be sent to the NAP bylaws committee chairman.”

Standing rule was adopted.

**Amendment #22 - Bylaws**
Amend Article V. Divisions Section 5. Units C. by striking out “Application for the unit charter shall be
made on the official form obtained from NAP Headquarters. 1. Four copies of the proposed bylaws shall
be sent to the NAP bylaws committee chairman.” and renumbering the remaining paragraphs.

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

**Amendment #23 - New Standing Rule**
Amend by adding a new standing rule: “Application for a unit charter shall be made on the official form
obtained from NAP Headquarters. Four copies of the proposed bylaws shall be sent to the NAP bylaws
committee chairman.”

Standing rule was adopted.

**Amendment #24 - Bylaws**
Amend Article VIII, Meetings Section 7. Convention Guests by striking out the entire section and then
renumbering:

“7. Convention Guests
A. Non-voting NAP members shall pay the required registration fee.”
B. Individuals who are not members of NAP but are interested in parliamentary procedure shall pay the required registration fee.

C. Guests and program participants approved by the president shall pay no registration fee.

D. Guests attending meal functions only shall pay meal charges but no registration fee.”

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

Amendment #25 - New Standing Rule
Amend by adding a new standing rule:

Convention Guests
1. Non-voting NAP members shall pay the required registration fee.
2. Individuals who are not members of NAP but are interested in parliamentary procedure shall pay the required registration fee.
3. Guests and program participants approved by the president shall pay no registration fee.
4. Guests attending meal functions only shall pay meal charges but no registration fee.

Standing rule was adopted.

Amendment #26 - Bylaws
Amend Article XIV, Publications Section 1. National Parliamentarian by striking out:

“D. The National Parliamentarian shall include:

1. Articles on parliamentary procedure that meet the approval of the reviewing committee.
2. Material pertaining to the activity of NAP in achieving its objectives.
3. News of interest to the membership.”

Bylaw amendment was adopted.

Amendment #27 - New Standing Rule
Amend by adding a new standing rule:

“The National Parliamentarian shall include:

1. Articles on parliamentary procedure that meet the approval of the reviewing committee.
2. Material pertaining to the activity of NAP in achieving its objectives.
3. News of interest to the membership.”

Ann Gilton rose to a parliamentary inquiry asking the vote required to adopt a new standing rule when previous notice had been given; the president responded that a majority vote was required.

Standing rule was adopted.

No-Notice Amendment Regarding Honorary Membership
The following no-notice amendment which had been presented to the delegates earlier was introduced:

Amend Article III, Members by adding a new section F:

“F. To qualify for honorary membership an individual shall be a non-member who has given exceptional service to NAP or whose contribution to parliamentary law has added distinction to the profession.

An individual becomes an honorary member upon recommendation by the Board of Directors and a two-thirds vote of the NAP convention. Honorary members shall not pay dues and shall have the right to attend meetings and to receive a complimentary subscription to the National Parliamentarian.

At no time shall there be more than ten honorary members.”

The president reminded the delegates that the vote required to adopt no-notice amendments is ninety (90) percent of the delegates voting.

An amendment was offered to insert the word “lifetime” after the word “honorary”. Without objection, the president stated that the word “lifetime” would be inserted; an objection was raised and the president stated the question. A parliamentary inquiry was raised regarding the financial impact; the president responded that the financial impact would include the cost of the National Parliamentarian and the convention registration fee. The amendment to insert the word “lifetime” was defeated. The bylaw amendment was defeated.
No-Notice Amendment Regarding Dues Reduction for Students
The following no-notice amendment which had been presented to the delegates earlier was introduced:
To amend Article III. Members Section 1. Classification A. Regular 3 by inserting the words “, registered, or professional registered” after the words “qualify for a 50% reduction in regular”.

A counted vote was taken; there were 229 in the affirmative and 33 in the negative; the president declared the motion defeated.

No-Notice Amendment Regarding Approval of History
The following no-notice amendment which had been presented to the delegates earlier was introduced:
To amend Article VI. Officers Section 6. Duties of officers I. by striking out the words “for that term”.

A counted vote was taken; there were 231 in the affirmative and 21 in the negative; the president declared the motion adopted.

Point of Personal Privilege
Virginia Berberick urged someone who voted on the prevailing side to move to reconsider the vote on the no-notice amendment relating to the reduced dues for students who are registered and professional registered parliamentarians.

Steve Glanstein moved to suspend the rules and reconsider the vote on the no-notice amendment relating to the reduced dues for students who are registered and professional registered parliamentarians.
President Blount stated if there was no objection the bylaw amendment would be reconsidered. Dick Weber objected. The motion to suspend the rules and allow someone who voted on the non-prevailing side to move to reconsider the vote on the amendment was adopted. Steve Glanstein moved to reconsider the vote on the no-notice amendment. A parliamentary inquiry was raised asking if the no-notice amendment was now adopted; the answer was in the negative. President Blount announced the motion to reconsider would be called up at the next business meeting. Ann Rempel raised a parliamentary inquiry regarding suspension of the rules that protects absentees; Joan Kirkham responded there are no absentees to protect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The following announcements were made: President Blount thanked Bylaws Committee Chairman Bob Clipson and technical consultants Ann Homer and Nancy Sylvester for providing an easy way for the delegates to view the bylaws during their consideration; The luncheon will focus on membership; The “dine-arounds” are scheduled for this evening.

ADJOURNMENT
Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

CALL TO ORDER
The fourth business meeting of the Thirty-Second Biennial Convention was called to order at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, by President Carrie-Mae Blount in the Century C Ballroom of The Westin Crown Center Hotel, One Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Secretary Jeanette Williams was present.

INTRODUCTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
President Blount introduced the other key appointees who served faithfully throughout this administration: National Parliamentarian Editor - Georgia Kimball, PRP; National Parliamentarian Assistant Editor - Loraine Hilscher, PRP; National Parliamentarian Reviewing Committee Chairman - Ruth Amend, PRP; Parliamentary Research Editor - Louise Bereskin, PRP, who could not be present today; Conference of Presidents Chief Facilitator - Joy Myers, PRP; Ethics Committee Chairman - Lorraine Buckley, PRP; National Training Conference Coordinator - Barbara Posler, RP; Chairman of the Special Committee to Review “Rules for Disposition of Complaints” - M. Eugene Bierbaum, PRP; International Expansion Committee Chairman - Jane Kissinger, PRP; Commemorative Stamp Committee Chairman - Myraline Lesley, PRP; Parliamentary Resource Center Committee Chairman - Patricia Petre Surber, PRP; Special Committee To Streamline Bylaws - Ann Gilton, PRP, (Chairman) and Doris Gerace, PRP.
INSPIRATION
Dorothy Carver of the Washington State Association presented the inspiration If you can dream it, You can do it.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
John Wight, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 1:50 pm on October 6, 1999, the following have registered for the convention: Elected Officers - 6; Appointed Officers - 2; District Directors - 7; Appointed Standing Committee Chairmen - 5; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Past Presidents of NAP - 6; Association Presidents, Association Vice-Presidents (or Presidents-Elect or Alternates) - 50; Association Delegates - 55; Association Members-at-Large Delegates - 34; Unchartered State/Province Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen - 1; Unchartered State/Province Members-at-Large Delegates - 0; Unit Delegates - 138; Club Delegates - 2; Number of Delegates Entitled to Vote - 307; Number of Non-Voting Members and Guests - 47; Total Number in Attendance - 354. On behalf of the committee, Wight moved the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this convention. Motion was adopted.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNER
Peggy Young, member of the Public Relations Committee, announced the winners of the newsletter contest as follows:
Third Place ($10): Veritas Unit; Ben Day & Bill Reed, Editors; Donna Reed, President
Second Place ($15): Texas Parliamentarian; Ruth Amend, Editor; Loraine Hilscher, President
First Place ($25): Florida Parliamentarian; Jo Stephens, Editor; Dixie Cramer, President.
Judges were Craig Henry, Jim Williams, Peggy Young, and Connie Deford. Certificates will be mailed to the winners.

INVITATION TO THE 2000 NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
President Blount introduced Julia von Haam, Coordinator of the 2000 NTC, who invited everyone to come to Atlanta, Georgia, on October 20-22, 2000. Assistant Coordinator is Mary Lou Stephens.

INTRODUCTION OF TIMEKEEPERS
President Blount introduced Louise Crist and Mary Scull Brown who have served as timekeepers throughout the convention. Mary Scull Brown replaced Carol Austin who had to leave.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE ON THE BYLAW AMENDMENT REGARDING DUES REDUCTION FOR STUDENTS
President Blount stated she had heard the motion incorrectly regarding suspending the rules to allow someone on the non-prevailing side to move to reconsider the vote. She put the motion: "To amend Article III. Members Section 1, A. 3, by inserting the words "registered, or professional registered" after the words "qualify for a 50% reduction in regular", Ardith Inman rose to a point of personal privilege stating that the bylaws do not require a no-notice amendment be of an "emergency" nature. Steve Glanstein moved to amend by striking out "registered or professional" and inserting "or" which would have the effect of not including PRPs in the dues reduction. Pat Reymann moved the previous question on all pending questions. Seconded, Steve Glanstein moved the previous question on the immediate pending question. The president took the vote on the previous question on all pending questions which was adopted.
The amendment to strike out the words "registered or professional" and insert the word "or" was adopted. The president requested a standing counted vote on the motion, as amended; there were 200 in the affirmative and 30 in the negative; the president declared the motion defeated.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE ON THE BYLAW AMENDMENT REGARDING HONORARY MEMBERS
Medard Kaisershot moved to reconsider the vote on the bylaw amendment regarding honorary members. Seconded and adopted.
The president put the question: "Amend Article III. Members by adding a new section F: "F. To qualify for honorary membership an individual shall be a non-member who has given exceptional service to NAP or whose contribution to parliamentary law has added distinction to the profession."
An individual becomes an honorary member upon recommendation by the Board of Directors and a
two-thirds vote of the NAP convention. Honorary members shall not pay dues and shall have the
right to attend meetings and to receive a complimentary subscription to the National Parliamentarian.
At no time shall there be more than ten honorary members."

Medard Kaisershoft moved to amend by substitution: "To qualify for honorary membership, an individual
shall be a non-member who has given exceptional service to NAP or to the profession of parliamentary
law. An individual becomes an honorary member upon recommendation of the board of directors and a
two-thirds vote of the NAP Convention. Honorary members shall have none of the obligations of
membership in NAP but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, of voting,
and of holding office. The honorary member is endowed with the benefits thereof to the close of the next
biennial convention." Seconded.

Page Johnson raised a parliamentary inquiry asking if the substitute was within the scope of notice. The
president responded in the affirmative.

Gerry Olson moved to amend the substitute by striking out the last sentence. Seconded and adopted.

A point of information was raised as to whether or not this motion had been previously defeated. The
answer was that the motion to reconsider was adopted so the motion is again before the convention.

Julia vonHaam moved the previous question on all pending questions. Seconded. A standing vote was
taken; the president then requested a standing counted vote. There were 143 in the affirmative and 83 in
the negative and the motion on previous question was defeated.

Dick Weber moved the previous question on the immediate pending question. Seconded and adopted.

The amendment to strike out the last sentence of the substitute was adopted.

Peggy Young moved to amend by adding "The honorary member is endowed with the benefits thereof
until such time as the board may determine there is cause for withdrawing this honor by their
recommendation and a two-thirds vote of the convention body." Seconded. Michael Malamut raised a
parliamentary inquiry asking if the motion to refer to committee would be in order; the answer was in the
negative. The motion to amend was defeated.

Pat Martin moved to amend the substitute by adding the words "No more than two persons shall be
elected to honorary membership at each NAP convention." Seconded and defeated.

President Blount put the question on the substitute which was defeated.

The bylaw amendment regarding honorary membership was defeated.

INVITATION TO NAP CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON DC IN 2001
Betty Tunstall, 2001 NAP Convention Coordinator, issued an invitation to the 2001 convention which will
be held on September 7-10, 2001, at the Hilton Mark Center. A videotape of the area was shown and
members from the hosting state associations presented their invitation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Leonard Young presented a gavel from Charles Johnson, Parliamentarian, which had been used in
presiding over the United States House of Representatives last summer; President Blount accepted the gift
on behalf of the association and stated it will be displayed at NAP headquarters.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Leonard Young presented a plaque to Robert (Bob) Blount for his
volunteer service to NAP during Carrie-Mae's term as president.

"THE FINAL CHAPTER"
Virginia Berberick announced the campaign The Final Chapter to complete pages in the special edition of
RONR; the mortgage has been paid off and funds generated from this campaign will be used for a
maintenance fund.

RESOLUTIONS

President Blount introduced Doris Abbate, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Resolution #1 Regarding Use of Titles

Chairman Abbate introduced the following resolution proposed by James Stewart, California; the committee recommends adoption.

Whereas, The National Association of Parliamentarians is an association of professional persons; and

Whereas, Members of NAP are professionals; and

Whereas, Titles indicating gender or marital status are inappropriate; therefore be it

Resolved, That NAP adopt a policy that members shall be listed and referred to in publications by their legal name; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Association of Parliamentarians shall list member names without the title Mr. Mrs. Ms. or Miss in published materials.

Peggy Young moved to amend by striking out the word “legal” and insert the word “preferred”.

Seconded and adopted.

Joan Franson moved to amend by striking out the second resolved. Seconded and adopted.

Without objection, a ten minute recess was ordered. The meeting recessed at 3:34 pm and reconvened at 3:46 pm.

Jean Mostrom moved to postpone the motion indefinitely. The president ruled the motion out of order at this time because there is a pending amendment.

Jean Mostrom moved the previous question on all pending questions. Seconded.

The maker of the amendment requested permission to withdraw the amendment which was granted without objection.

The previous question was adopted. The resolution was defeated.

Betsy McUne moved to limit debate to one minute per member on the remaining resolutions. Seconded and adopted.

Resolution #2 Regarding The Teaching of Parliamentary Procedure

Chairman Abbate introduced the following resolution proposed by Eli Mina, British Columbia; the committee has no recommendation.

RESOLVED, that this convention go on record as believing that - in preparation for the next millennium - NAP should seek to help make the practice and the teaching of Parliamentary Procedure:

1. Conductive to not only doing things absolutely right, but also to assisting organizations in doing the “right things”;

2. Simple, flexible, clear, “user friendly” and consistent with the needs of the busy leader or meeting participant, who may or may not have the time or the inclination to develop detailed knowledge in - or become a scholar of - Parliamentary Procedure;

3. Facilitative of progress and a wise investment of a meeting’s time, causing more time to be consumed by discussions of the respective organization’s mandate and purposes, and less time to be consumed by the mechanics of Parliamentary Procedure;

4. Having the effect of including individuals in meaningful and principled discussions and decision making, and not confusing or intimidating them - as the rules of order often do.

The resolution was defeated.

Resolution #3 Regarding NAP’s Governance Structure

Chairman Abbate introduced the following resolution proposed by Eli Mina, British Columbia; the committee recommends it be adopted with an amendment proposed by the committee:
RESOLVED, That this convention go on record as believing that - as part of the bylaw revision process - serious consideration should be given to NAP's governance structure, so as to balance the need for experience and continuity on the board with the need for rotation and introduction of fresh talent to the board, and that some of the options to facilitate such balance may be, but should not be limited to the following:

1. Enabling members who did not serve as district directors or committee chairmen to be elected as officers or directors:

2. Reducing the number of vice-presidents to one, and thereby providing opportunities for more individuals to serve as officers, without the perception or implied expectation of prolonged service on the board.

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, Doris Abbate moved to amend by striking out the words "", and that some of the options to facilitate such balance may be, but should not be limited to the following:

1. Enabling members who did not serve as district directors or committee chairmen to be elected as officers or directors:

2. Reducing the number of vice-presidents to one, and thereby providing opportunities for more individuals to serve as officers, without the perception or implied expectation of prolonged service on the board."

The amendment was adopted.

Azella Collins moved to strike out the words "fresh talent" and insert the words "additional skills and qualifications". Seconded and adopted.

The resolution was adopted as amended.

COURTESY RESOLUTION

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, Doris Abbate moved the adoption of the courtesy resolution. Thomas Balch asked for unanimous consent that only the resolved clauses be read; the request was granted. Chairman Abbate read the resolved clauses of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Members assembled for the 32rd Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), October 3 through October 6, 1999, at the Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri and

WHEREAS, Members were inspired by the opening ceremony and the keynote address; and

WHEREAS, Members recognized Carrie-Mae Blount, President for her leadership and presiding; and

WHEREAS, Members appreciated the dedication of Convention Coordinator, Teresa Lupton and convention committee members to create an outstanding professional networking event, and

WHEREAS, Delegates received meaningful service and informative reports from NAP officers, Standing and Special Committees; and

WHEREAS, Members thoughtfully processed the proposed bylaws amendments; and

WHEREAS, Members eagerly improved their proficiency in thirty-six training sessions provided by Educational Workshop Coordinator Ann Rempel and all workshop leaders; and

WHEREAS, Members of Missouri Association of Parliamentarians, Kansas Association of Parliamentarians and the jacomu Unit performed extraordinarily with enthusiastic help and support for this convention; and

WHEREAS, Members enjoyed and appreciated the continental breakfast hosted by Perseus Books, the new publisher of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, our adopted parliamentary authority; and

WHEREAS, Members enjoyed the services and accommodations provided by the staff of the Westin Crown Center Convention Services, and

WHEREAS, Incoming NAP President Leonard Young was installed with flair and purpose by former NAP President Lorraine Buckley and the president's pin was passed on by President Carrie-Mae Blount; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this resolution is incorporated in the convention minutes and that copies are given to the Westin Crown Center Hotel, Convention Coordinator Teresa Lupton and NAP President Carrie-Mae Blount; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of NAP rise for a standing ovation to everyone who contributed so diligently to make this an outstanding biennial convention.

Resolution was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from the NAP Educational Foundation
Myraline Lesley reported that proceeds from the NAP Educational Foundation silent auction and brunch, and a donation of $350.00 from the Conference of Presidents, totaled $2181.50. She thanked everyone for supporting the Foundation. She stated the Foundation had contributed $3,000.00 to the intern program.

The NAP Education Foundation and NAP are separate entities run independently. Newly elected officers are: Rollie Cox, President; Craig Henry, Vice President; Donna Reed, Secretary; Connie Deford, Treasurer. Connie Deford and Helen Cademy are the newly elected trustees.

**Motion Regarding Canadian Flag and Anthem**

Medard Kaisershot raised a question of privilege stating a Canadian flag had not been displayed during the business meeting and the words to the Canadian national anthem were incorrect in the program booklet.

Medard Kaisershot moved the adoption of the following which was adopted without objection:

> That we offer our Canadian members an apology for not having the Canadian flag on display and singing the incorrect words to their National Anthem, that we purchase a Canadian flag for display at all National Conventions, and that we sing the Canadian National Anthem before the close of this meeting.

President Blount announced the Canadian national anthem would be sung immediately prior to adjournment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim Stewart thanked the convention planners for providing non-secular inspirations.

President Blount thanked Teresa Lupton, Convention Coordinator, and her “team” for planning and executing the 1999 biennial convention.

The biennial banquet and installation of elected officers will be held this evening. The post-convention board meeting will be held tomorrow morning beginning at 8:00 am.

Medard Kaisershot led the group in singing *O Canada.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, President Blount declared the Thirty-Second Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians adjourned sine die at 4:19 pm.

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Jeanette N. Williams, PRP, NAP Secretary

**APPROVED:**

Viola Brannen, PRP

Catharyn Alls

Evelynne Thompson

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**Attachment One:** Historian’s Report

**Attachment Two:** Report of the Board of Directors

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