National Association of Parliamentarians
34th Biennial Convention
September 21-24, 2003
San Antonio, Texas

MINUTES

Sunday, September 21, 2003

Call to Order
The 34th biennial convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians was called to order by President Donna Reed in the Regency Ballroom East of the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas at 1:35 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2003. Secretary Viola Brannen was present.

Opening Ceremonies
The posting of the colors was conducted by soldiers from Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The assembly joined Larry Petty at the piano and Linda Petty in singing “The Star Spangled Banner”, and “O Canada”. President Reed led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the State of Texas followed by the singing of “Texas Our Texas”.

Mary Messerschmidt, Convention Vice-coordinator, presented the inspiration.

Welcome
Carter Casteel representing District 73 of the Texas House of Representatives gave the welcome on behalf of Governor Rick Perry. Cecina Koeijmans, President of the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians, welcomed the assembly to Texas.

Convention Coordinator, Mary Short, welcomed the assembly to the NAP 34th Biennial Convention and to San Antonio.

NAP Vice-President Nola Pursifull responded to the welcome messages on behalf of NAP.

Introductions
President Reed introduced Paul Moss, President of the American Institute of Parliamentarians, who greeted the assembly.

President Reed reported that the NAP Educational Foundation supports NAP in many ways including underwriting the cost of production of NAP educational materials. She introduced the President of the NAP Educational Foundation - Connie Deford, and the Foundation Trustees: Craig Henry, Alice Ragona, Doris Gerace, Rollie Cox, and Dollie McPartlin.
President Reed introduced the National Parliamentarian Editor, William Reed, and NAP Parliamentarian, Nancy Sylvester.

President Reed introduced the Past Presidents of NAP who were attending this convention: Lorraine Buckley (1975-77), Loretta Simonson (1993-95), Kathryn Scheld (1995-97) and Dr. Leonard Young (1999 - 2001), the immediate past president.

President Reed recognized Alice Ragona, Chairman of the NAP Youth Committee, who introduced special guests from the youth organizations. They are Spencer Lormand, Allison DuVal, Kay Speer, Brad Howard, and Albert Rice.

**Musical Program**
President Reed introduced two musical talents, longtime friends Linda and Larry Petty, who presented a musical program.

**Key Note Address**
President Reed introduced Henry M. Robert, III, grandson of General Henry Martyn Robert, who shared the legacy of the Robert family. Mr. Henry announced that the authorship team will have available in March 2004 a new book “RONR in Brief”.

**Stand at Ease and Reconvene**
The chair asked the assembly to stand at ease for five minutes to prepare for the first business meeting of the convention. The convention was reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

**Board of Directors Introduced**
President Reed introduced the 2001 - 2003 NAP Board of Directors:

- Nola Pursiful, Vice-President and Membership Extension/Retention Committee Chairman
- Viola Brannen, Secretary
- John Noonan, Treasurer and Budget-Finance Committee Chairman
- Alice Ragona, Youth Committee Chairman
- Mary E. (Betsy) McUne, Professional Development Committee Chairman
- Ann Homer, Bylaws Committee Chairman
- Dorothy Demarest-Ruckdeschel, District One Director
- Evelyn Kane, District Two Director
- Martha Hatcher Hughes, District Three Director
- Joy Myers, District Four Director
- Sandra Olson, District Five Director
- Ronald Stinson, District Six Director
- Barrie Lynch, District Seven Director
- Giselle Miller, District Eight Director
- Charlotte Buchanan, Director-at-Large and Membership Examiners Committee Chairman
- Connie Deford, Director-at-Large and Education Committee Chairman
- Jeanette Williams, Director-at-Large and Registration Examiners Committee Chairman

**Credentials Committee Report**
Ella Carlson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 12:57 p.m. on September 2003 NAP Convention Minutes
21, 2003, and moved adoption of the report: Board of Directors - 17; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Editor - 1; Past Presidents of NAP - 4; Association Delegates - 126; Unchartered State/Provinces Delegates - 3; Unit Delegates - 100; Club Delegates - 1; Youth Group Delegates - 1; Number of Delegates entitled to vote - 254; Number of non-voting Members and Guests - 56; Total number in attendance - 310. Adopted.

**Convention Standing Rules Committee Report**

Lucille Russell, Chairman of the Convention Standing Rules Committee, read and moved adoption of the convention standing rules.

1. **Delegates** Only delegates shall be seated in the delegate section of the assembly hall.
2. **Badges** Identification badges issued by the credentials committee shall be worn for admission to all meetings and educational workshops. Badges may not be transferred without proper action by the credentials committee.
3. **Minutes Approval Committee** The president shall appoint a committee of three to approve the minutes.
4. **Voting Cards** The credentials committee shall issue a voting card to each delegate of the convention at the time of registration. If a delegate loses the voting card, the delegate must report to the Credentials Desk to obtain a replacement card. Voting cards will be used in all meetings as follows:
   a. When directed by the presiding officer, a delegate will vote by raising the voting card while remaining seated. This will be deemed to be a division of the assembly.
   b. When directed by the presiding officer, delegates will stand for verification of votes.
   c. The presiding officer will direct any necessary change to this procedure, such as a counted rising vote.
5. **Debate**
   a. Any delegate entitled to speak shall go to the appropriate microphone. For this purpose, there will be two microphones in each aisle:
      i. The front microphone shall be used when speaking in the affirmative on the motion on the floor.
      ii. The back microphone shall be used when speaking in the negative on the motion on the floor.
   b. A microphone monitor shall be assigned to each microphone for the purpose of facilitating any movement in the line at the microphone.
   c. Upon recognition by the presiding officer, delegates shall state their name, office, title, and state/province.
   d. Debate shall alternate between the affirmative and negative microphones. The maker of the motion may use any microphone for the motion and the first speech in debate.
   e. Debate shall be limited to two speeches of not more than two (2) minutes for each member on each debatable motion.
   f. Total debate on each debatable motion shall be limited to fifteen minutes.
6. **Motions/Resolutions**
   a. All main motions and amendments shall be presented to the microphone monitor in writing, on an NAP Motion Form, and shall be signed by the maker of the motion.
   b. An amendment to strike out one word or a set of words in multiple places and to insert a different word or a set of words in all of those places shall be in order, and shall be deemed to include appropriate modifications in capitalization, number (singular or plural) and case.
   c. Motions/resolutions that are new business shall be submitted no later than the close of the business meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 and immediately given by the microphone monitor to the Resolutions Committee Chairman.
   d. The Committee on Resolutions shall prepare suitable motions/resolutions to carry into effect motions/resolutions referred to it. The Committee on Resolutions may change the wording of the motion/resolution, as long as the intent is not changed.
   e. With each motion/resolution presented to the delegate body, the Resolutions Committee shall submit its recommendation for the disposition of that motion/resolution. The recommendations may be:
      i. Recommend approval
      ii. Recommend rejection
      iii. Recommend referral to a committee or the Board
      iv. No recommendation
7. **Nominations** Immediately after nominations for elected officers, each of the nominees for that office shall be given two minutes to address the assembly.
8. **Electronic devices** Mobile phones and pagers shall be silenced during all business meetings and educational workshops. Video cameras and recording equipment, other than that approved by the president, shall not be permitted in the assembly hall or in the educational workshops.
9. **Smoking** There shall be no smoking in the assembly hall, in the educational workshops, any meeting rooms, or at meals/reception.
Edward Weber moved to strike the i. and ii. clauses in 5. a. Motion lost by a counted vote of 110 in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

Susan J. Lee moved to add Standing Rule 10, “The assembly will refrain from speaking from their seats while another member has the floor and move to the microphone and wait to be acknowledged by the chair”. Motion lost.

The Convention Standing Rules were Adopted as amended.

**Convention Program Committee**

Mary Dunn Short, Chairman of the Convention Program Committee, moved adoption of the convention program as printed in the convention program book with the announced changes as listed in Attachment 1 to these minutes, subject to necessary adjustments by the president. Adopted as changed.

**Convention Organization**

The president announced that the 34th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians is now officially organized.

**Appointments**

President Reed announced the following appointments:

- Minutes Approval Committee: Ruth Ryan (KY), Chairman, Chris Dickey (MO), Barbara Hasbrouck (CO);
- Elections Committee: Norma Anderson (MD) Chairman, Kirk Overbey (TX) Vice-Chairman, Patricia Dolan (MI), Milly Lewendon (WA), Marianne Haydon CA, George Mervosh (PA), Gladys Reid (GA), Mary Remson (OH), Patricia Reymann (MN);
- Resolutions Committee: Dennis Clark (TX) Chairman, Doris Abbate (NY), Delores Meyer (OK), Myra Myers (LA), Cecina Koeijmans (TX).

These additional appointments were announced:

- Pages/Door Monitors: Joyce Lovett-Adkins (TX) Chairman, Joan Blankenship (OK), Jeannette Ferguson (TX), Susan Glanstein (HI), Sean Lucas (HI), Elizabeth Pav (LA); and these Student Interns: Spencer Lorman, Allison DuVal, Kay Speer, Brad Howard, Albert Rice;
- Microphone Monitors and Floor Tellers: John Rempel (KS) Chairman, Jacob Gerber (NE), Ron Herbison (OR), Paul McClintock (WA), Barbara Posler (NM), Marjorie Weber (IN);
- Timekeeper/Spotter: Reba Murphy (TX), Chairman, Freddie Colston (MD), Collette Trojan (MD).

Reba Murphy, the Chairman of the Timekeepers, explained the timing procedure and Freddie Colston (MD) demonstrated the timing device.

Newsletter: Gail VanVessen (TX), Chairman, Beverly A. Glynn (TX), Vice-Chairman
Election Rules
Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, read and moved adoption of the election rules:

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. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The ballot for Nominating Committee will list the candidates by district. Within each district, candidates will be listed in the order nominated. The state or province for each candidate shall be shown on the ballot and in the Tellers’ Report. Each delegate may vote for one candidate in each district, for a total of eight votes for the Nominating Committee.

3. BALLOTS. For each office, candidates nominated by the nominating committee shall be listed first followed by candidates nominated from the floor, in the order nominated.

4. 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.

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

6. COUNTING THE VOTE. The Election Committee members shall act as tellers, counting ballots in teams assigned by the Election Committee chairman. When there is any doubt or disagreement 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.

7. VOTE REQUIRED FOR ELECTION. In accordance with the requirements of the statute under which NAP is incorporated, any election shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates entitled to vote who are present and voting or a majority of the quorum, whichever is greater.

8. PRESERVATION OF BALLOTS. Ballots, tally sheets, and calculator 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 if no election has been contested.

Adopted.

Nominating Committee Report
Craig Henry, Nominating Committee Chairman, read the report of the Nominating Committee:

President: Nola Pursifull
Vice President: John Noonan
Secretary: Jeanette Williams
Treasurer: Giselle Miller
Directors-at-Large: Ronald Stinson, Charlotte Buchanan, Connie Deford, Dorothy Demarest-Ruckdeschel, Ann Homer, Joy Myers

Chairman Henry moved on behalf of the Nominating Committee that the election for officers be conducted by office except if there is only one nomination for the office of president, that election will be on the same ballot as the election for vice president.

President Reed declared the motion would require a majority vote. Leonard Young rose to a Point of Information asking, if Craig Henry’s motion were adopted, when the election would begin. President Reed responded that it would begin today. Dr. Young rose to a Point of Order that beginning the election the day before it was in the adopted program would require
suspending the rules to reconsider the program, requiring a two-thirds vote. President Reed ruled the Point of Order not well taken, reread Mr. Henry's motion and stated that beginning the election today would not be an amendment to the program. Dr. Young appealed from the decision of the chair.

Patricia Cook rose to a Point of Information inquiring if Mr. Henry's motion were lost, when would the election begin? President Reed responded that the election would begin at the time originally scheduled, at 7:00 a.m. the next day.

The decision of the chair on the appeal was sustained by a counted vote of 117 in the affirmative and 105 in the negative.

President Reed declared Mr. Henry's motion lost and announced that the election of officers will be conducted tomorrow morning as originally scheduled.

President Reed recognized the Secretary, Viola Brannen, who read pertinent provisions from the NAP Bylaws relating to nominations and elections.

**Article VI. Nominations and Elections, Section 1.**

- **F.** The Nominating Committee shall submit at least one name for each position to be filled.
- **G.** Committee Report. The report of the committee shall be submitted to the Editor for inclusion in the *National Parliamentarian* with the call to convention and shall be read on the first day of the convention.
- **H.** Nominations from the Floor. Following the report of the committee, additional nominations may be made from the floor. No name shall be placed in nomination without written consent of the nominee.

**Section 2. Election of Officers.** Officers shall be elected by ballot at convention.

President Reed called for nominations from the floor. The following were nominated.

- **Secretary** Ann Homer
- **Director-at-Large** Brahama D. Sharma

There being no further nominations, the president declared nominations closed for all offices. All candidates were given two minutes to address the assembly.

**2003-2005 NAP Nominating Committee.**

President Reed recognized the secretary who read pertinent provisions from the NAP Bylaws concerning nomination and election of the Nominating Committee.
The chair announced that persons from the states of New Jersey, Maryland, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Idaho, and California are ineligible to serve on the 2003-2005 nominating committee.

The following were nominated from the floor:

**District One**  
Carol Henselder - New York  
Linda Juteau - New York  
Eileen Hileman - Pennsylvania

**District Two**  
Evelyn Kane - Virginia

**District Three**  
Emma Faulk - Alabama

**District Four**  
Patricia Jones - Ohio

**District Five**  
Viola Brannen - Nebraska

**District Six**  
Leah Raye Mabry - Texas

**District Seven**  
Barrie Lynch - British Columbia

**District Eight**  
Frank Fitzgerald - Arizona

**No Notice Amendment**  
Paul Lamb, Arizona, moved adoption of an amendment to NAP Bylaws, Article IV, Divisions, Section 8. Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units, paragraph B. Criteria, subparagraph 1, by inserting between the word who and meets, the words, “is registered as in attendance, has paid the appropriate registration fee, and”. Adopted.

President Reed announced that the election would be held in the Llano Room tomorrow morning from 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

**Credentials Committee Report**

**Second Credentials Committee Report**  
Ella Carlson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 4:19 p.m. on September 21, 2003, and moved adoption of the report: Board of Directors - 17; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Editor - 1; Past Presidents of NAP - 4; Association Delegates - 138; Unchartered State/Provinces Delegates - 4; Unit Delegates - 114; Club Delegates - 1; Youth Group Delegates - 2; **Number of Delegates entitled to vote - 282**; Number of non-voting Members and Guests - 58; Total number in attendance - 340. Adopted.

**Adjournment**  
President Reed declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to meet again at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.
Call to Order
The Second Business Meeting of the 34th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22, 2003 by President Donna Reed. Secretary Viola Brannen was present.

Acknowledgements
President Reed asked those members who were at a convention for the first time to rise. She welcomed them and invited them to come again. All first timers may be recognized by a Texas flag on their badge. She asked the members to make them feel welcome.

President Reed recognized the presence of the past leadership, especially the past presidents of NAP who attended the banquet on Sunday evening; Lorraine Buckley, Loretta Simonson, Rollie Cox, Kathryn Scheld, and Leonard Young.

Memorial Service
President Reed called on Ann Rempel to conduct the memorial service.
Ann Rempel quoted:
The poet Stephen Spender wrote,
I think continually of those who were truly great.
Who, from the womb, remembered the soul’s history
Through corridors of light where the hours are suns,
Endless and singing. Whose lovely ambition
Was that their lips, still touched with fire,
Should tell of the spirit clothed from head to foot in song.
And who hoarded from the spring branches
The desires falling across their bodies like blossoms.

What is precious is never to forget
The delight of the blood drawn from ageless springs
Breaking through rocks in worlds before our earth;
Never to deny its pleasure in the simple morning light,
Nor its grave evening demand for love,
Never to allow gradually the traffic to smother
With noise and fog the flowering of the spirit.

Near the snow, near the sun, in the highest fields
See how these names are feted by the waving grass,
And by the streamers of white cloud,
And whispers of wind in the listening sky;
The names of those who in their lives fought for life,
Who wore at their hearts the fire’s center.
Born of the sun they traveled a short while towards the sun,
And left the vivid air signed with their honor.

Ann Rempel continued: we pause to pay tribute to the NAP members who have passed from this life during the past two years. Their names are listed on page 26 of the program.

We pause to honor and respect them all.
They were our friends and colleagues. We were close to some — and some we hardly knew. They were men and women of honor who loved liberty, who held our system of governance and democracy in high esteem, who believed in order, majority rule, and protecting the rights of the minority. They enriched our lives; they gave strength to this Association.

They knew that dissent is conducted with dignity and grace. They knew the peace that comes from fairness and order in decision-making.

They were intelligent, impartial, and dedicated. They lived in small towns, villages, and large cities. They were members of units and they were members-at-large. They were leaders and they were followers. They were new to NAP and they were long-time members. They were effervescent; they were shy.

They were friends who defined our lives in profound ways. They made us who we are — and who we will become.

Death has taken away these colleagues, but we will long remember them. Our consolation is in carrying forward the mission of this Association. These departed friends have adjourned the session called life, but the journey continues. We shall not forget these friends and colleagues.

"The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

President Reed announced that any names omitted from the memorial list in the program will be printed in the Convention Voice of the Turtle as their names are turned in.

Credentials Committee Report

Third Credentials Committee Report

Ella Carlson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 8.38 a.m. on September 22, 2003, and moved adoption of the report: Board of Directors – 17; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Editor – 1; Past Presidents of NAP - 5; Association Delegates - 141; Unchartered State/Provinces Delegates - 4; Unit Delegates - 120; Club Delegates - 1; Youth Group Delegates – 2; Number of Delegates entitled to vote - 292; Number of non-voting Members and Guests - 67; Total number in attendance - 359. Adopted.

Reports of Officers

The reports of the officers are printed in the Biennial Report Book. Charlotte Buchanan, Director-at-Large, updated her report to advise there are 887 new NAP members this biennium.

Report of the Board of Directors

Secretary Viola Brannen advised the report is in the Biennial Report Book and presented an update from the pre-convention board meeting on September 19-20.

➢ Appointed Viola Brannen Coordinator for the 2007 NAP Convention in Omaha.
➢ Approved report of the Historian.
➢ Adopted revision of the Board Standing Rules.
➢ Received a presentation from the Budget-Finance Committee on the budget for the two-year period ending November 30, 2005 in accordance with Bylaws Article XI, Section 1B, 2 and 3, for presentation to the pre-convention board meeting and subsequent recommendation to the post convention board meeting.

Report of the Executive Committee

Secretary Viola Brannen presented a progress report on the strategic planning for NAP in accordance with Article XI, Executive Committee, Section B.6:
Prior to the March 2003 board of directors meeting, the executive committee spent one entire day reviewing the NAP Vision Statement: Through competence and professionalism, NAP will be recognized as the leader in teaching and promoting the values of democratic decision making and civic involvement, and development of the NAP Mission Statement: Through competent parliamentarians, NAP provides the means to achieve informed decision making and productive, effective meetings.

Four strategy statements were developed to support these statements:
1. Develop and implement a system to require each committee to set goals and a plan of work, and report progress at each board meeting.
2. Develop and implement a plan to establish NAP as a premier parliamentary education and training provider.
3. Develop and implement a strategy to increase the perceived value of the RP and PRP designations within NAP, and the benefit of using professional parliamentarians by the public.
4. Develop and implement a design plan to create public awareness of the value of using correct parliamentary procedure, and a marketing plan to assure recognition of NAP as a leading parliamentary organization.

Tactical statements were also developed in support of each strategy statement outlining start and completion dates along with the responsible person or committee.

**Reports of Standing Committees**
President Reed announced that these reports are included in the Biennial Report Book and only those chairmen who have an addendum will report.

**Report of the Bylaws Committee**

Ann Homer, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, moved on behalf of the Bylaws Committee that the Bylaws Committee Chairman be authorized to correct article and section designations, 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 bylaws amendments considered at the NAP 34th Biennial Convention. **Adopted.**

Without objection, President Reed announced that, since everyone had copies of the proposed amendments in the registration package and they would also be projected on the screen, the Chair would not repeat the amendment in stating and putting the question.

Chairman Homer moved to adopt the following amendments on behalf of the Bylaws Committee:

- Amend Article III. Members. Section 1. Classification. C. Professional Registered by inserting between “Committee” and “and” the words or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Directors. **Motion lost.**

- Amend Article III. Members. Section 1. Classification. C. Professional Registered by adding a number new 3 as follows:
“3. Past Presidents of NAP who desire to retain professional registered membership shall be exempt from taking the Professional Development Course but shall be required during each six (6) year period to attain fifty (50) or more points within the Professional Development Point System.” Motion Lost.

President responded “no” to David Mezzera’s Parliamentary Inquiry whether the language proposed could be a technical change within the purview of the Bylaws Committee.

☐ Amend Article III. Members. Section 3. Dues. C. Student Dues Reduction by inserting between the word “institution” and the word “qualifies” the words including a full-time homeshooled student qualified under the applicable state regulations”. Adopted as amended.

No Notice Amendment
G. Margaret Lozar-McDonald, Illinois, moved adoption of an amendment to NAP Bylaws, Article IV, Divisions, Section 8. Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units, A. Definitions, by adding “6. A student is an individual who is enrolled as a full-time student as defined by the student’s educational institution including a full-time home-schooled student qualified under the applicable state regulations”. Motion lost.

☐ Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 2. Districts. B. District Directors by adding to number 1 as follows:

“who have their principal residence in the District at the time of election and who are entitled to vote at that District Conference in accordance with Article IV, Section 8. B. 1.” Adopted as amended.

☐ Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 2. Districts. B. District Directors number 2 by inserting between the word “completed” and the word “before” the words “in the convention year”. Motion lost.

☐ Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 3. Associations. F. Charter Revocation by adding to number 3 as follows: “and to provide a copy of the current bylaws to NAP headquarters.” Adopted.

☐ Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 5. Units, D. Charter Revocation by adding to number 3 as follows: “and to provide a copy of the current bylaws to NAP Headquarters.” Adopted.

The convention was recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Report of the Elections Committee
Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers’ Report:

President

Number of votes cast 284
Necessary to elect 143
Nola Pursifull received 280
Carrie Mae Blount received 1

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President Reed repeated the report and declared Nola Pursiful elected president for the 2003-2005 term.

Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers' Report:

**Vice-president**

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President Reed repeated the report and declared Jeanette Williams elected vice-president for the 2003-2005 term.

Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers' Report:

**Secretary**

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<td>Giselle Miller received</td>
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President Reed repeated the report and declared Giselle Miller elected secretary for the 2003-2005 term.

Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers' Report:

**Treasurer**

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President Reed repeated the report and declared Ron Stinson elected Treasurer for the 2003-2005 term.

Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers' Report:

**Director-at-Large**

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Brahama D. Sharma received 36
John Noonan received 1
Ann Rempel received 1
Eli Mina received 1
Giselle Miller received 1

President Reed repeated the report and declared Connie Deford and Joy Myers elected Directors-at-Large for the 2003-2005 term.

Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers’ Report:

Nominating Committee

District One – Number of votes cast 236
Necessary to elect 119
Carol Henselder received 52
Linda Juteau received 95
Eileen Hileman 89

President Reed repeated the report and declared that a majority was not received by any candidate and there is no election.

District Two – Number of votes cast 217
Necessary to elect 109
Evelyn Kane received 216
Betty Tunstall received 1

President Reed repeated the report and declared Evelyn Kane elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District Two for the 2003-2005 term.

District Three – Number of votes cast 222
Necessary to elect 112
Emma Faulk received 222

President Reed repeated the report and declared Emma Faulk elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District Three for the 2003-2005 term.

District Four – Number of votes cast 234
Necessary to elect 118
Patricia Jones received 232
Joy Myers received 1
Patricia Koch received 1

President Reed repeated the report and declared Patricia Jones elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District Four for the 2003-2005 term.

District Five – Number of votes cast 226
Necessary to elect 114
Viola Brannen received 226

President Reed repeated the report and declared Viola Brannen elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District Five for the 2003-2005 term.

District Six – Number of votes cast 229
Necessary to elect 115
Leah Raye Mabry received 227
Gail VanVessen received 1
Ella Carlson received 1

President Reed repeated the report and declared Leah Raye Mabry elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District Six for the 2003-2005 term.

District Seven – Number of votes cast 211
Necessary to elect 106
Barrie Lynch received 209
Mary Randolph received 1
Bob Dolan received 1

President Reed repeated the report and declared Barrie Lynch elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District Seven for the 2003-2005 term.

District Eight – Number of votes cast 209
Necessary to elect 105
Frank Fitzgerald received 209

President Reed repeated the report and declared Frank Fitzgerald elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District Eight for the 2003-2005 term.

President Reed declared Patricia Jones, District 4, Ohio, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the 2003-2005 term.

Second Ballot for Director-at-Large and District One Nominating Committee Member
Carol Henselder, nominee for the Nominating Committee representing District One, withdrew her name.
The Elections Committee distributed ballots for the election of director-at-large and District One Nominating Committee member. After all ballots had been collected the chair declared the polls closed and directed the tellers to count the ballots.

Report of the Bylaws Committee (continued)
Chairman Homer moved to adopt the following amendments on behalf of the Bylaws Committee:

- Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 8. Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units. A. Definitions. by adding to number 5 subletters a) and b) as follows:

  “a) No individual shall have provisional status for longer than two (2) years.
  b) No individual who has been an NAP member within the two (2) previous years may have provisional status.

  Proviso: Individuals who are currently provisionals shall have one year from the date of adoption of this bylaw amendment or two years from the date he/she became a provisional, whichever is later, to attain NAP membership.”
Chairman Homer moved on behalf of the Bylaws Committee to divide the question so as to consider a) and the proviso as one question and b) as a separate question. If the question is divided, she would then move to withdraw letter a) and the proviso. **Adopted.**

Without objection, the motion to withdraw letter a) and the proviso was **adopted.**

A motion to postpone indefinitely letter b) was **adopted by a counted vote of 124 in the affirmative and 122 in the negative.**

**Report of the Elections Committee**
Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers’ Report:

**Director-at-Large**

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President Reed repeated the report and declared a majority of votes was not received by any candidate; there is no election.

**Nominating Committee**

| District One – Number of votes cast | 271 |
| Necessary to elect                  | 136 |
| Linda Juteau received               | 149 |
| Eileen Hileman received             | 121 |
| Illegal                             | 1   |

President Reed repeated the report and declared Linda Juteau elected a member of the Nominating Committee representing District One for the 2003-2005 term.

**Delay Waiting for Ballots**

Medard Kaisershot moved to amend Standing Rule 5 a. to strike the entire Rule 5 and insert, “Any delegate entitled to speak shall go to any microphone and shall be given a color coded paper to let the microphone monitors identify whether the speaker is speaking in the affirmative or in the negative – green for affirmative and red for negative”. **Proviso: to take effect 9-23 for remainder of Convention. Motion lost.**

**Third Ballot for Director-at-Large**

Dorothy Demarest-Ruckdeschel and Brahma D. Sharma withdrew their names as nominees for Director-at-Large.

The Elections Committee distributed ballots for the election of director-at-large. After the ballots had been collected the chair declared the polls closed and directed the tellers to count the ballots.
Adjournment
Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Call to Order
The Third Business Meeting of the 34th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 by President Donna Reed. Secretary Viola Brannen was present.

Credentials Committee Report
Fourth Credentials Committee Report
Ella Carlson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 8:27 a.m. on September 23, 2003, and moved adoption of the report: Board of Directors – 17; Chairman of Nominating Committee – 1; Editor – 1; Past Presidents of NAP – 5; Association Delegates – 142; Unchartered State/Provinces Delegates – 4; Unit Delegates – 122; Club Delegates – 1; Youth Group Delegates – 2; Number of Delegates entitled to vote – 295. Number of non-voting Members and Guests – 91; Total number in attendance – 386. Adopted.

Report of Elections Committee
Norma Anderson, Chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the Tellers’ Report:

Director-at-Large
Number of votes cast 266
Necessary to elect 134
Charlotte Buchanan received 157
Ann Homer received 106
Connie Deford received 1
Dorothy Demarest-Ruckdeschel received 2

President Reed repeated the report and declared Charlotte Buchanan elected director-at-large for the 2003-2005 term.

Report of Bylaws Committees (continued)
Chairman Homer moved to adopt the following amendments on behalf of the Bylaws Committee:

☐ Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 8. Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units. A. Definitions by adding a new number 6 as follows:

“6. Honorary members of associations or units are individuals who have met the criteria established by an association or unit for exceptional service or who have added distinction to the parliamentary profession. They shall not pay dues to the division granting the honorary membership and shall have none of the other obligations, rights, or privileges of membership. Honorary members are not counted for the purpose of
determining the number of delegates to which an association or unit is entitled at NAP conventions.”

“Proviso: Individuals who became honorary members of an association or unit prior to September 2003 shall retain their status with such rights, privileges, and obligations as granted by the division.”

Adopted as amended by a counted vote of 148 in the affirmative and 96 in the negative.

Without objection, Amendment #12 was considered next because this amendment defines a membership category outlined in Amendments #10 and #11.

- Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 8. Membership in Districts, Associations, or Units. A. Definitions. by adding a new number 7 as follows:

  “7. Life members are individuals who have met the criteria established by an association or unit for paying a fixed amount for dues for their lifetime. They shall not pay additional dues to the division granting life membership.” Adopted.

- Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 3. Associations. E. Bylaws of an Association number 2 by inserting between the word “units” and the word “as” the words “honorary members, and life members”. Adopted.

- Amend Article IV. Divisions. Section 5. Units. C. Bylaws of a Unit. number 2 by inserting between the word “include” and the word “provisionals” the words “honorary members, life members, and” Adopted.

- Amend Article X. Education and Training Conferences. Section 1. Conference of Presidents. A. by adding: “If additional individuals from an association wish to attend, they may apply to attend the Conference of Presidents. If space is available, requests will be honored. Additional officers beyond the original two per association may be assessed a fee by the Board of Directors.” Motion lost by a counted vote of 147 in the affirmative and 107 in the negative.

The convention was recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

Chairman Homer continued with the Bylaw amendments.

- Amend Article XI. Committees. Section 1. Standing Committees. C. Bylaws Committee by substitution as follows:

  “C. Bylaws Committee: In regard to NAP Bylaws and Standing Rules, the committee shall:
  1. review all submitted amendments and edit for composition;
  2. consolidate similar amendments for joint proposal subject to acceptance by the proposers;
  3. have the right to originate amendments;
  4. submit proposed amendments to the bylaws to the members together with the committee’s recommendation for action;
5. ensure with the assistance of legal counsel that the bylaws are in compliance with applicable federal and state statutes;
6. in the event a revision is authorized, prepare and submit the proposed revision; and in addition
7. review and approve bylaws for new associations, units, and youth groups.”

Adopted as amended.

Chairman Homer stated that concluded the amendments to the NAP Bylaws. On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, she moved these amendments to the NAP Standing Rules.

☐ “2. The name of a new unit shall not be similar to that of another unit chartered within the same unchartered state, unchartered province, or association.” Adopted.

☐ Amend current NAP Standing Rule 2 by substitution as follows:

“2. Annual dues shall be:
Regular Members $60.00
Registered Members $80.00
Professional Registered Members $100.00
Retired Registered Members $60.00
Retired Professional Registered Members $60.00
Youth Group $25.00
Clubs affiliated before 1953 $75.00

Adopted.

Announcements
The deadline for resolutions is at the end of this meeting.
Paul McClintock will replace John Rempel at Microphone #2 and Ralph Tanner will replace Paul McClintock at Microphone #5 due to Dr. Rempel’s departure.
The District Two meeting will be in the Live Oak Room and the District Five meeting will be in Regency 2.
Henry M. Robert II will sign the leather RONR’s from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the reception area on Level 1.
Patricia Dolan, President of the Michigan Association, invited all attendees to the reception honoring Nola Pursiful, to be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Joy Myers reminded District Four members there would be no district meeting tonight. See posters in the hall regarding location of workshops in the morning.
Hansel Hall thanked the chair for her integrity and honor.
Leona White reported that the Henry M. Robert stamp issue is alive.
President Reed brought greetings from Carrie-Mae and Bob Blount.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.
Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Call to Order
The Fourth Business Meeting of the 34th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 by President Donna Reed. Secretary Viola Brannen was present.

Acknowledgements
President Reed recognized each of these groups of people separately, asking them to stand: first timers to a biennial convention; new members of NAP; new Registered Professional members, and new Professional Registered Parliamentarians.

President Reed recognized Mable Church from New Mexico who is attending at age 96 and has been a member since 1965.

Credentials Committee Report
Fifth Credentials Committee Report
Ella Carlson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported as of 1:19 p.m. on September 24, 2003, and moved adoption of the report: Board of Directors – 18; Chairman of Nominating Committee - 1; Editor – 1; Past Presidents of NAP - 5; Association Delegates - 142; Unchartered State/Provinces Delegates - 4; Unit Delegates - 125; Club Delegates - 1; Youth Group Delegates – 2; Number of Delegates entitled to vote - 299. Number of non-voting Members and Guests - 97; Total number in attendance - 396. Adopted.

Report of the Bylaws Committee (continued)
Chairman Homer moved to adopt the following amendments on behalf of the Bylaws Committee:

- Amend the NAP Standing Rules by adding a new standing rule after current Standing Rule number 2 as follows:

  “3. NAP Headquarters shall forward to each association treasurer a list of members who have paid NAP and association dues with a check or electronic receipt for the appropriate amount of dues and a copy of the membership list shall also be sent to the association president.” Adopted as amended with the Proviso: The amendment will take effect January 1, 2004.

- Amend current NAP Standing Rule 13 by inserting between the word “Parliamentarian” and the word “shall” the words “shall be published at least quarterly and”

  Adopted.

- Amend the NAP Standing Rules by adding a new standing rule following current Standing Rule 13 as follows:

  “14. There shall be a biennial Membership Manual which shall contain: 2003 NAP Convention Minutes
a) Articles of Incorporation  
b) Bylaws  
c) NAP Standing Rules  
d) Membership Roster  
e) Code of Ethics for Parliamentarians  
f) Additional items approved by the Board of Directors.  

The *Membership Manual* shall be distributed to all NAP members by April 15 of the year following the NAP convention."

Adopted as amended.

Bylaws Committee Chairman thanked the members of the Committee – Michael Malamut, Mary Randolph, Ann Rempel, and of the Legal Subcommittee – Burke Balch and Jim Slaughter for their work this biennium.

**Reports of District Directors**  
The reports of the District Directors are included in the Biennial Report Book.  
District Four Director Joy Myers added to her report that the Province of Ontario has been chartered and is the Ontario Association of Parliamentarians.

**Report of the Executive Director**  
The report of the executive Director is included in the Biennial Report Book.

President Reed asked Sarah Nieft to come forward and introduce her staff – Debbie Montavy and Stefanie Fletcher. They were given a standing ovation.

**Report of the NAP Educational Foundation**  
Foundation President Connie Deford reported that $4,103 had been collected from the silent auction, and the live auctions at the brunch and convention. She also reported that $411 had been collected at the Conference of Presidents in the name of the instructors, and $50 from CoP instructors in recognition of presenters. The 2003-04 officers are Alice Ragona, President; Craig Henry, Vice President; Dottie McPartlin, Secretary, and Doris Gerace, Treasurer.

The Board of Trustees approved four full-time student member scholarships; two to attend the NAP Biennial Convention (odd years) and two to attend the National Training Conference (even years).

The Board approved the purchase of pins with genuine stones for appropriate levels of giving: $3,000 – sapphire; $5,000 – ruby; and $10,000 – diamond.

**Auction**  
John Noonan auctioned a basket which was purchased for $250. for the Educational Foundation.

**Report of the Resolutions Committee**  
Resolutions Committee Chairman Dennis Clark presented Resolution #1 from Jim Stewart:

"Whereas, Many businesses and associations utilize electronic communication technology;  
Whereas, The practice of conducting meetings and voting in a "virtual" setting is now commonplace;"
Whereas, The 10th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised does not adequately address the issues of procedures for electronic meetings and voting via email or facsimile;
Whereas, Modern parliamentary practice must keep pace with new technologies or risk being labeled as irrelevant and antiquated;
Whereas, The National Association of Parliamentarians is the leading organization for the professional practice of parliamentary procedure;
Whereas, NAP requires a pro-active role in the development of modern parliamentary procedure;
Whereas, The members of NAP expect a sample set of basic rules of procedure for electronic meetings and voting; and
Whereas, NAP should serve the needs of its members and their clients; therefore be it
Resolved, That the NAP President shall appoint a special committee on electronic meeting procedures consisting of not less than five registered or professional registered parliamentarians; and be if further
Resolved, That this committee shall create a sample set of basic rules of procedure for electronic meetings, suitable for adoption by organizations and that this committee shall report to the next NAP biennial convention.”

Jim Stewart moved to refer the content of the resolution to the Education Committee to report to the board or convention no later than the next convention. Adopted as amended.

Resolutions Committee Chairman Dennis Clark presented Resolution #2 from Steve Glanstein: “Whereas, The National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) has become an international organization with members in Brazil, Canada, Japan and Korea; and
Whereas, NAP has had difficulty working within the structure of the Missouri Corporate Code; therefore be it
Resolved, That the NAP Board of Directors be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain the international distinction of incorporation by the United States Congress during the next biennium.”
Without objection, the resolution was withdrawn.

Resolutions Committee Chairman Dennis Clark presented the Courtesy Resolution on behalf of the committee. Adopted.
The Courtesy Resolution is included with these minutes as Attachment 2.

**Invitation to NTC in 2004**
President Reed recognized Charlotte Buchanan who made a presentation to the assembly on behalf of the Tennessee State Association of Parliamentarians and invited everyone to attend the NTC on September 3-5, 2004 in Nashville at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

**Invitation to 2005 Convention**
President Reed recognized Milly Lewendon, Convention Coordinator, who made a presentation on behalf of the Washington State Association of Parliamentarians and invited everyone to attend the 35th Biennial Convention on September 9-12, 2005 in Seattle at the Doubletree Hotel Airport.
Announcements
President Reed asked the members to thank Mary Short, Mary Messerschmidt, Joy Myers, and those who have worked with them for a smooth and enjoyable convention. It was the culmination of two years of dedicated planning and expert execution. There was a standing ovation.

The doors for the installation banquet will open at 6:45 p.m., and the banquet will begin promptly at 7:15 p.m. in the Rio Grande Ballroom.

President Reed reminded members of the incoming Board of Directors that the post-convention board meeting would begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, and will conclude by 11:30 a.m. All members of NAP are welcome to attend as observers.

Immediately following the banquet and adjournment of the 34th Biennial Convention since die, the President’s reception honoring new officers of NAP for the 2003-2005 term will be in Regency 2 Ballroom

Recess
Without objection, President Reed recessed the meeting at 4:47 p.m. to meet again at 7:15 p.m. for the installation banquet.

Call to Order
President Reed called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. for the installation of officers. She welcomed everyone and introduced those at the head table: Darrell Pursiful, Nola Pursiful, William E. Reed, and Sarah Nieft.

Inspiration
The inspiration was presented by Dr. Darrell J. Pursiful, son of president-elect Nola.

Installation of Officers
Kathryn C. Scheld, NAP Past President, installed the officers, directors-at-large, and the district directors. This was followed by Nola Pursiful's acceptance speech in which she outlined her theme and goals for the 2003-2005 biennium. The theme: Professionalism-the key to parliamentary success; Key=Knowledge, Enthusiasm, Yee Haw!. The six goals are (1) Encourage Professionalism, (2) Enhance Parliamentary Preparedness, (3) Explore Methods for Increasing and Retaining Membership, (4) Promote Public Awareness, (5) Maintain Financial Stability, (6) Recruit Young Members for Leadership Positions.

The president’s pin and gavel were presented to Nola, and the past president’s pin was presented to Donna Reed.
Adjournment Sine Die
President Reed adjourned the biennial convention sine die at 9:30 p.m. and invited everyone to attend the officer’s reception honoring the new officers.

Viola Brennan
Secretary

Minutes Approval Committee:
Ruth Ryan 2/10/04
Ruth Ryan, Chairman  Date

Chris Dickey 2-25-04  Date

Barbara Hasbrouck 3/1/04  Date

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Changes to the 2003 Convention Program

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Dr. Delores M. Myer

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Charles Schulz moved to Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. in the Pecan Room
Martha Grise workshop cancelled
Michael Peck moved to Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. in Regency #1
Carl Silverman moved to Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. in Regency #2
Whereas, Members assembled for the 34th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) September 21-24, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas;

Whereas, Members were treated to a hearty pre-convention Texas style barbecue hosted by Leah Raye Mabry and Ron Stinson;

Whereas, Members were honored to hear a fascinating account by Henry M. Robert III, of the legacy of the Robert family, the development of the body of parliamentary work of the Robert clan, and were excited to hear that Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, In Brief as well as the CD version of RONR will soon be available;

Whereas, Members were mesmerized by the lovely voice of Linda Petty and the phenomenal keyboard skill of Larry Petty at the opening session;

Whereas, Members enjoyed the reflections of the past presidents at the dinner given in their honor and were delighted by the inspiration offered by Patricia Jones as well as the special music again provided by Linda and Larry Petty;

Whereas, Members thoughtfully and diligently considered various amendments to the NAP Bylaws and elected new officers for the association;

Whereas, Members significantly improved their parliamentary knowledge and skill by their attendance at four of the twenty-eight excellent workshops innovatively arranged by workshop coordinator Joy Myers;

Whereas, Members received meaningful service and informative reports from NAP Officers, Standing and Special Committees;

Whereas, Members were proud to have had the rare privilege of having dinner on the grounds of the hallowed Alamo arranged by Ron Stinson, and were honored with a tour of the old mission and fort led by the Alamo’s Curator Dr. Richard Bruce Winder and his staff and heard an interesting discourse about the battle by Mr. Tom Jackson of the Sons of the Republic of Texas;

Whereas, Members enjoyed the service and accommodations provided by the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk of San Antonio;
Whereas, Members were pleased to welcome the student interns who served the convention as pages and in various other capacities;

Whereas, Members appreciated the hospitality shown by the members of the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians;

Whereas, Members appreciated the hard work and dedication of Convention Coordinator, Mary Short, her assistant Mary Messerschmidt, and the volunteers who served on the various Convention Committees to create an outstanding professional learning and networking event;

Whereas, Members recognized President Donna Reed for her leadership, graciousness, and skill; and

Whereas, Members would leave the convention with renewed enthusiasm with the installation of incoming NAP President Nola Pursifull and the other newly elected officers by the installing officer Kathryn Scheld and the president's pin having been passed by President Donna Reed; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this resolution be incorporated in the convention minutes and that copies be given to NAP President Donna L. Reed; newly elected president Nola Pursifull; Convention Coordinator Mary Short; Assistant Coordinator Mary Messerschmidt; Dr. Bruce Winder, Curator of the Alamo; Mr. Tom Jackson of the Sons of the Republic of Texas; Curt Voris, Convention Services Manager of the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of NAP give a standing ovation to everyone who contributed so diligently to making this an outstanding 34th Biennial Convention.

Dennis G. Clark, Chairman
NAP Convention Resolutions Committee