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NAP District Four

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Greetings from your Director:



Joyce Brown-Watkins
District Four Director

*“The Parliamentarian is In”
April 10-12, 2015
Grand Marina Resort
New Buffalo, MI*

Greetings:

“The Parliamentarian is In” is our 2015 District Four Conference theme. Thanks goes out to the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians for agreeing to co-host the District Four Conference as they hold their Annual Meeting. NAP representative Jim Jones, RP, NAP Director-at-Large, and one of District Four’s own, will give us an update on what’s happening in NAP.

Conference time is quickly approaching and your district director hopes you are planning on attending. The Steering Committee has planned a weekend full of networking and educational growth and development for all. Thanks goes out to all of you that consented to serving on one of the conference committees. Each state in the district is truly being represented. So mark your calendar and make sure you are in attendance at the Grand Marina Resort in New Buffalo, MI April 10 – 12, 2015.

The Biennial Convention is being held September 4 – 7 in Washington, D.C. There is a lot to be gained by participating in the convention. Be prepared to elect a new Board of Directors for the 2015-2017 Biennium. As usual, bylaws will be tackled. Make sure you are knowledgeable of the amendments being proposed. Check the NAP website for bylaw amendments being proposed.

It is so important that we renew our membership with NAP. For those that have not renewed, let’s make every effort to be reinstated. You are so important to NAP!!!

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A hearty welcome goes out to new district members and congratulations to those of you that have taken that next step and become credentialed. It is very important for us to retain and increase membership in NAP. Your continued diligence is acknowledged.

Let's not forget to complete the PEER Awards form (found on pages 7-8 of this newsletter) as well. Let's make sure District Four makes a statement at convention.

See you in April!

Joyce

**Association News:
Wisconsin Association
of Parliamentarians**

The Wisconsin Association of Parliamentarians has planned an educational workshop they hope to present around the state. The first of these workshops will take place on Saturday, February 14 in Milwaukee and is open to the public. This workshop is appropriately titled "For the Love of Order." They will explore topics such as "Paper Products for all Meetings", "Materials and Ideas for Running Fair and Efficient Meetings", "How to prevent Motion sickness in a Meeting", and "The 13 Ranking Motions: Main Motions and More." Practice sessions are also on the day's agenda. The seminar/workshop is being co-sponsored by the Milwaukee County Unit.

A second workshop is planned for May 2 in Winter.



Ohio Association of Parliamentarians

The Ohio Association of Parliamentarians will hold the 2015 one-day seminar on March 13, 2015 at Cleveland State University.



Unit News:

WELCOME

Bob Leiman Unit of NAP

A new unit, the Bob Leiman Unit, was chartered in October 2014 in Ft. Wayne, IN with five (5) NAP members and five (5) provisionals. They meet on the third Monday of the month in the Main Library from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The unit co-hosts a live interactive TV show once a month: The Speakers and Leaders Hour. All of the show "regulars" are either parliamentarians or Toastmasters or both. The show consists of prepared speeches, workshops, and practice sessions on general topics. They also provide free workshops to the community as needed.

*Dave Wilkins
VP Education*

NAP Representative to District Four



**Jim Jones,
RP, CPP-T**

Jim Jones is a Director at Large on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Parliamentarians. Holding the credentials of Certified Professional Parliamentarian and Registered Parliamentarian with AIP and NAP respectively, he is a member at large of the Illinois Association of Parliamentarians and an associate member of the DC Association of Parliamentarians. A past president of the American Institute of Parliamentarians, Jim is also a past director of AIP's Accrediting Department which is responsible for setting accreditation standards for professional parliamentarians.



“The Parliamentarian is In”

NAP District Four and Michigan Association Combine Efforts To Welcome Parliamentarians To Harbor Country!

The beautiful Lake Michigan coastal community of New Buffalo, Michigan will be the location of the 2015 District Four Conference and Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians Annual Meeting, themed “The Parliamentarian is In” April 10 - 12.

New Buffalo, in the heart of Michigan’s “Harbor Country, ” is a unique location known for its restaurants, shops, casino and coast and is easily accessible by plane, train, automobile or boat! The site for the combined conference and meetings is the Marina Grand Resort, which offers a full service restaurant and bar on site and is within walking distance from downtown New Buffalo. The resort offers rooms with two queen beds, balcony and fireplace for \$149 per night and a limited number of loft suites available that sleep up to 6 people (1 king bed, two twins, fold out couch) for \$189. If conference registration exceeds expectation there are rooms set aside at a sister location next door (book your room today!).

With Lucy Van Pelt as inspiration, the conference committee has sharpened their pencils and managed to keep the cost of registration for the weekend to \$140. The registration includes program materials, meeting rooms, breaks, Saturday breakfast, lunch and Banquet and Sunday brunch. There are separate rates offered for guests and students. See the registration form on page 5 for complete details.

MSAP President Edna Arrington will be presiding over the MSAP Annual meeting on Friday night. MSAP will hold elections for officers and directors, and hear annual reports. Everyone is invited to attend, but for those District Four members who would prefer to mingle - a hospitality area will be set up for you to visit with old friends and meet new ones too.

Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP will lead the District IV meeting on Saturday afternoon. Together with NAP representative Jim Jones, RP, they will enlighten us on District and National NAP issues. A district director for the next biennium will also be elected.

Details for the educational sessions are still being finalized but promise to provide something for everyone. Our parliamentarian colleagues known for delivering high quality education have been asked to present on topics related to leadership, managing problem behaviors, keeping track of secondary motions and more. There will be five 75 minute workshops in total so participants will earn 6 education credits for attending the whole conference.

The NAP Membership Exam will be offered at the conference, so please encourage provisional members to join you in New Buffalo. They will be able to take the membership exam as well as meet other members and learn about the NAP network first hand from our national and district representatives. Unit members wishing to take the exam should email piochj@msu.edu by March 10 to ensure proper time for exam and membership processing.

There will be plenty of hospitality and networking opportunities for conference attendees and we are sure new friendships will be made. Educational materials will be available for sale.

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“The Parliamentarian is In” *(continued)*

A tentative combined conference program and registration form can be found (on page 5) in this newsletter and is also available on the MSAP website. In addition, more details on educational sessions will be added to the website as they are confirmed. Please visit the website at www.michiganparliamentarian.org.

Send in your registration and call the resort to make your reservation – today!

How to get to New Buffalo:

By Car: From the North and East - I-94 - Take Exit 4B to US 12 Follow signs to New Buffalo; From the south - I- 94 Exit 1 to M239.

By Train: Amtrak (Station located at 225 North Whittaker St.) Walking distance to hotel if you have a roller wheeled suitcase. We can arrange a shuttle if you need one. Contact Betty Weston or Julie Pioch for details.

By Air: South Bend Airport, 4477 Progress Drive, South Bend, IN 46628 - 40 minutes away from New Buffalo.

By Boat: Galien River Channel Entrance: Lat. 41° 48' 07" N · Long. 86° 45' 13" W Monitor Ch. 16 VHF

*By Julie Pioch, PRP & Betty Weston
District Four/MSAP Annual Mtg. Co-Chairmen*



You are guaranteed to fail if you quit.
But if you find the tenacity to keep going,
eventually you will succeed.

- *Wally Amos*

One-Hundredth Anniversary!

2015 marks the one hundredth anniversary of *Robert's Rules of Order Revised*, the first major change to the “Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies,” better known as *Robert's Rules of Order*. The contents were reworded and enlarged by 75% by General Robert for the fourth edition of his manual. It's interesting to note that the first two editions were published during the same year (1876) with the initial publication in February and the second edition in July. The third edition was published in 1893 (seventeen years later).

A fifth edition of *ROR* was not published until 1943—a span of twenty-eight years between editions. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the first publication, the sixth edition was published (1951).

Nineteen years later (1970), the book was expanded more than twofold and made more user friendly. The name was changed to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. As with many other aspects of our lives, changes have been more rapid and the newer editions have been published approximately every ten years.

While changes have been made to accommodate the changing lives of those holding meetings, the basic premise on which the “Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies” was written has not changed - “Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of real liberty.”

Thank you to the current authors of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* for keeping the book true to its origins yet relevant in today's world.



If everyone is thinking alike,
someone isn't thinking.

- *General George Patton*

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS® DISTRICT FOUR CONFERENCE & MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS ANNUAL MEETING

April 10 – 12, 2015
 “The Parliamentarian Is In”

Marina Grand Resort
 600 West Water Street New Buffalo, Michigan 49117
 877.945.8600
www.marinagrandresort.com

Conference code for reservations NAP/MSAP



Exceptional educational workshops are planned! Check out the MSAP website for details.

TENTATIVE COMBINED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 10, 2015

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians Meeting
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Conference Registration Open
 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. MSAP Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. District Four Networking & Hospitality

Saturday, April 11, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Registration, Sales
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Membership Exam (*pre-registered)
 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Workshop 1
 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Workshop 2
 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. LUNCH
 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. District Four Business Session & NAP Report
 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Workshop 3
 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. MSAP/District Four Meeting (if needed)
 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception
 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Banquet - Awards & Installation of Officers

Sunday, April 12, 2015

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Worship & Memorial Service
 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Workshop 4
 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Workshop 5
 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. MSAP/District Four Meeting (if needed)

*The membership exam will be available on Saturday morning. Please email Julie Pioch at piochj@msu.edu by **March 10** if interested in taking the exam.

More details available at www.michiganparliamentarian.org

1. Complete registration form
2. Make check payable to MSAP Annual Meeting
3. Mail to: Betty Weston 1170 Panama St. Portage, MI 49002

Type of Registration	Amt.	#	Amount Due
Regular Registration (received by 4/1/15)	\$140		\$
Saturday Evening Banquet Only	\$ 50		\$
Students & Guests	\$115		\$
Late and on site registration (After 4/1/15)	\$175		\$
Total Amount Enclosed			\$

Name _____ State _____ Unit _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____ email _____

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

Coming Events

NAP

Biennial Convention
Arlington, VA
September 4-7, 2015

NAP Training
Conference
Colorado Springs, CO
2016

DISTRICT

District Conference
April 10-12, 2015
Grand Marina Resort
New Buffalo, MI

**Illinois
Annual Meeting**
2015 - TBA

**Indiana
Annual Meeting**
2015 - TBA

**Michigan
Annual Meeting**
New Buffalo, MI
April 10, 2015

**Ohio
Annual Meeting**
2015 - TBA

**Wisconsin
Annual Meeting**
Winter, WI
May 1, 2015

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Youth News:

The Mystery of Michigan’s Bay-Arenac Counties

Is it something in the water? Is it students who love learning Parliamentary Procedure? Are the coaches exceptional? Might it be all three? Whatever the case, students in both Business Professionals of America (BPA) and Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) have won their regional competitions and are looking forward to the state competitions in March and April.

Adviser Tammy Leavitt and parli-pro coach Steve Britton have worked with BPA students to re-build the team with only one person returning from last year, and eagerly await a rematch with Stevenson High School (last year’s national champion) at the state level BPA competition in late March.

Meanwhile, David Zettle, former member of a HOSA team, and Connie Deford have been working with students from the Bay-Arenac area to prepare the parli-pro team for competition. Having won the regional competition, they are working hard to prepare for the HOSA state competition in April.

Good luck to all parli-pro teams competing this spring and summer in any of the student organizations!



From the editor...

Have any of you ever been editor of a newsletter and wondered where you’d get the news to print? As Kermit the Frog might say, “It’s not easy being editor.” This editor truly appreciates the information provided to her for the Great Lakes Grapevine, but wishes she’d hear from more of you. You don’t need to be the president of a unit or the president of an association to submit information. If there is something you’re doing or know of someone doing that you think is worthy of letting others know about, send it to the newsletter editor and help make the newsletter more complete. It’s not known at this time whether there will be one last edition during this biennium, but if we have sufficient news, your editor will do her best to get another issue published.

This editor has truly enjoyed working with District Director Joyce Brown-Watkins. Despite many competing demands for her attention, she has fulfilled her duties as district director in a timely manner and truly cares about NAP and its members. She has planned a great conference, and it’s hoped you’ll all take advantage of the opportunity to network with fellow parliamentarians in April at the Grand Marina Resort.

Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other.

- Randy Pausch

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS® PEER Award
Parliamentarian Education and Enhancement Recognition Award” aka PEER Award
September 10, 2013 to July 1, 2015

The following eleven (11) items are designed to encourage our members to be actively involved in the education and enhancement of a parliamentarian. Please attempt to accomplish as many of these activities as possible during the next several months. Once the activities are completed, record those on the form below and by July 1, 2014 submit the form to the NAP Membership Extension-Retention Chairman Sandy Olson at solson15@msn.com to be included in individual recognition at NTC. Those who have completed at least 3 items by July 1, 2014 will be recognized at NTC. Those who have completed 6 items by July 1, 2015 will receive recognition at the NAP Convention. Members completing ten (10) activities by July 1, 2015 will be honored at the NAP Convention. You **do not have** to complete all activities, but when you have completed even three of the items within the time indicated, you will be rewarded.

Good luck and enjoy your active participation in these activities!

1. Bring in two new NAP members (your name should appear on the membership application as their sponsor).
 Names: _____

2. Convince two former members to rejoin NAP (your name should appear on the membership application as their sponsor).
 Names: _____

3. Be a member of a unit that maintains its current membership level through July 1, 2014.
 Name of unit: _____
 Membership on September 10, 2013: _____
 Membership on July 1, 2014: _____

4. Present a program as part of a workshop to gain new members.
 Name of program: _____
 When/Where given: _____

5. Present a parliamentary program at a civic, fraternal, or church event.
 Name of program: _____
 Date/Place: _____ Organization: _____

6. Serve as judge or instructor for a youth or youth partnership organization.
 Date/Place: _____
 Organization: _____

7. Write an article for an association or district newsletter or for the *National Parliamentarian*.
 Name of article: _____
 When published: _____
 Where published: _____

8. Present a program at an association, district or national meeting.
 Name of program: _____ Date/Place: _____

9. Serve as an officer in a unit or association/province.

Officer: _____ Unit/Association/Province: _____

10. Attend at least 50 percent of the association/province meetings.

Dates of attendance: _____

Dates of meetings: _____

Association/province: _____

11. Work with a unit or combination of members at large to host a public workshop (either electronically or in person).

Dates of workshop: _____

Unit or MALs participating: _____

Name _____ Association _____ Member # _____

