

NAP DISTRICT FIVE NOTES

“Each One – Reach One”

The National Association of Parliamentarians©

District Five is made up of the chartered associations:

Kansas State Association of Parliamentarians
Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians
Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians
Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians
Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians

And the unchartered regions of:
Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nunavut,
and Saskatchewan.



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Beginning Thoughts

Your district director has been busy over the past few months working to raise the level of awareness of the value of District Five within the larger NAP. After survey monkey results were tabulated, the first district-wide newsletter shared dates and activities within the district.

Secondly, we held the district conference in Overland Park, KS in June to elect the 2019-2021 District Director, to adopt a set of standing rules for the district, and acted upon an NAP Bylaws amendment to be considered at the 2019 biennial convention.

Thirdly, many members of the district attended the NAP National Training Conference in Buffalo, NY, and received updates of NAP and received quality training workshops at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Your director was extremely proud of the number who attended, especially when we are the smallest district (278) but were one, if not the largest percentage, who attended the conference (picture enclosed).

This director wishes to extend his thanks to the members of the district who honored him with the election as a second term of district director for 2019-2021. It is his hope that he will take your trust in him and make the most of our next term toward growing the district, both in membership and registered parliamentarians. Feel free to make contact with your director with your events, in the hope that he can attend, as schedule allows, as many of these events as possible.

Thank you again for your confidence.

Larry D. Martin, PRP
2017-2019 and 2019-2021 District Five Director



DISTRICT FIVE ATTENDEES AT THE 2018 NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE IN BUFFALO, NY

Calendar Updates

UPCOMING EVENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT FIVE

November 10 – **Manitoba Association** holding its fall meeting and seminar –
Contact Marilyn Robinson, President, for location and sign up information.
marrobins@mymts.net.

November 17 – **Leila Normandie Holiday Brunch** (MO) –

At 10:00 a.m. at the Peace Pavilion, Independence, MO, for holiday fun and an educational component. Contact Carol Roberson, PRP, for registration and/or questions: odontal@aol.com or 816-350-3909.

November 17 – **Muriel Miller Memorial** Workshop – (MN)

At Applewood Pointe of Roseville, Contact Pat Reymann at Patreymann@comcast.net or 651-454-4702.

May 4, 2019- **Missouri State** Annual Meeting – (MO)

at 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke’s United Church of Christ, 727 N. Main St, Independence, MO. Contact Linda Sehrt, PRP, for registration LMSehrt@att.net, or 816-353-1936.

May 4, 2019 – **Minnesota** Annual Meeting – (MN save the date)

At Fleming Field in South St. Paul, MN, with continental breakfast and lunch.

May 31 and June 1 – **Nebraska Annual Meeting** and Workshop – (NE)

At Fellowship Community Church, Lincoln, NE. Register with Bonita Dickerson, 1710 19th Ave #42, Sidney, NE 69162, or bbdickin@gmail.com or 308-254-3095.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September 5-8, 2019 – NAP Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV.

November 1-3, 2019 – Dahms-Bierbaum Foundation Workshop at the airport Hilton, Kansas City, MO.

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Renewal Time for Your NAP Membership

Your District Director wishes to be one of the first to extend the benefits of early renewal on your NAP membership.

It might be easy to consider that membership in NAP affords so many good options that you already know. It is the first step in credentialing as Registered Parliamentarian and Professional Registered Parliamentarian. Membership and credentialing give to your sphere of influence a greater sense of “here’s someone in the know.” Membership in NAP is not necessarily a badge of honor or wellbeing, but it does help others to listen more closely as you speak in your meeting circles.

Secondly, your purchases of NAP materials is at a lesser rate, and your enrollment in activities is cheaper than non-member.

Thirdly, you are surrounded by other parliamentarian types within your meetings, networking, and social encounters that help you be reminded of all of the particulars of parliamentary rules. This may sound like a strange statement, but each parliamentarian learns from other parliamentarians, no matter the credentialed level or experience skills.

This brings us to the reason behind a benefit of early renewal: remembering to keep your membership allows an uninterrupted flow of business. You won't scramble to get it done around the holidays. You can even renew ON-LINE through the NAP or with the snail-mail and check system that many of us still use. Let's see if District Five can be seamless in renewal and keep that high-percentage rate of members retaining their membership.

LARRY MARTIN, PRP
District Five Director

Looking Ahead to September 2019

Make sure you have your calendar marked for the 42nd NAP Biennial Convention September 5-8, 2019, at Westgate Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.

New event prior to the convention is our 1st GOLF TOURNAMENT, on September 4, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Las Vegas National Club. Pricing is \$80 for 18-holes, golf cart, water, and other perks.

LARRY D. MARTIN, PRP
2017-2019 District Five Director

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Congratulations!

Congratulations is extended to Karen Watson, PRP, from the Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians. She was named in May, 2018 as Parliamentarian of the Year in Nebraska for her parliamentarian work in Nebraska, Hawai'i, and internationally.



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Newspaper clipping of Karen Watson's recognition—
 Congratulations!

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NAP President Jim Jones' Brief

Your District Director wishes to send a short ditty of the NAP President's thoughts and comments brought during the NTC. First and foremost is the push to achieve the 5,000 total in NAP membership by the end of 2019. This is make-able and a great opportunity to increase NAP in several ways. New members bring newer credentialed members, which both bring in increased income from dues and books sales.



2018 NTC First Timers Introduction with President Jones (District Director Martin in back left)

New relationships with partner organizations increased dues with new members, a larger number of credentialed members, and increased books sales by including Veterans of Foreign Wars, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Jack and Jill of America. We have already launched

in these new relationships and it has brought about new opportunities with organizations through membership potentials.

Invest in our future: this is brought with the Bridge to the Future in Building Our Legacy. A generous contribution campaign to help ensure NAP's infrastructure to meet the challenges through the NAP Honor Wall. These are 12" x 12" tiles for \$350 or 6" x 6" tiles for \$125 to be placed on an honor wall in the NAP HQ. Make a donation online at www.parliamentarians.org/future. This could be for individuals (including you, even for those who made an impact on your life, from units, associations, or groups. Check on the website to see these options.



District Five Director Martin at Leadership Conference greeting the attendees – signing their “support plate”.

Unit Bylaws: When Dues Get Complicated

As parliamentarians, we love to review bylaws! For some organizations, the bylaws can become complicated when dues are collected for both the local unit and for a common national organization. If the bylaws state a specific amount for dues, the amount does not automatically change if the national organization changes its dues.

I've experienced this several times with organizations such as Toastmasters and Scouting, where local units set the dues at a certain amount and the national (or international) organization raises dues above the amount collected by the unit. Without making a change, the unit only has the authority to collect the lesser (old) amount.

No one wants that to happen.

Here's an example how it's done in Toastmasters for clubs:

Toastmasters Club Constitution; Article III: New Member Fees and Dues; Section 4: Club Dues

The dues of this club for active and inactive individual members shall be as stated in the Addendum. Such dues shall be payable in advance at such time as this club shall designate. Dues shall be paid by all individual members and by the dates specified to maintain individual membership in this club.

Toastmasters then offers a standard addendum that clubs can more easily modify as follows:

Addendum 5. Club Dues

The dues of this club for active individual members shall be \$_____ per person per _____. Such dues shall be payable in advance of or on _____. (Club dues shall include the amount of the Toastmasters International membership payment.)

This gives the advantage to the larger organization of having tighter bylaws but gives much less flexibility to the individual units. However, the addendum can be more easily updated by local organizations that have less parliamentary experience.

Another example is in the Boy Scouts of America, which is less stringent on bylaws. One common approach is as follows:

Dues are paid annually. All members pay annual BSA Membership Fee as declared by the National Council. Youth members pay an additional _____ per year and adult members pay an additional _____ per year.

This allows local units to declare specific dues amounts for youth and adult members (as each has different expenses for activities and awards) while allowing the “National Council” to adjust dues and not require a bylaws change to the local unit.

How do you recommend handling complex dues arrangements? The answer lies in writing better bylaws! Have suggestions better than mine (as many of you should), write them up and send them in so we can spread the word!

PAUL D. MCDONALD
2017-2019 District Five Newsletter Editor

Call For Papers

The District Five Newsletter is published quarterly and welcomes contributions from its members. Articles, submissions, and items for the calendar may be made to the District V Director: Lddsmartin@att.net – 816-550-4429 or to the editor paul@speakerpaul.com – 913-708-3037.