

# NAP DISTRICT FIVE NOTES

## “Each One – Reach One”

The National Association of Parliamentarians©  
District Five (5) 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

Greetings to members and friends of District Five!

First, allow me to thank you for re-electing me as your District Director for another two-year term, ending after the next biennium convention in September 2021. I am humbled and honored to receive your trust.

Secondly, for those who attended the 42nd Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, thank you for my election as District Director Representative to the Board of Directors. As the director of the smallest district, I am honored to have received sufficient numbers for the election and hope to keep all needs of the NAP organization on the front burner to make a difference.

Speaking of the convention, some of the proposed bylaws amendments were adopted and affect each district in different ways. Outlined in this newsletter are more specific information on that outcome.

One emphasis encouraged for this biennium is the increasing of association and unit presence within the NAP webpage through newsletters and scheduled events. Interested persons who seek to find where and who to contact concerning Roberts' Rules potentially look on the NAP website as first point of contact. President Darlene Allen encourages each district to make it easier for these seekers to find a person or a place. Your association and/or unit is highly encouraged to make themselves known via communication to the public, and websites, schedules, and newsletters is the way to go.

As an ending note, your district director would like to share in your units, associations, and events as much as feasible. Feel free to contact me to see if my schedule enables me to attend, even as a participant. Don't worry about trying to bring me in as an official NAP rep because I will try to attend on my own. Thanks again for your trust.

**Larry D. Martin, PRP**  
**District 5 Director**  
**NAP Board of Directors**

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### Calendar Updates

## **UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS**

### **MANITOBA**

#### MAP Educational Seminar and General Meeting

\*Live-stream session with Keynote Speaker-Mr. Eli Mina

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites

1800 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B2

Members: \$65.00/Guests: \$85.00

Register and pay by Mail

Payment by e-transfers to: [treasurer@parliamentarians-mb.ca](mailto:treasurer@parliamentarians-mb.ca)

#### MAP Educational Seminar and Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 2020 (Date/Venue: TBA)

### Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians (MAP) Officers

President: Marilyn Robinson

Vice President: Bonnie Taylor

Secretary: Diane Duma

Treasurer: Don Freese, PRP-R

Directors: Heather McKenzie, Faith Anderson, Scott Winning, Roger Woloshyn, PRP.

Parliamentarian: Vera Chernecki, PRP

## **MINNESOTA**

### Northern Lights Parliamentarians Unit Meetings

Date/Time: The second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

Location: Perkins, 4201 W 78th St., Bloomington, MN

Contact: Unit President Bev Kennedy, RP ([millie0712@comcast.net](mailto:millie0712@comcast.net))

### St. Paul Unit Meetings

Date/Time: The third Monday of each month, meeting begins at 9:30 AM, questions for the RP exam are reviewed prior to the meeting, starting at 8:30 AM

Contact: Unit President Miriam Simmons, PRP ([mgsimmons52@hotmail.com](mailto:mgsimmons52@hotmail.com))

### Minnesota (MSAP) Fall Seminar

Date: October 5th, 2019

*The Bring Back Motions*

#### **Presenters:**

- Ginny Altman
- Darleen Harens
- Michael Orr
- Miriam Simmons
- Robert Vokes

At Hilton Double Tree Hotel, Atrium Room II, 7800 Normandale Blvd. Bloomington MN

**Registration Fee** \$20 if postmarked by September 30; \$25 thereafter

We do have a new website which was launched recently, which may also be of interest: <https://www.friendsofrobert.org/>

SAVE the DATE!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 25, 2020 54th Annual MSAP Convention.

Conventions of parliamentarians are good learning experiences -- you can see how conventions are organized and how votes properly are tallied and announced. There will be an educational session with one or more speakers. Planning is in progress as to location, speakers and educational content. In past years, both breakfast and lunch have been provided and Convention commences around 9:00 a.m. The educational session is always a highlight and the Convention comes to a close by 3:00 p.m.

Miriam G. Simmons, PRP  
MSAP Vice President and Convention Chair

## MISSOURI

### **2019 Dahms-Bierbaum Workshop**

Nov.1-3, 2019

Hilton Kansas City Airport

8801 NW 112th Street

Kansas City, MO 64153-1103

Contact the hotel directly at 816.891.8900 (ask for "in-house" reservations) OR

Use the toll free number - 800.445.8667 (800-HILTONS). OR

[Register online at the hotel website](#) using the group code DAHMS

Deadline: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Noon

Registration - <https://www.dahmsfoundation.org/>

Topic: "Annual Meeting and Conventions"

Presenters: Ann Rempel, PRP, CPP-T; Glenn Hall, CP; Jeannette Williams, PRP, CP-T

### **MSAP Leila Normandie Brunch and Educational Symposium**

December 7, 2019 beginning 9:30am

Location: The Tearoom, 501 Main St, Belton, MO

Registration by November 1<sup>st</sup> to

Virginia Berberick, PRP, 10908 W. 96<sup>th</sup> Terr, Overland Park, KS 66214-2256

\$25.00 per person, includes brunch and tour of Museum.

### Missouri State (MSAP) Officers:

- Roxanne Hubbard, PRP, President
- Rita Womack, PRP, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Barbara Cassaday, RP, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Carol Roberson, PRP, Secretary
- Virginia Berberick, PRP, Treasurer
- Denise Irminger, PRP, Historian
- Joy Freeland, PRP, Parliamentarian

### Units Information:

Arch Metro St Louis Unit - Patricia Lee President (has moved out of state)  
January, March, May, July, September, November - no location noted

Fishing River Unit - Joy Freeland, PRP, President  
Meets 3rd Monday, January-May, September -November at 6:00pm  
Community America Credit Union 9310 N. Oak Trafficway, KCMO

Heartland Parliamentary Unit - Violet Corbett, President  
Meets 2nd Thursday 11:00am, March-May, September-October  
1103 N. Holden Suite A. Warrensburg, MO

Jacomo Unit - Larry Martin, PRP, President  
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm September, November, January, March & May  
Meets at NAP Headquarters - 213 S. Main, Independence, MO

Missouri Gateway Unit - Eileen Bacon, President  
Meeting April, July & October  
Denny's Restaurant, 6441 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St Louis

Missouri Past President's and Registered Parliamentarians Unit - Denise Irminger, PRP  
Meets July, September, November, March & May (usually 3rd Tuesday) 1:00pm at  
Wilshire at Lakewood, 800 E. Meadowview Dr., Lees Summit, MO

Plaza Unit - Barbara Thomas - President  
Meeting 1st Saturday @ 2:30pm September-May, except December and January  
KC Police Station, 7601 Prospect Ave., Kansas City, MO

Santa Fe Trail Unit - Linda Sehr, PRP, President

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00pm September - May except December  
April workshop (alternate location may be announced)  
NAP Headquarters 213 S. Main St., Independence, MO

Saint Louis - No officers were reported

Meets 2nd Thursday, 10:00am February, April, June, August & October  
University City Library - St Louis, MO

## **NEBRASKA**

Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians (NSAP) Annual Meeting and Workshops

May 29-30, 2020. Guest Speaker: Past NAP President Ann Guiberson

Topic: "Standing Rules and Policies and Procedures"

Location: Staybridge Suites, Lincoln Northwest, studios for \$99.99 each.  
Staybridge Suites at 402-484-6000.

Nebraska (NSAP) Officers:

Lynna Gene Cook – President

Lori Bucholz – Vice President

John Heineman – Secretary

Nylanne Scheidegger – Treasurer

Appointed:

POG Editor – Karen Watson

Webmaster – Cody McCain

Parliamentarian – George Woolstrum

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### **2019 NAP BYLAWS AMENDMENTS' RESULTS**

As mentioned in the Director's notes, several of the proposed Bylaws Amendments from the 42<sup>nd</sup> NAP Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV, were adopted. Let us review the results of the business meetings dealing with these amendments.

**AMENDMENT 1 – Authority to Review Amendments to Bylaws of Existing Subdivisions.**

This amendment was to include as a responsibility of the NAP Bylaws Committee to review and approve amendments to the bylaws of existing association, units, and youth groups.

Not Adopted.

**AMENDMENT 2 – Dues Reduction for Specific International Members.**

This amendment was to allow members outside of Canada and USA receive a 50% reduction in dues for individual's membership classification.

Not Adopted by less than 2/3 vote.



*A few of the District Five attendees at the 42<sup>nd</sup> NAP Biennial Convention, Las Vegas, NV.*



AMENDMENT 3 – Eliminate District Conferences and Redefine District Director Position.

This amendment was to change the name of District Directors to District Liaison and eliminate the need for a district conference.

Not adopted.

AMENDMENTS 3.1 TO 3.5 – Drop District Membership; Drop Criteria for District Membership; Appointment of District Liaisons; Change District Director Title; Submission of Amendments.

These amendments were not submitted upon the loss of Amendment 3.

AMENDMENT 4 – Increase Number of Directors-at-Large.

This amendment was to increase the number of Director-at-Large from three to five.

Not adopted.

AMENDMENT 5 – Board of Directors Composition.

This amendment was not submitted based upon the non-adoption of Amendment 4.

AMENDMENT 6 – Add District Directors to List of NAP Officers.

This amendment added the two district directors (elected as representatives to the NAP Board) as NAP Officers.

Adopted.

AMENDMENT 7 – Call of District Conferences.

This amendment was to change the time frame of the written call of district conferences to no fewer than 60-days and no more than 180-days.

Adopted.

AMENDMENTS 8 through 10 – Electronic Association District Assignment; Electronic Unit Association Affiliation; Voting Rights at District Conferences.

These were adopted in gross. #8 was to have the electronic associations need not be assigned to a district, unless the Board establishes an electronic district.



#9 allows an electronic unit to petition the NAP Board to change affiliation to a different association.

#10 allows a member whose residence is in one district, and a primary member of an association assigned to another district, may vote in the district conference of residence.

These were adopted in gross.

AMENDMENTS 11 through 14 – Member Conduct; Board of Directors Duties; Discipline; Change Name of Ethics Committee to Professional Standards Committee; and Conforming amendments 13B through 13E.

These amendments were adopted in gross without discussion.

#11 changed the wording Discipline to Conduct with additional wording.

#12 added the Board's duties to include any decision from recommendations by Ethics committee.

#13 amended the ethics process, wording from Professional Discipline to Discipline, and amended the process of complaints and penalties.

#14 amended to change the name everywhere found from Ethics to Professional Standards within the NAP Bylaws.

Adopted in gross.

Your district director invites you to change your copies of the NAP Bylaws to reflect these new changes until the copy is added to the NAP website.

District Director Larry Martin, PRP.

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## **Important Changes Regarding New Registered Parliamentary Credentialing System**

At the 2019 Convention, the delegates adopted a resolution making recommendations to the Commission on Credentialing regarding the new Registered Parliamentary (RP) credentialing system that had been declared implemented on August 1, 2019. While under the NAP bylaws the recommendations are not binding on the Commission, the Commission seriously considered those recommendations.

The Commission during its post-convention meetings voted to reinstate the previous 1200 question-based RP examination, which will again become available after November 1, 2019. However, the Commission will continue to administer the new credentialing system to RP candidates who choose to proceed under it, recognizing that the new credentialing system is still in the testing process while also allowing the existing Beta Testers to continue. RP candidates applying on or after August 1, 2019 to the new system will test it but, unlike the Beta Testers, will be required to pay the \$150 application fee established by the Board of Directors for the new system.

Applicants for RP may choose which option to take when they submit their application. You should be aware that to facilitate analysis of testing, the deadlines for completion of each Step in the new process have been shortened, while the new system is in testing mode, to 270 calendar days for Step One, 180 calendar days for Step Two, and 90 calendar days for Step Three. These deadlines are subject to extensions, including in cases in which there may be substantial delays in the testing or evaluation process.

The Commission on Credentialing will discontinue the reinstated 1200 question-based Registered Parliamentary examination system at such time as the Commission deems it appropriate, providing a minimum of 90 days notice. (Candidates seeking the RP credential under the 1200 question-based RP examination system who have successfully completed two or more parts of that examination other than the "research" part by the end of that notice period will be permitted to continue under it in accordance with the rules applicable to the 1200 question-based RP examination system.) For details, visit the [NAP website](#).

Sincerely,  
NAP Commission on Credentialing

**Standing Rules Committee**

by Paul D. McDonald  
District V Newsletter Editor

A **standing rules committee** is responsible for creating and reviewing the standard methods of execution of the organization. Standing Rules are not official until approved by the organization, but the committee serves as specialist for review and making suggestions to changes, deletions, or additions of these rules.

Standing rules differ from bylaws several ways:

1. First off, standing rules are generally more easily changed and requires only a majority vote to do so, where a change in the bylaws typically will require 2/3 vote as well as previous notice (unless the standing rule itself would require a 2/3 vote, such as limiting debate).
2. Second, bylaws tend to focus on the overall purpose and direction of business where standing rules tend to focus on daily operations and the handling of business.
3. Finally, if ever in conflict the bylaws will take precedence over the standing rules.

**SAMPLE STANDING RULES**

**Rule 1: Meeting place and time.** The president shall be responsible for securing a suitable meeting place and time for all meetings.

**Rule 2: New member discussions.** When discussing the acceptance of a new member, the assembly shall be in executive session and all guests must leave the assembly hall. The applicant may be informed that their membership application is either “accepted,” “not accepted,” or “pending” with no other information released on the membership discussion.

**Rule 3: Office.** The organization will maintain an office suitable for conducting its business and keeping its records.

**Rule 4: Annual financial audit.** The organization will select a professional firm to complete an annual financial audit for each fiscal year.

**Rule 5: Smoking and alcohol.** Smoking and the consumption of alcohol is not allowed while business is in session.

**Rule 6: Limit debate.** Debate on any motion shall be limited to two minutes per speaker and each speaker may speak up to two times on each issue. This may be modified as necessary by the motion to Limit or Extend Limits of Debate.

**Rule 7: Pizza Meeting.** The last meeting of July will be our annual Pizza Meeting and no business is conducted at that meeting.

**Rule 8: Immediate Past President.** When addressing the assembly, the Immediate Past President must wear a silly hat.

#### REFERENCES

“The official organization of the convention is brought about by the separate consideration and adoption of the reports of three committees--Credentials, Standing Rules, and Program Committee.” – RONR (11th ed.), p. 609. XIX, 34-36

“A standing rule can be adopted by a majority vote at any session.” – RONR (11th ed.), p. 87. VIII, 27-28

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#### Call For Papers

The Region V 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](mailto:Lddsmartin@att.net) – 816-550-4429 or to the editor [paul@speakerpaul.com](mailto:paul@speakerpaul.com) – 913-708-3037.

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**Pictures - 42ND NAP BIENNIAL CONVENTION (Las Vegas, NV)**



PQC and PRC Instructors – Sandy Olson and Len Young



Bob and Jeanette Williams - Photography





Missouri members at dinner



Missouri members at dinner





MO President Roxanne Hubbard



Missouri members with new MSAP Shirts



Denise Irminger – workshop presenter





Dr. Len Young – Workshop presenter



Karen Watson – workshop presenter



Ann Rempel – workshop presenter



NAP Past Presidents





Lori Bucholz

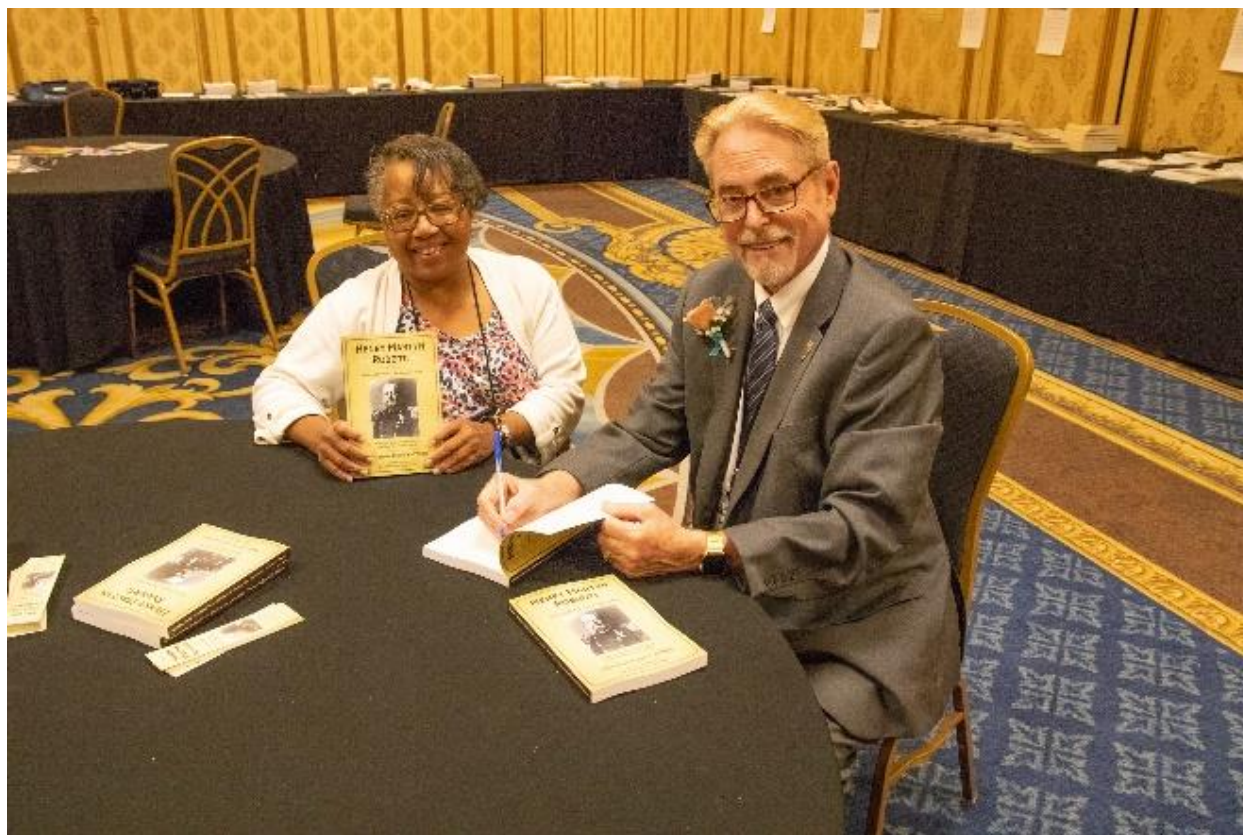


2019-2021 District Directors (6 of 8)





Peggy Young and Denise Irminger



Dr. Len Young signing his book



Denise Irminger and new member Jill Martin



New 2019-2021 NAP Board being sworn in





NEW 2019-2021 NAP Board of Directors



District 5 Director Larry Martin at Board meeting



District 5 Director Larry Martin presenting at Membership and Education Luncheon



District Director Representative to the board Larry Martin at first board meeting.