

Welcome friends and members of District Five

It is my hope that you have recovered from the holiday festivities of the past few months, and now look forward to the Spring months that follow. April is Parliamentary Law month so and I'm hopeful you are making whatever plans that make the best sense to highlight this month's emphasis.

This brings me to my next question: how has parliamentary rules been used for you in your organization's context? Are you able to bring encouragement to persons outside of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) to consider attending your meetings, joining your units, or learning more about Roberts'? It has been my experience that when telling others that I am a parliamentarian, I get several follow-up questions and comments that bring new opportunities to invite others to "come and see." Parliamentary rules are an acquired taste, but your invitation is but the first step.

NAP is continuing to move forward in numbers of membership, new plans for the upcoming August 2020 National Training Conference (NTC) at San Antonio, TX, plus bringing support to associations and units. The NAP board approved the Member Registration fees as: Early Bird \$430; Regular \$450; and on-site registration \$470. Non-member registration is \$495 and Student Registration is \$225. The dates are August 28-30, 2020, to be held at Hilton Palacio del Rio; a great location on the River Walk. Additional events at the conference include the reception for the RONR 12th Edition rollout as a one-evening fiesta, priced at \$86 per person. This should be a must event to attend. A 90th anniversary pin is being developed with more information upcoming.

This *YouTube* is a quick video to get folks excited with the upcoming fiesta at the conference

Your director looks forward to sharing again before the conference in San Antonio, so watch the *National Parliamentarian (NP)* for more registration details. Remember the theme for this two-year period; "Each One, Reach One" to be invitational to NAP activities, whether national or local.

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The good news that the Executive Director shares is the renewal numbers of NAP members, plus the expanded membership over the past year. Renewed members totaled 4013 by early January 2020 (a 63% renewal rate) with the hope we may have 4800 members by the end of 2020.

Two requests are being projected to the membership and leaders in the field. One, NAP is seeking 2020 NTC workshop proposals by March 13, 2020 for presentation at the San Antonio NTC. Ask your members for their input to be sent for consideration to HQ@NAP2.org.

The second request is for associations to consider hosting the 2023 NAP Convention and the 2024 NAP National Training Conference (NTC). NAP is accepting bids from associations for these opportunities so get with your local leadership and consider bidding.

Please consider attending any of these District Five events. They are placed here so you will be aware of activities and events outside your own state, especially valuable when your state may not be chartered, or the time you have available might not allow you to attend your own state's activity.

MISSOURI:

April 16, 2020 – Santa Fe Trail Unit Annual Workshop – Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Location: St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 727 N. Main St., Independence, MO.
Theme "FAPQ- Frequently Asked Parliamentary Questions"
To Register: Contact Linda Sehart, PRP, unit President at Linda.Sehrt@att.net
Or 816-353-1936.

May 2, 2020 – Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians 76th Annual Meeting.
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch optional prior to the meeting.
Location: St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 727 N. Main St., Independence, MO.
To Register: Contact Roxanne R. Hubbard, PRP, MSAP President at
President@parliamentarians-mo.org or 816-841-9275.

Unit Meetings:

Fishing River Unit – 3rd Monday (Jan-May; Sept-Nov) at 6:00pm.
Community America Credit Union, 9310 N. Oak Trafficway, KCMO.
Joy Freeland, PRP, President

Heartland Parliamentary Unit – 2nd Tuesday 11:00am, March-May; Sept-Oct.
1103 N. Holden Suite A, Warrensburg, MO
Violet Corbett, President

Jacomo Unit – 3rd Tuesday Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May at 7:00pm.
At NAP HQ, 213 S. Main, Independence, MO
Larry Martin, PRP, President

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

Missouri Past Presidents and Registered Parliamentarians Unit
Meetings 3rd Tuesday in July, Sept, Nov, Mar, and May at 1:00pm.
Wilshire at Lakewood, 800 E. Meadowview Dr, Lee's Summit, MO
Denise Irminger, PRP, President

Plaza Unit – 1st Saturday at 2:30pm in Sept-May, except Dec and Jan.
KC Police Station, 7601 Prospect Ave, Kansas City, MO
Barbara Thomas, President

Santa Fe Trail Unit – 3rd Thursday at 7:pm, Sept – May, except Dec.
At NAP HQ, 213 S. Main, Independence, MO
Linda Sehart, PRP, President

St Louis Unit – 2nd Thursday at 10:00am in Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, and Oct.
University City Library, St. Louis, MO

Missouri State (MSAP) Officers:
Roxanne Hubbard, PRP, President
Rita Womack, PRP, 1st Vice President
Barbara Cassaday, RP, 2nd Vice President
Carol Roberson, PRP, Secretary
Virginia Berberick, PRP, Treasurer
Denise Irminger, PRP, Historian
Joy Freeland, PRP, Parliamentarian

MINNESOTA:

April 25, 2020 – Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians 54th Annual Meeting.

Time: beginning 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.- Breakfast and Lunch provided.

Hilton Hotel, Bloomington, MN

3900 American Blvd W

952-893-9500

<https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/minnesota/hilton-minneapolis-bloomington-MSPBWHF/index.html>.

For questions contact Miriam G. Simmons, PRP, at mgsimmons52@hotmail.com or 651-439-2062

Units Meetings:

Northern Lights Parliamentarians

2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

Location; Perkins, 4201 W 78th St, Bloomington, MN

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

St. Paul Unit

3rd Monday of each month, 9:30am.

RP questions reviewed prior at 8:30am

Contact: Unit President Mariam Simmons, PRP (mgsimmons52@hotmail.com)

Minnesota (MSAP) Officers:

President...Robert Vokes

Vice President...Miriam Simmons. PRP

Secretary...Beverly Kennedy, RP

Treasurer...Judy Twisk

Immediate Past President...Josh Martin, PRP

Editor...Mickey Nickelson

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| Historian...Patricia Reymann, PRP |
| Parliamentarian...Lucy Johnson, PRP |

NEBRASKA:

May 30, 2020 – Nebraska Workshop titled "Standing Rules and Policies and Procedures."

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Community Church, 8451 Eagle Crest Rd, Lincoln, NE.

Registrations: contact Lynna Gene Cook, 7251 Norris Lane, Lincoln, NE 68516, or lgcook08@gmail.com, or 402-430-5410.

Education will be brought by Ann Guiberson, PRP.

Lodging Option: Staybridge Suites, 84th and Holdrege, Lincoln, NE or 402-484-6000.

Nebraska (NSAP) Officers:

Lynna Gene Cook – President

Lori Bucholz – Vice President

John Heineman – Secretary

Nylanne Scheidegger – Treasurer

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| MANITOBA: |
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| April 18, 2020 – Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians annual AGM and Spring Seminar. |
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| Study Groups: |
| Keystone Parliamentary Study Group (KPSG) – 2 nd Monday of the month. |
| Evening Study Group (ESG) – 4 th Tuesday of the month. |
| Registered Parliamentarians Study Group (RPSG) – 3 rd Monday of the month. |
| Better Meeting Management (BMM) – e-workshop hosted by MAP |
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| Manitoba Officers: |
| President Marilyn Robinson – marrobins@mymts.net |
| Bonnie Taylor – Vice President |
| Secretary – Diane Duma |
| Treasurer – Don Freese, PRP-R |
| Directors – Heather McKenzie, Faith Anderson, Scott Winning, Roger Woloshyn, PRP |
| Parliamentarian – Vera Chernecki, PRP |

KANSAS:

August 15, 2020 – Kansas Annual Educational Seminar in Overland Park, KS.

The seminar will focus on the responsibilities of president and secretary; how to write official meeting minutes, vocabulary, the importance of bylaws and a model meeting that is properly scripted. The seminar is designed to improve leadership skills and

organize effective meetings. If interested, contact KSAP President Susan Draftz at susandraftz@yahoo.com or 913.674.6172.

Unit Meetings:

Leger – Overland Park, 1st Tuesday at 1-3pm Sept through May, except December
Virginia Berberick, PRP, President

First City – Leavenworth Public Library at the Board Room (located upstairs with elevator access), 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm monthly except through summer.
January topic was "Wait a minute, let's change our minds." To check on the topics each month, check out the Facebook page, National Association of Parliamentarians – First City Unit. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295582224657258/>
Susan Draftz, PRP, President

Wichita Sunflower – Wichita, 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm, Sept. through May, except December. Susan Lee, President

Kansas (KSAP) Officers:

President – Susan Draftz, PRP
Vice President – Eleanor Zuvanich
Secretary – Patricia Martin
Treasurer – Virginia Berberick, PRP
Historian – Timothy Draftz
Parliamentarian – Ann Rempel, PRP

EDUCATIONAL MOMENT: **PREFERENTIAL VOTING**

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When voting is conducted by mail (electronic or postal), repeated balloting to elect candidates is usually not feasible. In these instances, preferential voting could be the answer. Voting by preferential ballot permits the voter to indicate his choices first, second, third, etc. so that if his first choice should not receive a majority vote, his second choice might.

Provision for using this method of balloting must be made in the bylaws.

One method of handling preferential voting would be that on the ballot the voter is asked to indicate the order in which he wishes to vote on the candidates, listing his choices as 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.

The tellers, when they count the vote, will stack the ballots in piles, one pile for each candidate who is marked as first choice. The ballots in each pile are counted and recorded for the tellers' report (see illustration below).

If a candidate has received a majority of first choice votes, that candidate is elected.

If, however, as in the illustration below, no candidate has a majority of first choice votes, the ballots cast for the candidate with the fewest first choice votes are redistributed to the candidates listed as second choice on those ballots (if there had been two candidates tied for lowest place, the ballots of both would have been redistributed). If, now, a candidate has a majority, that candidate is elected.

If, however, no candidate has as yet received a majority of the votes cast, another redistribution is made of the ballots for the candidate who now has the fewest number of votes. This continues until one candidate has a majority of the votes cast.

In the event of a tie in the winning position--which would imply that the elimination process has continued until the ballots are reduced to two or more equal piles--the election should be resolved in favor of the candidate who was strongest in terms of first choices (be referring to the record of the first redistribution).

Illustration: Five candidates (A, B, C, D, E). Everyone has been told to indicate choices from 1 to 5; first distribution, with 53 votes being cast, resulted in the following:

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| A | B | C | D | E |
| 4 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 18 |

Since no candidate had received a majority, votes for candidate A were redistributed to second choices, with results as follows:

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| A | B | C | D | D |
| 4-4=0 | 6+1=7 | 10+0=10 | 15+3=18 | 18+0=18 |

Again, no candidate received a majority, so the ballots for candidate B, which is not the smallest number, are redistributed:

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| A | B | C | D | E |
| 0 | 7-7=0 | 10+2=12 | 18+4=22 | 18+1=19 |

One more distribution is required so that there will be a candidate with a majority of the votes cast:

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|---|---|---------|---------|---------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| 0 | 0 | 12-12=0 | 22+5=27 | 19+7=26 |

Candidate D would be declared elected, having received a majority of the votes cast.

This same system can be used to determine the majority of votes cast for various choices in filling blanks.

All candidates for the same office should be listed on a single ballot. If several offices are to be filled, ballots of a different color for separate offices could simplify sorting.

For practice in the application of preferential voting, some units have written into their bylaws that voting shall be by preferential ballot if there are more than two nominees for an office.