Hello from your NAP District Director,

We have breaking news to share with you from the NAP Board of Directors. At the Special Meeting of the BOD held Sunday, June 28, 2020, a motion was adopted that the NAP Board of Directors hold the 2020 National Training Conference and Membership Meeting in an exclusively electronic format. More information will be sent to you as soon as possible from the national office.

This has been a year to remember. A lot has changed since we last had an opportunity to get together in person as a District. New members have joined us, welcome if you are a new member. Meeting using a computer or phone instead of in person has become the way to share information and make decisions for organizations in order to stay healthy and safe.

My personal hope is that we will be able to have our District Conference next year in person, we will have to wait and see.

If you are able to, join in from your computer the next Town Hall meeting for more information from NAP.

Your parliamentarian friend,
Robert G. Schuck, RP
41st Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV

The Leadership Conference Coordinators
Edna Arrington, PRP and Sadie Boles, PRP

The Westgate Las Vegas Resort
Home of the 41st Biennial Convention

Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP  Working as usual!

The NAPEF Lake Mead Cruise Excursion

Steve Britton, PRP, MSAP President

Darlene T. Allen, PRP, NAP Vice-President
The Wisconsin Association of Parliamentarians
Winning an Educational Award

Mary Remson, PRP & Jeanette Williams, PRP

Our own Harrison Green taking charge!!

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District Director, Robert Schuck, RP with Harrison Green and Mom, Tonja Stokes, PRP
41st Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV
Installation of Officers and Invitation to San Antonio, TX

Former President Maurice Henderson, PRP, pinning President, Darlene T. Allen, PRP

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Seated: Darlene T. Allen and Wanda Sims
Standing: Timothy Wynn, Larry Martin, Carl Nohr, Adam Hathaway, Kevin Connelly, Carrie Dickson, Joyce Brown-Watkins
The COVID-19 pandemic has really changed the way our associations and units operate. Most of us have canceled our annual sessions because of the shut-in place mandates by state governments. Some associations and units have been slow to embrace electronic educational sessions, while others have become very comfortable with them. As time goes by, the virus continues to spread. We hope that all of our associations and units throughout NAP will embrace at least one of the various virtual platforms available so that we can continue to enhance our parliamentary knowledge and provide education to our members, as well as our clients.

ILLINOIS

The Illinois State Association of Parliamentarians is hosting their 2020 Annual Session on Zoom Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required to receive information to join the meeting. For additional information, contact Sadie Boles at, iappresident2017@gmail.com.

MICHIGAN

The Detroit Unit cancelled their Annual Meeting and Workshop but they’ve held monthly educational sessions on Zoom that have been well attended and successful. The Detroit Unit’s Executive Board is working behind the scenes to maintain focus upon the NAP Mission and Vision Statements. Our members are dedicated, focused on attending the monthly ZOOM Educational Sessions, and preparing for their next examination NAP Membership Examination or Registered Parliamentarian Examination.

ONTARIO

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario Association of Parliamentarians held their Annual Session and Workshops on Zoom, Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS 2019

Meet Harrison Green

Harrison is the youngest member in the State of Illinois. He was 12 when he took and passed the membership exam on August 18, 2019, with a score of 100%. Harrison attends Homer Junior High School and will be going into the 8th Grade. His hobbies are Basketball, Chess, Cooking and refereeing Soccer. At some point, he plans to take the RP but right he is interested in starting a Parliamentary Procedure Club, so his school can participate in the competitions hosted by the Business Professionals of America and Future Business Leaders of America. Harrison is an active member of the Marjan Suburban Parliamentary Unit in South Holland, IL. Keep your eyes on this rising young star!
Welcome New Members of District Four and NAP

Illinois
Sharon Allen
Dominique Denton
Andreana Dobbs
Deloris Franklin
Harrison Green
Cynthia Jackson
Andrew Meyer
Pamela Jean Mina
Keith A. Moens

Indiana
Mary Devine
Aleze Fulbright
Stephani Graves
Kathryn Jones
Christopher Weldon
Nichole Wilson

Michigan
Richard Atwell
DeVette Brown
Mark Kelland
Alane Laws-Barker
Wanda Redmond
Tyler Silvestri
Stacey Travis

Ohio
Byron Baxter
April Beggerow
Norma Holt Davis
Vatina Nicolle Gray
Alta Jones Weinkam

Ontario
Kevin Beaulieu
Declan Hodgins
Mark Kissel
Justin Pappano

Wisconsin
Barbara Gilson
Bryan McDowell
Mary Meek
Ellie Orbison
Marianne Potter

Silent Gavels

James Ronald Lampkins
James was a longtime member of the Moraine Valley Parliamentary Unit in Bridgeview, IL. He was an officer in the unit, very actively involved, and respected by NAP members everywhere. He always greeted you with a smile and something funny to say at NAP’s conferences. James Lampkins passed away December 2, 2019. He will forever be missed by all who knew him.

Gloria Russell
A provisional member of the Mattie Lampkins Parliamentary Unit in Chicago, IL, who attended many NAP conferences with her husband, passed away in January 2020. Please keep her husband, family and friends in your prayers.
The 2020 Leadership Conference and the National Training Conference are going virtual.

Leadership Conference
August 26-27, 2020

National Training Conference
August 28 - 30, 2020

Stay tuned for additional information.
The Editor’s Corner

Greetings District Four Members:

I hope you enjoyed the Summer edition of the Great Lakes Grapevine. On behalf of the members of the NTC 2020 Committee, I hope that you all will consider registering for the first ever virtual Leadership Conference and National Training Conference. We are planning with the same level of enthusiasm for our virtual conferences as we were for the face to face.

Lastly, I encourage all of you to send me information on what’s happening in your areas for our next newsletter. I can’t publish what I don’t know.

Stay safe, wash your hands and WEAR YOUR MASKS!!!!! Remember, the virus is still out there.

Best,
Deborah Underwood, Editor

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