

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®**

**42nd Biennial Convention**

**September 5-8, 2019**

**Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Thursday September 5, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) was called to order by President James Jones, PRP, at 9:03 AM PDT in Ballroom A of the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Thursday, September 5, 2019. The secretary was present.

**Opening Ceremonies**

President Jones introduced the following individuals:

**2017-2019 NAP Board of Directors**

Larry Martin, PRP - District 5 Director Representative; Alison Wallis, PRP - Director-at-Large; Ann Rempel, PRP - Director-at-Large; Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP - Director-at-Large; Wanda Sims, PRP - Treasurer; Kevin Connelly, PRP - Secretary; Darlene Allen, PRP - Vice President; and James Jones, PRP – President.

**2017-2019 NAP Board of Directors Advisors**

James Stewart, PRP – Parliamentarian, and Cyndy Launchbaugh, Executive Director.

**Past NAP Presidents**

Leonard Young, PRP – 1999-2001; Jeanette Williams, PRP – 2005-2007; Ronald Stinson, PRP – 2009-2011; Maurice Henderson, PRP – 2011-2013; and Ann Guiberson, PRP – 2013-2015.

***Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* Authorship Team**

Thomas “Burke” Balch, PRP; Daniel Seabold, PRP; and Shmuel Gerber, PRP.

**NAP District Directors**

District 1: Rosemary Seghatoleslami, PRP; District 2: Roger Hanshaw, PRP; District 3: Carol Davis, PRP; District 4: Robert Schuck, RP; District 5: Larry Martin, PRP; District 6: Jim Lawson, PRP; District 7: Kevin Connelly, PRP; and District 8: Vivian Vincent, PRP.

**NAP Cluster Leaders**

Education: Ramona Hill, PRP; Member Services: Loretta Tillery; Governance: Brunhilda Williams-Curington; Technology: Jason Abellada, PRP; and Information and Outreach: Brandon Walters, PRP.

### **Youth Interns**

Future Business Leaders of America – Elizabeth Howell; Phi Beta Lambda – Kylie Doupnik; HOSA-Future Health Professionals – Collin Kaster; and Skills USA – Jarod Harris.

### **Robert’s Rules of Order Association**

Martyn Redgrave and Tim Redgrave from the Robert’s Rules of Order Association were recognized.

### **National Bar Association**

Alfreda Robinson, President of the National Bar Association, was recognized.

### **Recognition of NAP Members**

President Jones asked the following NAP members to stand and be recognized in the following order:

Association Presidents, new Registered Parliamentarians since the last convention, new Professional Registered Parliamentarians since the last convention, new members since the last convention, and those members attending an NAP Convention for the first time.

### **Explanation of Keypad Use**

President Jones introduced Greg Goodwiller, who instructed the members on the use of the keypads for voting.

### **First Credentials Committee Report**

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Committee Chair Leah Raye Mabry, PRP, moved that the roll of delegates submitted, as of 8:30 AM, be the official roll of the voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 7; District Directors 4; *National Parliamentarians* editor 0; Standing Committee Chairman 2; NAP Past Presidents 5; All Other Delegates 235; Number of delegates entitled to vote 253.

**Assembly Action: The credentials report was adopted.**

### **Standing Rules Committee Report**

On behalf of the Standing Rules Committee, Committee Chair Ronald Avedisian moved the adoption of the proposed NAP 2019 Convention Standing Rules.

**Assembly Action: After debate and amendment, the following convention standing rules were adopted:**

1. **Delegates:** Only delegates may be seated in the delegate section of the assembly hall.
2. **Badges:**
  - a. Identification badges issued at the registration desk shall be worn for admission to convention activities, including but not limited to meetings, seminars, workshops, and meals.
  - b. Badges may not be transferred without proper action by the credentials

committee.

3. **Convention Committees:** The president shall appoint all committees for the functioning of the convention.
4. **Voting:**
  - a. At the time of registration, the credentials committee shall issue a voting card and purple keypad card.
  - b. Delegates who lose either of these cards must report to the credentials desk to obtain a replacement.
  - c. The purple keypad card shall be exchanged for a voting keypad at each business meeting.
  - d. Voting keypads shall not be removed from the assembly hall.
  - e. At the conclusion of a business meeting or when leaving the assembly hall for any other reason, a delegate shall exchange the voting keypad for a purple keypad card.
  - f. When directed by the presiding officer, a delegate, while remaining seated, shall vote by voice vote, using the keypad, or raising the ivory voting card as directed by the chair.
  - g. Voting by either keypads or voting cards shall be deemed to be a division of the assembly, or, where appropriate, a ballot vote.
  - h. Except for elections, keypad voting shall be open for fifteen (15) seconds for voting on each question for which it is used.
  - i. The presiding officer may direct any necessary changes to these procedures.
5. **Delegate Recognition:**
  - a. Any delegate entitled to speak shall go to an appropriate microphone.
    - i. For this purpose, there shall be four (4) microphones total, one (1) in each of the central aisles and a hand microphone for the identified seating for members who are unable to stand at the aisle microphones.
  - b. There shall be a monitor at each microphone.
  - c. Any member who wishes to offer any parliamentary action shall inform the microphone monitor who shall notify the presiding officer.
  - d. The member shall indicate to the monitor if the action is an interrupting motion.
  - e. Upon recognition by the presiding officer, a delegate shall state his or her name and delegate status (for example, association, unit, unchartered state/province/country).
6. **Motions:** All main motions and amendments shall be submitted (1) to the motions table in writing, (2) by email to *[motion@nap2.org](mailto:motion@nap2.org)* or (3) using the electronic form accessible by clicking the motions form link available at:  
*[www.parliamentarians.org/motions](http://www.parliamentarians.org/motions)*
7. **Debate:**
  - a. For each debatable motion, a delegate shall be limited to two (2) speeches of not more than two (2) minutes each unless the assembly orders otherwise.
  - b. Total time allocated for consideration of each main motion, including bylaw



- President.
- i. The election of Directors-At-Large, if there are 9 or fewer candidates, shall be held via the electronic keypad with consecutive voting for a single director until all director positions are filled by a majority vote.
  - j. The election of District Director Representatives shall take place in the following manner:
    1. Nominations for Director positions shall occur first followed by speeches by each candidate.
    2. On the first ballot, all nominees will be on the ballot.
    3. Balloting for the first position will continue until the first position is filled.
    4. Then balloting will begin for the second position with the remaining nominees not yet elected remaining on the ballot.
    5. This procedure will continue until all directors have been elected.
  - k. The election of Commission members will proceed according to the same procedures for the election of the Directors-at-Large. Terms shall be filled according to NAP Bylaws.
  - l. The president shall announce a number to push if a delegate wishes to vote for a candidate who has not been nominated (in place of a write-in vote).
    1. If the number of votes cast for that number is sufficient to affect the result, subsequent votes for that office shall be conducted by paper ballot.

**12. Electronic Devices:**

Mobile communication devices shall be placed on silent or vibrate mode.

- a. Delegates may email motions to the motion table at *[motion@nap2.org](mailto:motion@nap2.org)*, or use the online form available on the NAP website at *[www.parliamentarians.org/motions](http://www.parliamentarians.org/motions)*.

**13. Announcements:**

- a. All announcements shall be submitted to the Convention Coordinator in writing.
- b. The Convention Coordinator shall present these announcements at appropriate times during the convention.

**Program Committee Report**

On behalf of the Program Committee, Committee Chair Dollie McPartlin, PRP, moved the adoption of the proposed program,

**Motion to Amend the Program**

Robert Robinson, PRP, moved that the agenda be amended to add a resolution regarding the current credentialing process, as a special order for Friday, September 6, 2019, at 9:20 AM.

**Assembly Action: The Assembly voted 187 in favor and 142 against the motion to amend.**

The chair declared the motion to amend lost because it did not meet the required two-thirds vote.

### **Point of Order Raised**

Thomas “Burke” Balch, PRP, raised a Point of Order that a motion to amend a proposed agenda requires only a majority vote to adopt. The Chair ruled the motion well taken, and declared the motion to amend adopted.

### **Motion to Amend the Agenda**

Maurice Henderson, PRP, moved to amend the proposed agenda by adding "District Director Representatives, and Commission on Credentialing" after "Nomination and Election of Officers".

**Assembly Action: The motion to amend the proposed agenda was adopted.**

**Assembly Action: The Convention Program was adopted as amended.**

**Convention Organized: With the adoption of the Convention Program, the Convention was officially organized.**

### **Motion to Reconsider Ruled Out of Order after Point of Order Raised**

Al Gage, PRP, moved to reconsider the vote on the Convention Standing Rules. Shmuel Gerber, PRP, raised a Point of Order that only a negative vote on the Convention Standing Rules could be reconsidered. The chair ruled the point well taken, and the motion to reconsider was ruled out of order.

### **Point of Order Raised**

Mike Prest, PRP, raised a Point of Order that the Credentials Report was not current. The chair ruled the point not well taken.

### **Appeal of Chair’s Decision**

Mike Prest appealed from the decision of the chair, and the chair’s decision was sustained.

### **Second Credentials Committee Report**

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Committee Chair Leah Raye Mabry, PRP, moved that the roll of delegates submitted, as of 10:20 AM, be the official roll of the voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 7; District Directors 6; *National Parliamentarians* editor 0; Standing Committee Chairman 2; NAP Past Presidents 5; All Other Delegates 341; Number of delegates entitled to vote 361.

**Assembly Action: The credentials report was adopted.**

### **Appointment of Convention Committees**

President Jones appointed the Convention Committee members as listed in the program.

### **Convention Pages**

President Jones reintroduced the Youth Interns, who would serve as pages to for the convention.

### **Motion to Suspend the Rules**

Donald Garrett moved to suspend the rules and proceed to all elections.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 305 in the affirmative 30 in the negative, the motion to suspend the rules was adopted.**

## **Elections of Officers**

### **Nominations and Elections – President**

Darlene Allen, PRP, was nominated for President. There were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

#### **Tellers' Report for the Office of President:**

Votes Cast: 338

Necessary to Elect: 170

Darlene Allen received: 317

Write-in votes: 21

The president declared Darlene Allen elected NAP President

### **Nominations and Elections – Vice President**

Wanda Sims, PRP; James Stewart, PRP; and Alison Wallis, PRP; were nominated for Vice-President. There were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

#### **Tellers' Report for the Office of Vice - President, First Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 349

Necessary to Elect: 175

Wanda Sims received: 173

James Stewart received: 68

Alison Wallis received: 108

Write-in votes: 0

The president declared there was no election for NAP Vice – President.

#### **Nominee's Withdrawal from nomination:**

James Stewart requested permission to withdraw his nomination for Vice-President. The request was adopted without objection.

#### **Tellers' Report for the Office of Vice - President, Second Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 349

Necessary to Elect: 175

Wanda Sims received: 210

Alison Wallis received: 135

Write-in votes: 0

The president declared Wanda Sims elected NAP Vice – President.

### **Nominations and Elections – Secretary**

Kevin Connelly, PRP, was nominated for Secretary: There were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

### **Tellers' Report for the Office of Secretary:**

Votes Cast: 346

Necessary to Elect: 174

Kevin Connelly received: 332

Write-in votes: 14

The president declared Kevin Connelly elected NAP Secretary.

### **Nominations and Elections - Treasurer**

Carrie Dickson, PRP, was nominated for Treasurer: There were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

### **Tellers' Report for the Office of Treasurer:**

Votes Cast: 340

Necessary to Elect: 171

Carrie Dickson received: 301

Write-in votes: 39

The president declared Carrie Dickson elected NAP Treasurer.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM to meet at 9 AM on Friday, September 6, 2019.

## **Friday, September 6, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

President Jones called the second business meeting to order at 9:03 AM on Friday, September 6, 2019.

### **Explanation of Voting by Keypad**

Greg Goodwiller, PRP, further explained the use of the keypads to vote.

### **Third Credentials Committee Report**

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Committee Chair Leah Raye Mabry, PRP, moved that the roll of delegates submitted, as of 9:10 AM on September 6, 2019, be the official roll of the voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 8; District Directors 5; *National Parliamentarians* editor 0; Standing Committee Chairman 4; NAP Past Presidents 5; All Other Delegates 352; Number of delegates entitled to vote 374.

**Assembly Action: The credentials report was adopted.**

### **Special Order on Resolution on Credentialing Process**

Robert Robinson, PRP, moved the adoption of a resolution on the Credentialing Process (see final wording below).

### **Objection to the Consideration of the Resolution**

Steve Britton, PRP, Objected to the Consideration of the Question on the adoption of the resolution

on the Credentialing Process.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 163 in the affirmative and 167 in the negative, the motion objecting to the consideration was lost.**

**Second “Resolved” Clause Ruled Out of Order**

The chair ruled that second “Resolved” clause not in order due it being in conflict with the NAP bylaws, and put the question on the first “Resolved” clause.

**Point of Order Raised on Motion**

Shmuel Gerber, PRP, raised a Point of Order that the Preamble needed to be included in the motion to adopt. The chair ruled the point well taken, and put the question on the resolution’s adoption with the Preamble and first “Resolved” clause.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 191 in the affirmative and 159 in the negative, the motion to adopt the following resolution was adopted:**

Whereas, NAP's current credentialing process to become a Registered Parliamentarian was officially rolled out to the membership effective August 1, 2019. It consists of three Steps, with eight parts in Step 1, written assignments in Step 2, and the requirement to demonstrate the ability to apply the skills from Step 1, in Step 3, via a recorded video; with a maximum timeframe of approximately two and a half years for completion of all three steps;

Whereas, The 100 Beta testers are still in the process of testing the current credentialing process, an unspecified number of whom are between the first and eighth exams in Step 1;

Whereas, Step 2 and Step 3 are not yet complete and are still in the process of being developed resulting in members of NAP who are seeking credentialing signing up for this process while it is still being figured out;

Whereas, There is no data to support that the current process will actually work for, or benefit the members, as there are no Beta testers to date who have actually become Registered Parliamentarians;

Whereas, There is no data to support that the projected time frame of approximately two and a half years is accurate, as this process was rolled out before any of the Beta testers have completed all three steps; and

Whereas, It is true that the NAP Bylaws prohibit the Commission on Credentialing from getting involved in the educational aspect, the fact remains that there has been no educational support system provided the members to assist them in preparing to successfully navigate the current credentialing process; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the delegates of the 42nd NAP Biennial Convention recommend to the Commission on Credentialing that the current process be frozen effective immediately, to allow

the Commission on Credentialing to complete its work of the Beta testers getting through the remaining two Steps, and while that is happening, the prior process be reinstated.

### **Motion to Suspend the Rules and Take Up Elections**

Maurice Henderson, PRP, moved to suspend the rules to immediately take up the election of directors-at-large, district director representatives, and commission on credentialing.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 308 in the affirmative and 41 in the negative, the motion to Suspend the Rules to immediately take up the elections was adopted.**

### **Nominations and Elections – Directors-at-Large:**

Larry Martin, PRP; Carl Nohr, PRP; Adam Hathaway, PRP; and Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP; were nominated for Director-at-Large. There were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

### **Tellers' Report for First Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 356

Necessary to Elect: 179

Larry Martin received: 59

Carl Nohr received: 74

Adam Hathaway received: 64

Joyce Brown-Watkins received: 159

Write-in votes: 0

The president declared there was no election for NAP Director-at-Large.

### **Tellers' Report for Second Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 354

Necessary to Elect: 178

Larry Martin received: 26

Carl Nohr received: 54

Adam Hathaway received: 42

Joyce Brown-Watkins received: 232

Write-in votes: 0

The president declared Joyce Brown-Watkins elected NAP Director-at-Large.

### **Tellers' Report for Third Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 359

Necessary to Elect: 180

Larry Martin received: 98

Carl Nohr received: 170

Adam Hathaway received: 89

Write-in votes: 2

The president declared there was no election for NAP Director-at-Large.

**Tellers' Report for Fourth Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 354

Necessary to Elect: 178

Larry Martin received: 63

Carl Nohr received: 238

Adam Hathaway received: 52

Write-in votes: 1

The president declared Carl Nohr elected NAP Director-at-Large.

**Tellers' Report for Fifth Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 349

Necessary to Elect: 175

Larry Martin received: 171

Adam Hathaway received: 174

Write-in votes: 4

The president declared there was no election for NAP Director-at-Large.

**Tellers' Report for Sixth Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 355

Necessary to Elect: 178

Larry Martin received: 168

Adam Hathaway received: 184

Write-in votes: 3

The president declared Adam Hathaway elected NAP Director-at-Large.

**Nominations and Elections – District Directors to the NAP Board of Directors:**

Robert Schuck, RP and Larry Martin, PRP were nominated for the two District Director Representative positions on the Board of Directors. There were no further nominations, and nominations were closed.

**Tellers' Report for First Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 332

Necessary to Elect: 167

Robert Schuck received: 176

Larry Martin received: 148

Write-in votes: 8

The president declared Robert Schuck elected to the first NAP District Director Representative position on the Board of Directors.

**Tellers' Report for Second Ballot:**

Votes Cast: 336

Necessary to Elect: 169

Larry Martin received: 303

Write-in votes: 33

The president declared Larry Martin elected to the second NAP District Director Representative position on the Board of Directors.

**Nominations and Elections – Commission on Credentialing Positions**

Thomas “Burke” Balch, PRP; James Stewart, PRP; Greg Goodwiller, PRP; Edward Magiste; and Rose Acker-McIver, PRP; were nominated for the positions on the Commission on Credentialing. There were no other nominations, and nominations were closed.

**Tellers’ Report for Position One:**

Votes Cast: 314

Necessary to Elect: 158

Thomas “Burke” Balch received: 234

James Stewart received: 17

Greg Goodwiller received: 19

Edward Magiste received: 21

Rose Acker-McIver received: 23

Write-in votes 0

The president declared Thomas “Burke” Balch elected to Position One on the Commission on Credentialing

**Tellers’ Report for First Ballot on Position Two:**

Votes Cast: 351

Necessary to Elect: 176

James Stewart received: 50

Greg Goodwiller received: 174

Edward Magiste received: 66

Rose Acker-McIver received: 59

Write-in votes 2

The president declared there was no election to Position Two on the Commission on Credentialing.

**Tellers’ Report for Second Ballot on Position Two:**

Votes Cast: 351

Necessary to Elect: 176

James Stewart received: 19

Greg Goodwiller received: 246

Edward Magiste received: 44

Rose Acker-McIver received: 40

Write-in votes 2

The president declared Greg Goodwiller elected to Position Two on the Commission on Credentialing.

**Tellers’ Report for First Ballot on Position Three:**

Votes Cast: 346

Necessary to Elect: 174

James Stewart received: 128

Edward Magiste received: 105

Rose Acker-McIver received: 110

Write-in votes 3

The president declared there was no election to Position Three on the Commission on Credentialing.

**Tellers' Report for Second Ballot on Position Three:**

Votes Cast: 347

Necessary to Elect: 174

James Stewart received: 157

Edward Magiste received: 81

Rose Acker-McIver received: 106

Write-in votes 3

The president declared there was no election to Position Three on the Commission on Credentialing.

**Motion to Drop the Lowest Candidate**

Steven Berke, PRP, moved to suspend the rules to allow that if no candidate receives a majority on the succeeding ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes will be dropped.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 270 in the affirmative and 74 in the negative, the motion to suspend the rules to drop the candidate with the fewest votes was adopted.**

**Tellers' Report for Third Ballot on Position Three:**

Votes Cast: 348

Necessary to Elect: 175

James Stewart received: 176

Edward Magiste received: 66

Rose Acker-McIver received: 102

Write-in votes 4

The president declared James Stewart elected to Position Three on the Commission on Credentialing.

**Report of the 2017 Convention Minutes Approval Committee**

Evan Lemoine, PRP, 2017 Convention Minutes Approval Committee Chair, reported that the committee approved the minutes and they are posted to the website.

**Motion to appoint Minutes Approval Committee for 2018 NAP Annual Meeting**

Evan Lemoine moved that the incoming Board of Directors serve as the Minutes Approval Committee of the business meeting at the 2018 NAP Training Conference.

**Assembly Action: The motion was adopted without objection.**

**Recess**

The meeting recessed until 4:15 PM.

## **Reconvene**

President Jones call the meeting back to order at 4:15 PM.

## **Reordering of Agenda**

Without objection, the remaining items on the agenda were reordered as follows: Credential Report, Bylaws Committee Report, Financial Report, Executive Director's Report, and the President's Report.

## **Fourth Credentials Committee Report**

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Committee Chair Leah Raye Mabry, PRP, moved that the roll of delegates submitted, as of 4:15 PM on September 6, 2019, be the official roll of the voting members of the convention: Board of Directors 8; District Directors 5; *National Parliamentarians* editor 0; Standing Committee Chairman 5; NAP Past Presidents 6; All Other Delegates 368; Number of delegates entitled to vote 392.

**Assembly Action: The credentials report was adopted.**

## **Report of the Bylaws Committee**

Bylaws Committee Chair Ron Avedisian reported on behalf of the committee and presented the proposed bylaws amendments (final wording as voted on).

## **AMENDMENT 1: AUTHORITY TO REVIEW AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS OF EXISTING SUBDIVISIONS**

Amend Article IX, Committees, Section 1, Standing Committees, Subsection B. Bylaws Committee, by adding a new Paragraph 8, "8. review and, unless it determines they conflict with the NAP bylaws or standing rules, approve amendments to the bylaws of existing associations, units, and youth groups."

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 137 in the affirmative and 190 in the negative, the motion was lost.**

## **AMENDMENT 2: DUES REDUCTION FOR SPECIFIED INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS**

Amend Article III, Members, Section 3, Dues, by inserting a new Subsection D, International Member Dues Reduction, to read as follows, and re-lettering all succeeding subsections. "D. International Member Dues Reduction. An individual who permanently resides in a country outside of Canada, the continental US, or Hawaii, and who is not otherwise entitled to a Student Dues Reduction, shall qualify for a 50% reduction in dues for the individual's membership classification."

**Proviso:** If this amendment is adopted, that the NAP Standing Rules' section related to Annual Dues be adjusted accordingly.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 173 in the affirmative and 155 in the negative, the motion was lost.**

### **AMENDMENT 3: ELIMINATE DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND REDEFINE DISTRICT DIRECTOR POSITION**

Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 2, Districts, by striking Subsections A through C and inserting the following new subsections A & B, with the proviso that all persons elected as district directors in accordance with the current provisions of this section shall serve as district liaisons for the 2019-2021 biennium:

- A. District Administrator.** There shall be an administrator for each district. District liaisons shall be registered or professional registered members who have their principle residence in the district at the time of appointment.
- B. Duties of the District Administrator.** The district administrator shall:
1. promote NAP programs through associations and unchartered states, provinces, or countries;
  2. assist in the organization of associations and units within the district;
  3. encourage states, provinces, and countries to conduct classes for preparation for membership and assist them in their organization;
  4. promote educational programs for the general public especially in unchartered areas;
  5. appoint, with the approval of the NAP Board of Directors, a chairman of an unchartered state, province, or country within the district in accordance with Article IV, Section 4A; and
  6. perform such other duties as may be designated in these bylaws or as directed by the NAP Board of Directors or the NAP President.

**Proviso:** All persons elected as district directors in accordance with the current provisions of this section shall serve as district administrators for the 2019-2021 biennium.

**Assembly Action:** By a vote of 108 in the affirmative and 221 in the negative, the motion was lost.

**Note:** Upon defeat of Amendment 3, Amendments 3.1 – 3.5 were withdrawn.

#### **Point of Order Raised Regarding Chair's Not Recognizing Members**

A point of order was raised that the Chair failed to recognize some of the members at one of the microphones, and the point was ruled not well taken because the members must go through the microphone monitors.

#### **AMENDMENT 4: INCREASE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE**

Amend Article V, Officers, Section 1, Officers, by striking "three" and inserting "five."

#### **Point of Order Raised that Motion was not in Order**

A point of order was raised that because the proposed amendment was not proposed by the Membership Extension and Retention Committee, it should be withdrawn. The chair ruled the point not well taken. Maurice Henderson appealed the chair's decision, and the chair's decision was sustained.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 173 in the affirmative and 155 in the negative, the motion was lost.**

**Note: Upon defeat of Amendment 4, Amendment 5 was withdrawn.**

#### **AMENDMENT 6: ADD DISTRICT DIRECTORS TO LIST OF NAP OFFICERS**

Amend Article V, Officers, Section 1, Officers, by striking the previous “and’ and adding “, and two district directors.”

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 216 in the affirmative and 92 in the negative, the motion was adopted.**

#### **AMENDMENT 7: CALL OF DISTRICT CONFERENCES**

Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 2, Districts, Subsection A, District Conferences, Paragraph 2, by striking “forty-five and no more than sixty” and inserting “sixty and no more than one-hundred eighty days”.

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 267 in the affirmative and 76 in the negative, the motion was adopted.**

#### **Motion to Suspend the Rules and Consider Amendments 8-10 in gross.**

Evan Lemoine, PRP moved to suspend the rules and immediately consider bylaw amendments # 8, 9, and 10 in gross.

**Assembly Action: The motion to suspend the rules and consider Amendments 8, 9 and 10 in gross was adopted.**

#### **AMENDMENT 8: ELECTRONIC ASSOCIATION DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 2, Districts, by striking the last two sentences of the beginning paragraph and inserting “After consultation with the membership extension and retention committee and affected associations, the NAP Board of Directors shall assign associations outside North America to a district. Electronic associations need not be assigned to a district unless the NAP Board of Directors establishes an electronic district.

**Proviso:** Upon a request sent to NAP Headquarters by any electronic association assigned to a district as of the date of adoption of this amendment, the district assignment of such association shall be dissolved.

#### **AMENDMENT 9: ELECTRONIC UNIT ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION**

Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 5, Units, Subsection B, Electronic Units, Paragraph 2, by striking all text following the first appearance of “association affiliation,” and inserting “After the

initial designation, an electronic unit may petition the NAP Board of Directors to change its affiliation to a different association,” with the proviso that any electronic unit that is unaffiliated as of the date of adoption of this amendment shall inform NAP Headquarters, within thirty days after the close of the convention, of the association with which it wishes to be affiliated. If the unit fails to do make such notification, the NAP Board of Directors shall determine the unit’s association affiliation.

#### **AMENDMENT 10: VOTING RIGHTS AT DISTRICT CONFERENCES**

Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 8, Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units, Subsection B, Criteria, Paragraph 1b, by striking “an unchartered state or province in the district and who is not a primary member of any association,” and inserting “the district and who is not a primary member of an association assigned to another district.”

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 235 in the affirmative and 81 in the negative, Amendments 8, 9, and 10 were adopted.**

#### **Motion to Suspend the Rules and Consider Amendments 11-14 in gross.**

A motion to suspend the rules and consider Amendments 11, 12, 13, and 14 in gross was adopted.

#### **AMENDMENT 11: MEMBER CONDUCT**

Amend Article III, Members, Section 5, Discipline, by striking the title and the first sentence and inserting, “Conduct. Members shall abide by the NAP Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Code of Ethics, and shall not engage in conduct injurious to NAP or its object, or bring disrespect on NAP.”

#### **AMENDMENT 12: BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES**

Amend Article VII, NAP Board of Directors, Section 2, Duties, Subsection B, Duties of the NAP Board of Directors, Paragraphs 21 & 22, by substituting the following new Paragraphs 21 & 22:

**21.** after consultation with the ethics committee, adopt *Standards of Ethical Conduct for Parliamentarians*, *Rules for Disposition of Professional Ethics Complaints*. and *Rules for Disposition of Membership Discipline Complaints*.

**22.** render the final decision on any recommendation made by the ethics committee for suspension or revocation of any member’s membership or credential classification as a result of an ethics or member discipline complaint and consider and resolve all appeals by a respondent of a reprimand issued by the ethics committee. A two-thirds vote shall be required to suspend or revoke any member’s membership or credential classification.

#### **AMENDMENT 13: DISCIPLINE**

Amend Article IX, Professional Discipline, Section 5, Discipline, by striking “PROFESSIONAL” from the title, and in Section 2, striking Subsection A & B and inserting new Subsection A, B, and C to read:

**A. Ethics Complaints.** The ethics committee shall process complaints concerning alleged violations of the *Code of Ethics for Parliamentarians* in accordance with provisions contained in the *Rules for Disposition of Complaints by the Ethics Committee*.

**B. Member Discipline Complaints.** The ethics committee shall process complaints concerning alleged violations of Article III, Section 5 in accordance with provisions contained in the *Rules for Disposition of Membership Discipline Complaints*.

**C. Penalties.** The ethics committee may:

1. issue a reprimand, subject to appeal by the respondent to the NAP Board of Directors; or
2. recommend to the NAP Board of Directors the suspension or revocation of a membership or credential classification.

#### **AMENDMENT 14: CHANGE NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Amend Article III, Members, Section 5, Discipline by striking “ethics” and inserting “professional standards.”

**Proviso:** This amendment will coincide with the NAP Board making appropriate changes in the NAPOPP.

#### ***CONFORMING AMENDMENT 14A-E:***

Amend Article V, Officers, Section 8, Duties of Officers, Subsection A, Duties of the President, Subparagraphs 2.b) through 7 by striking “ethics” and inserting “professional standards.”

#### ***CONFORMING AMENDMENT 13B:***

Amend Article VII, NAP Board of Directors, Section 2, Duties, Subparagraph B, Duties of the NAP Board of Directors, Subparagraphs 1, 21 and 22 by striking “ethics” and inserting “professional standards” where appropriate

#### ***CONFORMING AMENDMENT 13C:***

Amend Article IX Committees, Section 1. Standing Committees, Subparagraph A. Composition, Accountability, Ex officio Members, Subcommittees, and Term, Subparagraphs 1.c), 3 and 5, by striking “ethics” and inserting “professional standards.”

#### ***CONFORMING AMENDMENT 13D:***

Amend Article XI Professional Discipline, Section 1. Ethics Committee, Subsection A. Composition and Section 2. Complaints, by striking “ethics” and inserting “professional standards” where appropriate.

#### ***CONFORMING AMENDMENT 13E:***

Amend Standing Rule 18, Ethics Committee, by striking “ethics” and inserting “professional standards.”

**Assembly Action: By a vote of 234 in the affirmative and 64 in the negative, Amendments 11, 12, 13, and 14 were adopted.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM to meet at 10:30 AM on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

President Jones called the third business meeting to order at 10:30 AM on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

### **Recognition of Members**

President Jones recognized and thanked the past NAP presidents, the NAP Board members, Cluster Leaders, and members.

### **Invitation to the 2020 NAP Training Conference**

Members of the Texas Association and District 6 presented an invitation to attend the 2020 NAP Training Conference in San Antonio, TX.

### **Installation of Officers**

Past NAP President Maurice Henderson, PRP, installed the newly elected officers.

### **Introduction of District Directors**

President Jones introduced the new District Directors whose terms begin at the close of the convention. Those in attendance were Robert Robinson, PRP, District 1; Cynthia Mayo, PRP, District 2; Carol Davis, PRP, District 3; Robert Schuck, RP; District 4; Larry Martin, PRP, District 5; Valoree Althoff, PRP, District 6, Yvette Keese, PRP, District 7; and Michael Peck, PRP, District 8.

### **Incoming President Remarks**

Incoming President Darlene Allen, PRP, addressed the members and discussed her goals for the next biennium. She presented outgoing President Jones with a pin and gavel.

### **Adjournment Sine Die**

President Jones declared the 42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention adjourned sine die at 11:10 AM.



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Kevin Connelly, PRP  
NAP Secretary

**Minutes Approval Committee**

10/05/2020

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Laura Meade, PRP

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