

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®

## DISTRICT EIGHT NEWSLETTER

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Where does the time go? Even though we have had a very strange and challenging year so far, life goes on. I would like to welcome our new members since our last newsletter, and I welcome you again if you are new to district 8.



Since the last newsletter, your district 8 director has attended the Arizona Annual meeting and the NAP NTC meeting. Both by Zoom software. It is a challenge and vastly different. I attended the California annual meeting on Oct 3. The new Zoom platform lets us save time and money attending functions we might not have been able to attend otherwise. I hope that all of you can experience attending meetings and seminars with the new technology available to us. Just think of the possibilities. How many of you are conducting Parliamentary consulting or training differently than you have in the past? Has the new technology opened new doors for you that we had not thought of in the past?

I have been attending my HOA meetings by Zoom and even have consulted and served as a Parliamentarian using the Zoom platform. Some of you know I am also a Real Estate agent and I own my own real estate school. Yes, you guessed it I am teaching Real estate CE classes by Zoom as well.

I hate to even mention the word Covid 19 but it has opened some new doors that many of us would have found too challenging had we not been forced to learn new opportunities for personal growth and for income.

Now for a personal update: I am still dealing with some health issues. I have had 5 operations (really procedures) since the first of the year and I am scheduled for another before this newsletter is published.

This director like everyone else is growing tired of COVID and all the precautions we are taking that few of us think are really helping. I am looking forward to when we can meet in person again and catch up on all the things we have missed. I miss the opportunity to meet and greet and shake hands. The challenge of the future is what does the new normal look like?

What is the future of Parliamentarians and renewing our credentials? It is time to remind you to renew your credentials both RP's and PRP's; time is short, and we need you as credentialed members of NAP!!

I am looking forward to our next in person meeting. Until that time please accept the challenge to upgrade your technology skills and attend your meetings with the various types of electronic meetings currently out there.

We hope to get back on track with a quarterly Newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or parliamentary challenges or maybe an article you were thinking of writing, there are points for being published and for attending NAP Webinars. There are even points for conducting your parliamentary business.

Until we can meet and shake hands in person, accept the challenges and bring some new skills to your parliamentary life. Your challenge

is to stay involved and continue to contribute to your organization and your personal growth!

Do the best you can to be a contributing member of NAP.

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### **UTAH STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS (USAP)**

USAP Annual Meeting  
Saturday, December 5, 2020  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
The location will be determined.

The Parliamentary Institute for interested individuals and community organizations has been postponed to Spring 2021. The date, time and location will be determined.

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### **Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians' (HSAP) September 24, 2020**

Greetings!

Due to social distancing the Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians' (HSAP) quarterly meetings have been held electronically. Aloha- 'Ohana and Pono units monthly zoom meetings have been discussing the rules and how to participate in electronic meetings since March 2020. Not everyone has the same computer, program, tablet, or phone. There are numerous challenges just trying to start our meetings, making motions, and participating debate.

September's meetings covered the changes of the RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed.). The RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed.)

changes will probably be on the agenda for the next several months.

Hawaii remains in stay-at-home status. It is unknown when the State will be allowing in person meetings thus all future meetings will be held via zoom. The positive on this, is that the Pono unit had several guests attending their September's meeting from Arizona and Manitoba, Canada.

HSAP Biennial Annual Convention is scheduled to be held in the Summer of 2021. The format remains unknown and dependent on the State allowing in person meetings and any limitations.

Best Regards,  
Josette "Jojo" Kawana, RP  
Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians

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### **California State Association of Parliamentarians 73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

The CSAP Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 via video conferencing.

Fortunately, CSAP had been starting to test the waters for video conferencing for Area meeting education programs. Therefore, when COVID 19 halted all group gathering, we had already begun to use video conferencing and shifting all our meeting was a natural transition. Northern Area had their first video conference just as stay at home rules were issued.

Therefore, we scheduled our Annual Meeting to be held online. We received over 50 registered attendees. We have found that we are exceeding the number of participants who had to drive to a meeting. We can ask guest speakers from across the United States. Our educational workshops were "Proxies in

Government" by C.J. Cavin, PRP, CP and "RONR 12<sup>th</sup> Edition" Q & A by Daniel E. Seabold.

New officers were elected: President, Sally La Macchia, RP; Vice-President, Kimo Gandall, SPRP; Vicki Walter, RP, Secretary and Maria Trujillo Tough, RP, Treasurer.

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### **Arizona State Association Of Parliamentarians September 2020**

The Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians (ASAP) held their Annual Meeting via Zoom on August 8, 2020. With this being electronic the attendance was somewhat better than it has been in the past. Although the Members did miss the camaraderie that occurs with personal interaction including such human things like hugs. Frank Fitzgerald, PRP-R, well known by many members of NAP always signs off his emails with Hugs, Frank. Yes, Frank, we all miss the in-person HUGS.

The meeting had the usual business then had three very well-done presentations. The first was by Daniel Seabold, PRP, a member of the authorship team for Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (12th ed.) He spoke on what needs to be done and thought about as a revision is undertaken. These revisions occur about every ten years. The most significant revision is the Appendix on Sample Rules for Electronic Meetings. The second presentation was by Paul Lamb, PRP-R, a past president of ASAP. He spoke on "Fun with Amendments" in a way that showed how amendments can be used to perfect language. This was done in a "fun way" but listeners had to be very attentive to what was being said. The third presenter was NAP President, Darlene Allen. She gave a very informative update on what was happening at the national level including credentialling.

Some of the plans for ASAP and the Units in the coming year involve many more workshops including public workshops, those for youth and students, and for professionals such as those in medicine. ASAP is also outreaching to youth organizations such as the Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council. ASAP will be involved in teaching parliamentary procedure but also in developing a merit badge for the Scouts. The badges are a great incentive for the Scouts to learn and complete specific tasks that they can utilize throughout the remainder of their lives.

Hopefully, by this time next year, ASAP will have been involved with many new projects that can be reported as very successful. This is all happening in spite of COVID-19.

Marilyn K. Newman, President  
Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians

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In the SUMMER 2010 District 8 newsletter, I wrote the following - and I think ten years later it bears repeating, so here goes.

David Mezzera, PRP (Former D-8 Director)

"Listen" is an Anagram of . . .

I have a personal shortcoming I must share with you and get it off my chest: When I am doing a Q & A session as part of a parliamentary presentation, I tend to listen to the early part of a question, try to get the gist of what is being asked, and then start answering in anticipation of what I assume the questioner really wants to know. I then frequently am inclined to throw in some trivial, non-relevant detail from RONR (maybe just to show off the breadth of my knowledge on the subject).

The problem is that I've really missed the key element of the inquiry that the questioner is posing and after my response, he or she frequently has to follow-up with, "Yes, but what I really want to know is . . ."

I need to take a lesson from the motto:

**“Listen” is an anagram of “Silent.”** When we’re in a position to learn from someone else’s words or need to hear another’s problems and concerns, we need to really listen. And that can only be done if we are in a mode of silence. As the adage goes, God gave us two ears and only one mouth for a reason! Do you hear what I’m saying?

– Henry Martyn Robert, Parliamentary Law

"The greatest lesson for democracies to learn is for the majority to give to the minority a full, free opportunity to present their side of the case, and then for the minority, having failed to win a majority to their views, gracefully to submit and to recognize the action as that of the entire organization, and cheerfully to assist in carrying it out until they can secure its repeal."

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