

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®

## DISTRICT EIGHT NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message Michael Peck, PRP

Your Director hopes everyone that this article reaches is faring well with Covid 19. Many of you are probably within the first and second tiers for the vaccine. I hope you are signing up. Many of us remember the days when we had no choice. If we wanted to go to school, then we had to get the vaccine. Remember Smallpox, Mumps and Measles. And then there was the Polio vaccine. Your director will be getting the vaccine at his earliest opportunity. In Arizona that does not seem to be an easy accomplishment.



With modern day medicine we are all thankfully living longer. If I thought I was going to live this long I would have taken much better care of myself in my earlier days. Don't we all talk about our medical feats as we get older. Your director did not even have a primary care physician until he was 65 years old. Since then, your director seems to be falling apart. It is very distracting from your director's work duties.

District 8 had a District meeting in December by Zoom. It was successful. We had representatives from every state report on the activities in their state. Every state reported on having an annual meeting by Zoom. What a wonderful technology we are all learning. And we also had a representative from Malaysia join us as a new member of NAP.

Your director would like to continue the District meetings and the district representatives attending the first district meeting by Zoom agreed to a Quarterly meeting. Which Zoom has afforded us the opportunity to meet more regularly without the cost of travel.

Our next District meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021 at 6:30pm Mountain Standard time. WE will again conduct the meeting using Zoom and we hope all the Presidents are able to give a report of current and future activities at that meeting. Zoom has in some cases made it much easier to conduct parliamentary workshops. We hope some of the state presidents and even unit presidents to report on their successes.

We are working on a District Conference with preliminary details to be shared at the District Meeting. California is the Host state for the conference, and we are hoping to have an in-person district conference but that all may be determined by the virus and the California Governor. So, stay tuned and be at the meeting to share your thoughts. If you are interested in helping with the plans for the District Conference, I know our host president Sally La Macchia. Is looking for volunteers to assist in the plans for the conference. And we

#### SAVE THE DATES

**MARCH 15, 2021**

District meeting  
6:30 p.m. MST

**JULY 30-31, 2021**

DISTRICT 8 CONFERENCE  
SAN DIEGO, CA

**SEPTEMBER 9-12, 2021**

NAP Convention  
Atlanta, GA

recognize that it may have to be converted to a digital or Zoom meeting.

Do not forget to put the NAP Convention in September in Atlanta on your calendar. NAP is having the same issues as the units and states and it may end up a digital conference as well. We hope the states will share their successes with their state annual meetings and if the digital conference is adding to the attendance at the Annual meetings.

If your state has something specific, they would like added to the agenda for the March meeting please respond to the district director by phone (602-359-8326) or by email [consulting@MikePeckAZRE.com](mailto:consulting@MikePeckAZRE.com). I believe plans are developing for workshops at the district conference so if you would like to submit a proposal or a suggestion for a workshop again please contact your district director or the host state chair of the conference.

Your district director is looking forward to the day when we can meet again in person and shake hands and greet each other as friends who have missed the personal contact. Your director is hoping to see a large representation of the District 8 members at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the district members. Please put it on your calendar.

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## CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS



### ***News and Greetings from CSAP***

It is a pleasure to share CSAP news with NAP District 8 friends and colleagues – and to hear from each D8 Association and Region. Editor Maria Trujillo-Tough is pivotal to maintaining District wide connections so important to NAP's mission and to the District itself. From CSAP - *Thank you*, Editor Trujillo-Tough!

Like many D8 assemblies, CSAP has weathered change and navigated new waters together in these challenging times. CSAP will face the future optimistically!

CSAP Policies were amended in August 2020. Seven of 13 policies address "Education". Policy #5 states in part: "Few things are more important to education than a solid foundation in basic rules of the trade. CSAP should provide this foundation."

With a renewed focus on basic parliamentary education, the CSAP leadership team set out to offer a variety of learning opportunities to members and visitors alike. To shed some light, light a spark, spark an epiphany, and gain a CSAP member! Gail Lover, PRP, is CSAP Parliamentarian and Education Committee Chair. Ms. Lover brings a special spark to our team. We are fortunate beneficiaries of her commitment as a CSAP leader.

Since assuming office October 03, 2020, CSAP leaders have done tremendous work to further CSAP's educational goals. Check out [www.californiaparliamentarian.com](http://www.californiaparliamentarian.com) and *The California Parliamentarian*. (To request a copy of the CP, email [sally@losfl.com](mailto:sally@losfl.com))

Under "Public Education", the CSAP website offers "RONR Short Takes" – brief, topical, lessons based on

RONR, Newly Revised. New “Short Takes” are added regularly. Click on the Welcome tile and find a new True - False “Quick Quiz” based on RONR *In Brief* every 30-40 days!

The first *California Parliamentarian* of 2021 was issued in a new format with plenty of content because of the care, commitment, and talent of CSAP members, volunteers, and leaders. The *CP* features a new True – False quiz in every issue. Thanks go very fittingly to team members and contributors. Special thanks to CSAP Vice-President Kimo Gandall, Webmaster Alex Wang, Editor Extraordinaire Maria Trujillo-Tough, CSAP Secretary Vicki Walter, and CSAP’s new Communications Committee Chair, Barbee Heiny. All members are invited to create their own **Short Take** lesson, **Quick Quiz**, article, or personal experience for publication and the enrichment of CSAP members and guests.

CSAP held its first Zoom Hall on Friday February 5, 2021. CSAP members enjoyed direct, real-time access to members of the CSAP Board of Directors to share ideas for the health and longevity of CSAP. Registered members received a Zoom invitation on the event date. Two 1-hour sessions were held, one from noon to 1, the other from 7 to 8 PM. The experiment was a success! Attendees came away inspired to forge a bright future for CSAP. We are honored that NAP Vice-President Wanda Sims joined us for the second session. This will not be the last CSAP Zoom Hall!

Finally, CSAP is gratified to work with Director Michael Peck and his team to bring forth a stellar District 8 Conference this year. CSAP is your 2021 Host Association. CSAP Education Chair Gail Lover, PRP, is already hard at work on behalf of D8 to see that Conference attendees have a terrific learning experience, whatever your level of parliamentary knowledge. CSAP will meet again with Director Peck and the D8 2021 Conference Team in February, and together will work to ensure a terrific and memorable conference, be it in-person in San Diego or held via Zoom.

**Sally La Macchia, PRP**  
**CSAP President**

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

Report to District 8 Meeting on December 15, 2020

The USAP Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 via Zoom. Election of nominating committee was completed. Election of delegates to the 2021 NAP 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention in Atlanta, Ga (September 9-12) was completed. Proposed bylaws amendment to provide for electronic meetings was adopted.

The USAP Parliamentary Institute to provide parliamentary education for interested individuals and community organizations is in planning stages to be held in 2021.

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**David Mezzera, PRP (Former D-8 Director)**

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

**"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 breath of my knowledge on the subject).

The problem is that I have 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 can 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 am saying?

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**CHINA ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS**

In China, when the COVID-19-infected patient is discovered, he/she will be tracked for investigation on intimate and indirect contacts to do isolation. When an increasing number of people are infected, transportation and trip in relevant zones will be limited. At the same time, people are required to wear masks and remain social contact distance in public occasions. This brings inconvenience for offline promotion and exchange activities of CAP while ensuring safety. In the past year, CAP did not carry out offline exchange activities but conducted multiple sharing exchange activities through the online exchange tool, attaining an excellent effect.

Besides, the association conference will be held online with normal operation. However, most members still think membership fees as heavy burdens. Finally, it is expected that we will live through the pandemic as soon as possible. Best wishes to all NAP members.

CAP Education Committee also implemented free online lecturer advanced class for excellent members.

**Wanchun Sun RP**  
President



# 2020首次 网络交流分享



悲伤可以自行料理，快乐的滋味如果要充分体会，就需要有人分享才行。

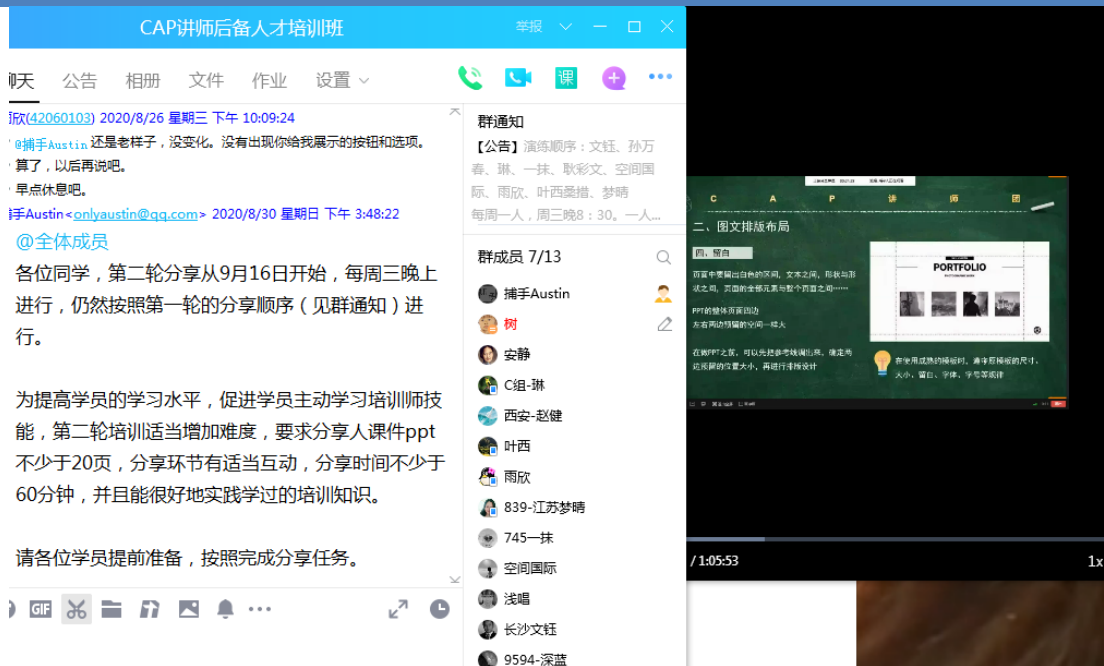
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## 2020 CAP second network exchange and sharing activity CAP第二届网络交流分享活动

Time: 7月4日 Place: 腾讯会议室





In the new year, CAP will convoke the first sharing exchange activity of new year on January 23, 2021.

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CAP  
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在中国，每当发现有新冠病毒感染者，都会对其行踪进行调查，对其密切接触者人和间接接触人进行隔离观察，出现多人感染的时候会对相关区域限制交通和出行，公共场合要求戴口罩并保持社交距离，



这在保证安全的同时也为CAP线下的推广和交流活动带来了不便。CAP在过去的一年里没有开展线下的交流活动，但通过网络交流工具在线上开展了多次分享交流活动，取得了不错的效果（附图），CAP教育委员会也对优秀成员开展了免费的线上讲师提高

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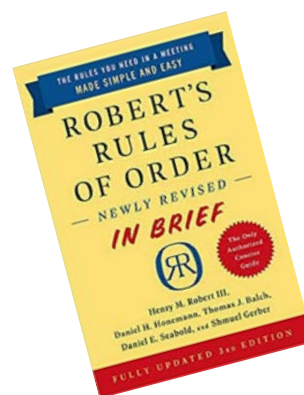
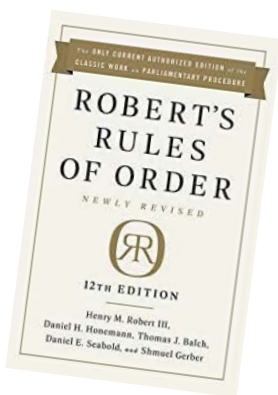
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### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I wish to thank those of you who submitted articles for this newsletter.