

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®

## DISTRICT EIGHT NEWSLETTER

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Maria Trujillo-Tough RP, Editor

### **President's Message** **Michael Peck, PRP**

Arizona had their Annual Meeting Aug 20, 2022. Your District Director also attended the California Annual Meeting on Aug 12, 2022. We are active and coming back from COVID restrictions. Although both annual meetings were Virtual. Your director is looking forward to attending the National Training Conference in Albuquerque Sept 8-11, 2022. This will be the first live conference in several years. Our last District meeting was the first District meeting with all state presidents attending. Let's continue the trend. In addition to all states being present we also have a member from Japan at the Meeting as well.



Our next District meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2022, at 6:30 pm Mountain Standard time. Arizona does not play the Daylight savings time game, so we never have to change our clocks. This meeting will be virtual, and all district 8 members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. We have been gaining member attendance at each of the quarterly district conference meetings. So please plan to join us. If you have friends in other districts, please let them know they are free to join us as well.

You will receive a notice a month from the meeting and again between seven- and ten-day reminder of the meeting. AS part of that reminder you will also receive the link to be part of the meeting.

The director hopes all of you had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to your parliamentary meetings. Arizona had an active Monsoon season this summer and your director's residence experienced some wind damage. Guess what he found out? The director's insurance policy had a 2500.00 deductible for wind and water damage. Your director is definitely ready for the Monsoon season to end.

I can't wait to see all my parliamentary friends at the NTC in Albuquerque. Of course, your director will miss some of the people who have passed on since our last in person meeting. Such notables as Frank Fitzgerald and Leonard Young will be sorely missed by this director. In fact, Frank

Fitzgerald was one of my inspirations to serve as a district director.

Our membership is aging so don't miss the opportunity to attend the NTC. If you are going, I will see you there. I look at my age and wonder. I have been a member of NAP for 40 + years. I have attended more NAP Conventions and NTC conferences than most members of NAP. The training and experiences are unmatched in our association. I encourage all to be there!

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

A Blast from the Recent Past  
By now past CSAP President, Sally F. LaMacchia



What a year it was! The past year has been a whirlwind for CSAP's board, and we hope, a year culminating in an upbeat, positive, inspirational, and educational Annual Meeting on Zoom. CSAP members and friends met on Zoom August 12 and 13 to enjoy six terrific educational workshops and take care of the business of the Association.

This member served for the second time as Presiding Officer at an annual meeting, the first annual meeting with election of new officers on the agenda. I was nervous! I've learned that preparation is one antidote to nerves, but not a cure all. What made my calmer disposition possible was the time spent with CSAP's leadership team throughout 2022. I am still full of gratitude.

In the past year, CSAP continued to hold Zoom Halls, and the newly formed President's Council held three meetings: February, April, and July. The Council will next meet on October 12, 2022. One of the several objectives of this group is to promote and proctor NAP membership examination

opportunities throughout the state.

In the past year, the *California Parliamentarian* was published in February, April, and June. These terrific newsletters can be accessed here: <https://californiaparliamentarians.org/newsletters/>, on the CSAP website. Thanks to all contributors and to Editor, Maria Trujillo-Tough.

And finally, on August 13<sup>th</sup>, CSAP welcomed a new Association President, Gail Lover, PRP. President Lover has begun to assemble a great leadership team, including these newly elected

officers: Robert Duitsman, Vice President, Ron Arruejo, Secretary, and Phillip Hubbard III, Treasurer. Dr. Lovene Knight has accepted appointment as CSAP's Parliamentarian.

I look forward to continuing to serve CSAP in the coming years. I have volunteered to work on the Budget and Finance Committee, finally overcoming a lifelong fear of numbers, which I attribute to a decision almost 3 years ago to take up the study of piano. I look forward to spending more time with the piano! As well, I offer my services to the new administration in regard to the *California Parliamentarian* and in promoting and facilitating increased membership in NAP/CSAP.

**Sally La Macchia, PRP  
CSAP President 2022**

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**California State Association of Parliamentarians  
Gail E. Lover PRP**

The California State Association of Parliamentarians (CSAP) held its **75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** on August 12-13, 2022 via Zoom. ***The Diamond of the District!***



Not only is there ***gold in dem there hills*** of California, there's also ***diamonds among dem there members*** of California! CSAP members are highly motivated and absolutely committed to the teaching and learning of parliamentary procedures. Achievements are the results of collaboration of the membership of the California Areas and the California Units and their leaders will continue to inspire by capitalizing on the strength of their members – analyzing new directions, traveling in unexplored territories.

***Is it difficult to become a member of the State – a diamond of the State?*** Reviewing our recruitment and inductive policies, and with the newly approved bylaw proposal, it encourages guests to become Provisionals of the Units and encourages Provisionals to

become members of the National Association of Parliamentarians® (NAP). ***Not difficult at all!***

I am honored to serve as the newly elected President of the State Association of California (CSAP) and looking forward to the challenges along with other elected officers, ***Robert Duitsman Esq. PRP*** as Vice President, ***Ronald Arrejuo*** as Secretary, ***Phillip Hubbard III*** as Treasurer and ***Lovene Knight RP*** as Parliamentarian.

We have been led by a succession of great leaders, great Parliamentarian and ***great diamonds***, who have given their time, talents and treasures to this organization. A host of membership chairs serve as our foundation this coming administration which includes ***Maria Trujillo-Tough RP*** as the Newsletter Editor,

(CP), *Rick Sydor RP-R* as Finance & Budget Chair, and *Esther Heller PRP*, past CSAP President, as Awards and Mail chimp Chair. Others are in the mix to become part of our diamond cluster.

With such an outstanding cluster of diamonds, I am confident that together, we will continue to sparkle, shine, refract, and become rated highly among the District.

CSAP is looking forward to its Octogintennial – 80<sup>th</sup> year of Annual Meetings in 2027.



Gail E. Lover PRP

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

Jessica Christopher, President  
Utah Association of Parliamentarians

The Utah Association of Parliamentarians held their Annual Meeting in December 2021. At that meeting new state officers were elected. We would like to thank our outgoing president, Kathy Boyer, PRP, for her many years of service leading USAP.

Our PRPs, RPs, and members have been active across the state serving as parliamentarians for many organizations including non-profit, church, and women’s organizations and serving as parliamentarians and officers for political parties.

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