Workshop Descriptions

Empowering Strata Member Participation

The BC *Strata Property* Act is lengthy, technical, and offers little guidance on how members can *effectively participate* in meetings. As a result, many strata members feel intimidated and hesitate to engage in meetings. In this presentation, Joanne Morrison introduces practical standing rules, drawing on Toastmasters proven communication practices, to make strata meetings more engaging, inclusive, and productive. Participants will learn how these rules can encourage confident participation by members, increase member influence, and provide clear guidance for contributing during meetings. These tools help members feel more prepared, empowered, and connected to the decision-making process.

Presenter:
Joanne Morrison

Joanne Morrison developed an interest in parliamentary procedure after being introduced to it by John Noonan, Past International Director of Toastmasters and former PABC President. Her role as District Governor for more than 230 Toastmasters clubs across BC required a strong working knowledge of parliamentary fundamentals, which she pursued with dedication, nearly achieving a perfect score on her first NAP membership exam.
Now living in a strata community, she brings both practical experience and a passion for governance education. Joanne wants you to be able to ask questions and understand your strata's Annual General Meeting.

The Impartiality Challenge

The NAP Code of Professional Responsibility requires Parliamentarians to serve their clients in an impartial manner. In this presentation, Eli Mina will share challenging real-life scenarios where his impartiality was tested, and provides pragmatic tools he used to address such challenges.

This education session is approved for 2 Professional Development CEU's.

Presenter:
Eli Mina, M. Sc, PRP

Eli Mina, M. Sc, PRP has practiced as a professional parliamentarian and Board Effectiveness consultant since 1984. Eli advises his clients on using rules of order sensibly and intelligently, so as to aid them in making informed and thoughtful decisions. He serves as a procedural expert and an impartial presiding officer during contentious meetings. He also plans and leads board effectiveness workshops (including orientations and evaluations) and helps his clients in preventing and dealing with disputes and dysfunctions.
Eli's approach to his work is practical and nimble. His predominant goal is to help his clients achieve smart decisions on complex issues, and do so in a manner which is both democratic and efficient. He helps his clients turn nasty problems into learning opportunities.