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President's Corner



Carolyn Stubbs, PRP

an opportunity for RP's to reach the next certification level and for those who are PRP's to renew their credentials. We continued to celebrate Maurice Henderson, PRP, our NAP President. But most importantly, we supported each other, encouraged one another and enjoyed learning together!!!

Our Board has carefully overseen our organization, its fiscal health, our programs and our operations. We have had fun and engaged in practical, pragmatic learning. I appreciate, I think, the strenuous training our members afforded me as I prepared for the presiding section of the PRP re-certification exam. That scenario, as challenging as it was, was easier after the rigors some of our Board members put me through this year. Serving as President was a great learning experience. Thanks to everyone!

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President. I have been inspired by all of you. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual MSAP meeting in April.

Carolyn Stubbs

MSAP President



In April, MSAP will hold its annual meeting. In addition to excellent workshops, it will be a time to elect our new officers. Information about our candidates appears in this newsletter. I hope all of our members will attend and participate in electing our future leaders.

The past two years have flown by. As your President, I am very proud of all our accomplishments. We offered excellent educational opportunities. We continue to work to become better known as a resource in the non-profit community. This year, we provided

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Unit News

Detroit Unit

In recent months, members of the Detroit Unit have studied various topics. They include:

- ***Conventions*** led by Dr. Frances Jackson;
- ***Who Was Henry M. Robert?*** offered by Verna Brocks;
- ***NAP Membership Exam Review*** led by Jewel Johnson Jones, RP; and
- ***It's Parliamentary*** along with taking
- ***Eye Cue Test: What We Have Learned in 2012***, both led by Edna Arrington, PRP.

After hearing the poem, ***Something Good***, (found on page 4 of this newsletter), members were invited to nominate outstanding members for the ***Something Good Award***.

The Detroit Unit presented the 2012 ***Something Good Award*** to these members: Harriette Woodards, Julia Boayue, PRP-Ret, Lois Shulman, Emmesia Frost, Josephine D. Smith, and Edna Arrington, PRP. Harriette received special recognition for her calls made monthly to remind members of meetings.

The Unit, with a total membership of 91, is now meeting in a new location: the Delta Sigma Theta Detroit Foundation Inc. at 24760 West Seven Mile Road (corner of Grand River Avenue) in Detroit.



Genesee Area Unit

The Genesee Area Unit continues to meet, welcoming new and returning members to GAU. Carolyn Stubbs, PRP, and Tom DeMerrit, RP, served as educational presenters during the last quarter. Members fully

participated and enjoyed these learning opportunities.

Louise Martin brought a handcrafted mace, the symbol for NAP, to GAU from its prior home in the Saginaw Valley Unit. The mace was made by Louise's husband, Ed Martin. Louise was an active member of the former Saginaw Unit who has joined GAU.

The NAP mace is the trademarked symbol of the National Association of Parliamentarians. For your information, *Wikipedia* describes a mace like this:

The ceremonial mace is a highly ornamented staff of metal or wood, carried before a sovereign or other high official in civic ceremonies by a mace bearer, intended to represent the official's authority. The mace, as used today, derives from the original mace used as a weapon. Processions often feature maces, as on parliamentary or formal academic occasions.



Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit

The Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit officers and committee chairs were elected at the November 2012 meeting. Officers for 2013 are President – Julie Pioch; Secretary – Barb Davis; Treasurer – Betty Weston. Member Betty Lee Ongley was elected to the Nominating Committee and member Weston to the Education Committee. Appointed committee assignments were also made.

Members Barb Davis and Betty Weston led NAP test review workshops for the members in January. Three provisional members took the NAP membership exam in February.



Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit

The Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit once again enjoyed a holiday dinner at the home of Francile Anderson and, as usual, conversation simply flowed. There were so many interesting discussions that it was hard to choose which one to join.

Educational programs in the past quarter have included:

- ***No Longer an Ingenue: New Media Takes Center Stage*** led by Elizabeth Haynes, RP, and Chandra Jones;
- ***Adjusting the Script: Amending Main Motions with Practical Applications*** taught by Gretchen Denton, RP, and Ruth Schluchter; and
- ***Improvisation: Audience Participation in a Parliamentary Holiday Activity*** offered by Deborah Macon and Barbara Bonsignore.

Upcoming spring activities are being coordinated by Chris Burns and Barbara Bonsignore. Chris is the chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the April 5-7 MSAP Annual Meeting hosted by LSPU, while Barbara is once again ably chairing the annual workshop ***Meetings that Work 2013***, which will take place March 16, two weeks before the MSAP Annual Meeting. A flyer is attached to this newsletter. All are welcome to attend.



Redford Unit

The Redford Unit meets monthly at Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly Road in Redford. The normal schedule is to start with a review and have the monthly lesson followed by the business meeting.

Sharon Jones and Suzanne Pedersen, who passed the RP examination in 2012, led meetings in September and October. In the coming months,

other members will lead sticking-to-the-basics lessons. A workshop is in the planning stages.



Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians

The Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians (MURP) held its fall quarterly meeting in Kalamazoo on November 3, 2012 with fourteen in attendance including one guest. Following a brief business meeting, Julie Pioch, PRP led a ***Parliamentary Procedure Quiz Bowl***, getting all members involved in the competition.

The winter unit meeting was held at the Lansing Lexington Hotel on January 11, 2013. The annual meeting for 2013 will be held on Friday, April 5, at 4 p.m. at the site of the MSAP annual meeting. Anyone studying for the RP exam and all current RP's, PRP's, and PRP-R's are welcome to attend and to join the unit.

Current membership consists of six primary members, twenty-two affiliates and six provisional members.



In Memoriam

Ronald S. Swarthout, PRP

Ronald was a former Saginaw Valley Unit Member who served as president when the unit was formed and for three additional terms. He taught parliamentary procedure at the Saginaw Community College. His wife Lorraine, who also assisted with NAP sales, predeceased him in September 2012. Ronald, a pharmacist, was active in many local and state organizations; he was a compassionate and generous person.

Annual Youth Day

The Youth Committee sponsored the Annual Youth Day **Learning...Preparing** on Saturday, November 10 at Eastern Michigan University. Presenters were Edna Arrington, PRP and Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP on topics including *Motion Basics, Five Classes of Motions, and Preparing and Practice.*

Forty-seven participants gained from the opportunity to learn correct parliamentary procedures as they prepare to serve in community organizations and in upcoming parliamentary competitions.



2013 Nominations for Officers and Directors of MSAP

One of each officer will be elected; one person has been nominated for each officer position.

PRESIDENT Edna Arrington, PRP
Detroit Unit

Edna, a retired administrator, has served MSAP in the following capacities: chairman of the first awards committee, member of the Youth Committee, secretary, treasurer, Chairman of the Education Committee, State Coordinating Committee, Second vice president, and presently, First vice president. Edna enjoys working with young people who are interested in parliamentary procedure. She is very active in the Detroit Unit and is the immediate past president of the Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT Judy Edwards, PRP
Redford Unit

Judy has two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandsons. She graduated from the University of Detroit in Finance and worked as a secretary at Ford Motor Company. She serves two clients of national organizations and one client of a state organization.

Leisure activities include crocheting and knitting. Judy is Vice president of Redford Unit.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT Julie Pioch, PRP
KPLU

Julie, a member of KPLU since 2006, has served as president of the unit since 2007. She served as local chair of MSAP Annual Conference Committee hosted by KPLU in 2009 and was elected as MSAP Director in 2009. Julie served as chair of the Awards Committee in that biennium. Currently she is chair of the Committee on Nominations and of the MSAP Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee.

RECORDING SECRETARY Gretchen Denton, RP
LSPU

Gretchen, a retired Presbyterian (U.S.A.) minister, served as president of LSPU. Her MSAP involvement includes chairing the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee as well as serving as the MSAP Parliamentarian editor. Gretchen enjoys traveling and gardening.

TREASURER Steve Britton, PRP
Genesee Area Unit

Steve, who had a career in music education, is a charter member of the GAU where he has served in most unit offices. Serving on the MSAP Board with six presidents he chaired the Budget and Finance Committee, the Education Committee, and more. He is treasurer of MURP. Steve is secretary on the Newfoundland Club of America's Board of Directors.

Three directors will be elected; four people have been nominated.

DIRECTOR Susan Schneberger
Genesee Unit

DIRECTOR Joan Wagner, RP
Genesee Unit

DIRECTOR Sharon Jones, RP
Redford Unit

DIRECTOR Julia Boyeau, PRP-Ret.
Detroit Unit



**The Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians
invites you to the 2013 Annual Meeting**

**Reach for the Stars
And Robert's Too!**

The April 5-7, 2013 Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Auburn Hills Pontiac at Centerpoint. This Marriott is located on 3600 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac, Michigan, just a short distance north of Detroit.

It is easily accessible from I-75 using the Square Lake Road Exit (Exit 75). Go to the hotel website www.auburnhillsmihotel.com for complete directions. The room rate will be \$89 not including taxes. You can call toll free 800-579-8395 or 248-253-9800 for reservations. Mention that you are with the **MSAP Annual Meeting** to get the discounted rate. The cutoff date is **March 7** for the guaranteed room rate.

The Awards Banquet and Installation is included in the \$110 registration fee for MSAP/NAP members along with Sunday morning breakfast and Saturday lunch. Banquet choices include the following:

Roast Pork Tenderloin
Roasted with Mustard
and Fresh Herbs
Michigan Apple Compote
Wild Rice with
Traverse City Cherries

Pan Seared Herb Crusted Whitefish
Topped with Smoked Shrimp
and Scallop Buerre Blanc

Please note any dietary restrictions on the Registration Form.

Registration information for the meeting is on the next page. Six workshops will be offered; Pedersen and Britton will share a one hour segment.

Gretchen Denton, RP	<i>Compelling Officer and Committee Reports</i>
Thomas E. DeMeritt, RP	<i>Rules of Debate and Assignment of the Floor</i>
Judy Edwards, PRP	<i>Minutes</i>
Suzanne H. Pedersen, RP	<i>The Parliamentarian's Tool Kit</i>
Steven Britton, PRP	<i>Treasurer's and Auditors' Reports</i>
Jewel Johnson Jones, RP	<i>The Chair: Making Meetings Work Better</i>

The Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit, who is hosting
Reach for the Stars and Robert's Too!
encourages you to enjoy the energy, companionship, and enthusiasm of your
parliamentary friends on April 5-7, 2013 at the Auburn Hills Marriott.

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS**Registration Form for Annual Meeting, April 5-7, 2013**

Marriott Auburn Hills Pontiac at Centerpoint

3600 Centerpoint Parkway Pontiac, MI

Phone 248-253-9800 Toll-free 800-579-8395 www.auburnhillsmihotel.com**Friday, April 5**

Registration	3:00-4:00 PM
MURP Meeting	4:00-6:00 PM
MSAP Board of Directors Meeting	7:00-9:00 PM
Hospitality	9:00-10:00 PM

Saturday, April 6

Breakfast (on your own)	7:00-9:00 AM
Registration	8:00-9:00 AM
Annual Meeting	9:00-11:00 AM
Parliamentary Workshop	11:10 AM -12:10 PM
Lunch	12:30-1:30 PM
Parliamentary Workshops (3)	1:45-5:15 PM
Awards Banquet	6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday, April 7

Continental Breakfast	7:30-8:45 AM
Inspirational/Memorial Service	9:00-9:15 AM
Parliamentary Workshop	9:30-10:30 AM
Wrap-up and Farewell	10:30-11:00 AM

Registration Options

MSAP/NAP members	\$110.00
<i>(includes workshops, lunch, banquet, Sun. breakfast)</i>	
Non-members <i>(includes workshops & lunch)</i>	60.00
Students with student ID <i>(includes workshops & lunch)</i>	30.00
Banquet Dinner Guest	32.00
Late Fee: After March 25 add	15.00

Make check payable to:
MSAP Annual MeetingMail registration form and check to:
Gretchen Denton
1761 Oakstone Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
gcdenton@comcast.net

-----Mail this form with your check-----

Registration Form for April 5-7, 2013 Annual Meeting.

MSAP/NAP Members <i>(includes workshops, lunch, banquet, Sun. breakfast)</i>	\$110.00	_____
Non-members <i>(includes workshops and lunch)</i>	60.00	_____
Students with student ID <i>(includes workshops and lunch)</i>	30.00	_____
Banquet, for guests only	32.00	_____
Late Fee after March 25	Add 15.00	_____
	TOTAL	_____

_____	_____	_____	_____
name	phone	e-mail	unit (if applicable)
_____	_____	_____	_____
street	city	zip code	

Banquet meal choice: ☐ pork ☐ fish **Dietary Restrictions** _____

Proposed Amendments to MSAP Standing Rules

These amendments will be acted upon at the MSAP Annual Meeting on April 6 and have been submitted by the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, Julie Pioch, PRP Chair.

Amendment #1

Currently reads:

2.0 MEMORIALS

2.1. The president shall advise NAP headquarters of the death of a member and request that, as a memorial, a copy of the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (hardbound) and Robert's Rules of Order in Brief be sent to the nearest public library or school library in the hometown of the deceased member. A sympathy card and this information shall be forwarded to the deceased member's family. (See current NAP Membership Manual Standing Rule 6)

Amend by striking: *Request that;* **And inserting:** *send*

Amend by striking: *be sent (after Roberts Rules of Order in Brief)*

Amend by striking: *(See current NAP Membership Manual Standing Rule 6)*

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If adopted will read:

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Justification: There is no mention of this in NAP standing rule document; MSAP takes on the responsibility and will therefore pay for the book, shipping etc.

Amendment #2Currently reads:**3.0 FINANCE**

3.1. President's Pin: The treasurer shall purchase from NAP headquarters the appropriate association president's pin for presentation to the newly elected president at the time of installation.

Amend by substituting the following:

3.1. President's Pin: The President's pin shall be passed from one president to the next. The treasurer shall purchase a new pin in the event that the MSAP President's pin is lost or the new President is not a Registered member. The pin shall be presented to the newly elected president at the time of installation.

Justification: The committee believes that it is not appropriate to wear a president's pin after one is no longer the president.

Amendment #3Currently reads:

5.2. By the summer meeting of the board of directors in the odd-numbered years, the membership and extension committee shall prepare a roster of current MSAP membership, including names, addresses, telephone numbers with area codes, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses as available.

Amend by deleting the entire section.

Justification: Article 5.3 covers the publication of the membership manual. Standing Rule 5.2 is not necessary.

**SOMETHING GOOD**

Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say:
I know something good about you,
And then treat us just that way!

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each hand-clasp warm and true
Carried with it this assurance—
I know something good about you!

Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
If the good that's in us all
Were the only things about us
That folks bothered to recall!

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we'd praise the good we see!
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
This fine way of thinking too;
You know something good about me,
I know something good about you!

*A Collection of Memorials, Inspirations,
Installations, and Invocations, published
by NAP, page 47.*

Coming Events

Board Meetings

At 7-9 PM at Marriott
Auburn Hills Pontiac at
Centerpoint in Pontiac,
MI

April 5, 2013

MSAP Annual Meetings

April 5-7, 2013

Host: Louise Saks
Parliamentary Unit

Location: Marriott
Auburn Hills Pontiac at
Centerpoint
3600 Centerpoint Pkwy.
in Pontiac, MI

NAP

Biennial Convention

September 6-9, 2013
Portland, Oregon

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Board Highlights

The Board heard a report from the Local Arrangements Committee Chair, Chris Burns from the Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit and approved the proposed site for the 2013 MSAP Annual Meeting. The Auburn Hills Pontiac at Centerpoint Marriott is located on Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac and is easily accessible by I-75. Registration will be \$110 for members, \$60 for non-members (workshops with lunch) and \$30 (workshops with lunch) for students. Room rate is \$89 per night.



Congratulations

to recently credentialed Michigan parliamentarians.

Daniel L. Nowiski, PRP
Member at Large

Julie Pioch, PRP
KPLU

Helen Popovich PRP
Member at Large

From the Editor

by Gretchen Denton

Dear Friends,

In the last issue I wondered why people study parliamentary procedure. Here's my observation: **People study when there is opportunity to practice parliamentary skills.**

In January Doug and I took an eight-day cultural/educational trip to Cuba that was led by the Road Scholar Program. To prepare for our travels before the trip and to continue to learn about Cuba after we returned home, I read several books and watched Cuban movies available from our local library. There is a lot to learn about our neighbors.

How does our trip to Cuba connect with parliamentary procedure? Living in Cuba does not offer opportunities to practice parliamentary skills. There are not voluntary organizations that we take for granted like political parties, independent unions, service groups, interest groups, fraternal organizations (though Masons have some freedom of assembly). Human rights, civil and professional associations and unions that exist today in Cuba outside the officialdom of organizations controlled by the government are barred from having legal status. Gathering for any purpose other than government-sponsored activities doesn't happen freely.

Now and then I would rather sit home than attend a meeting but I can't imagine life without meetings and the opportunity to assemble as a community interested in common interests and purposes. I'm grateful to have opportunities to practice parliamentary skills.

Adjourning *sine die*,
Gretchen





Meetings That Work 2013

Saturday, March 16, 2013 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit (LSPU), a division of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), offers this annual workshop to mark Parliamentary Law Month. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about their particular parliamentary concerns. The new 11th Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)*, along with other educational materials, will be available for purchase on the day of the workshop.

Topics:

Game Plan For a Successful Meeting

Presented by: Eleanor (Coco) Siewert, PRP

Bylaws: An Organization's Playbook

Presented by: Gretchen Denton, RP

Where:

Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West
Waterford, MI 48328

Fee:

\$15.00 by March 11, 2013; \$20.00 after March 11, 2013 (and at door)
\$ 5.00 student admission (no difference in price at door)

8:30 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	Game Plan For a Successful Meeting
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Bylaws: An Organization's Playbook
11:30 AM	Ask the Experts with LSPU Parliamentarians answering attendees' questions
12:30 PM	Adjourn



For more information contact Barbara: BJBAAUW1@AOL.COM or (248) 375-0062

Registration Form

Deadline to receive discounted registration is Monday, March 11, 2013.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail _____

Organization: (if applicable) _____

Make check payable to: LSPU Are you a full time student? ____ Where? _____

Mail registration form with check to: LSPU, P.O. Box 473, Birmingham, MI 48012