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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hopefully you have been enjoying this Michigan weather. We must remember that we live in the “Water-Winter Wonderland”. This winter reminded us of what winters use to be like not too many years ago. We won’t complain! Start marking off the days on your calendar! Soon you will hear the robins singing and the trees will blossom. The flowers will bloom and the rain will come.

As parliamentarians, we have much work to do to keep us busy to assist NAP in CREATING THE FUTURE. It is good to hear that all our units have been very busy getting ready for Parliamentary Law Month, our annual meeting, and/or annual community workshops. Members have been preparing educational lessons and study sessions to make certain that the membership is knowledgeable of selected parliamentary subjects. We are encouraging units to work with student members to become NAP members, and NAP members to become credentialed members of NAP. Education is the pathway to the future.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan at our annual meeting. This meeting will be at Central Michigan University’s Bovee University Center, April 11th and 12th. If we do not see you there, maybe we will see you at one of the various community workshops that the units have planned.

August 8th thru 10th is the National Training Conference to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Don’t become discouraged if you are unable to attend any of the above meetings. Go to the NAP website (<http://parliamentarians.org>) to learn about the webinars that you may participate in from the comfort of your home. This is the future!



Edna C. Arrington, PRP
President

No matter how
long the winter,
spring is sure to
follow.

-Proverb

THANKS TO ALL FOR ALL YOU DO! SPRING IS COMING!

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LOUISE SAKS PARLIAMENTARY UNIT NEWS

The Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit (LSPU) has used a **Road Trip** theme for the 2013-2014 monthly lessons presented by Unit members. The January 21 lesson was **Bring Back Motions**. On February 18 the lesson, followed by a quiz, was on **Incidental Motions**.

Coco Siewert, PRP, has organized study group meetings at the Troy Public Library as preparation for the NAP Membership Exam. She has also provided for study group meetings at the Southfield Public Library to prepare for the Registered Parliamentarian Exam.

LSPU will offer a workshop on April 5 to commemorate April as Parliamentary Law Month. The title is **Meetings That Work 2014** and will be held at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center in Waterford from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Connie Deford, PRP, from Bay City, who will talk about the importance of **Building Better Boards**. Coco Siewert, PRP, will present a segment on **Efficient, Effective Meetings**. There will be an **Ask the Experts** segment provided by LSPU members, to address questions about parliamentary procedure from the audience.

LSPU meets the third Tuesday, September through April, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, at 9:30 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

Barbara Bonsignore

LSPU President

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MEETINGS THAT WORK 2014

Saturday, April 5, 2014 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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

The Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit (LSPU), a division of the National Association of Parliamentarians, sponsors this annual workshop to mark Parliamentary Law Month.

Registration includes all presentations.

Building Better Boards

Speaker Connie Deford, PRP, who has assisted many organizations, describes what makes boards effective and how to keep them healthy and productive.

Efficient, Effective Meetings

Eleanor "Coco" Siewert, PRP, will help you make every meeting effective whether you are the leader or a novice participant. After this, you'll be eager to find out how to handle special situations that you've encountered.

Ask the Experts!

Parliamentarians answer questions about making your meetings work, bylaws, and other aspects\ of your organization's life.

For more information contact Gretchen at GCDENTON@COMCAST.NET or call 248-650-1146

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ \$20.00 by March 31, 2014

_____ \$25.00 after March 31, 2014 (and at the door)

_____ \$5.00 Full-time Student School Name: _____

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

LET'S MAKE TRAIL MIX!

A fun lesson in teaching how to process a basic motion.

Purpose: To give individuals practice in making and processing motions. Each Ingredient will require a motion.

Supplies Needed: Large bowl, spoon, ingredients for Trail Mix (such as Honey Nut Cheerios, Chex, raisins, peanuts, plain and peanut butter M and M's, small pretzels, others as desired), serving utensil (paper cups or baggies, napkins, etc.)

- Display the ingredients and talk about the importance of parliamentary procedure to the smooth operations of a meeting.
- Tell your audience that you are going to make trail mix and that they will learn how to correctly make a motion as part of this process.

Explain that ingredients will be added to the bowl as motions are adopted.

(Participants must say "I move that we add..." Ask for a second, discuss and vote. If the person says, "I motion or I want to make a motion". Ask them to restate it correctly.) For discussion, since this is often a problem for groups (lack of discussion), make the "rule" that for this exercise, we cannot vote until at least three different people have discussed the motion. Further, have the "President" attempt to include everyone in the discussion. Also call on different people to make the motions, i.e. don't allow the same person to make all the motions. Try to get every "member" to speak at least three times or at the very least get everyone to participate and speak.

- As soon as all the ingredients are added, the members can eat the Trail Mix as a snack.

In most cases, you will want to include one ingredient that is likely to be voted down. So include at least one questionable ingredient in the choices to give this a chance to happen. This gives the group a chance to experience voting down a motion or if they don't vote it down, having to live with the outcome of the group's decision, i.e. eating the trail mix with the less than desirable ingredient.

Taken from Ohio State University—4H



Harriette Woodards (pictured in the middle) was named a "Life Member of the Detroit Unit". She has over 25 years of active service with the unit.

MSAP BOARD HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 11, 2014

The Board approved two budgets, the MSAP annual budget for 2013-2014 and the annual meeting budget.

The auditor's report for the 2013-2014 fiscal year was approved.

Members were encouraged to use the MSAP website www.michiganparliamentarian.org/ and to add unit and association news and photos as they become available.

The MSAP Annual Meeting will be April 12, 2014 at the Bovee Center at Central Michigan University.

**MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS—ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 11-12, 2014
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY—
BOVEE UNIVERSITY CENTER
MT. PLEASANT, MICHIGAN**

Friday, April 11, 2014

Registration	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
MURP Meeting/dinner	4:00 pm — 6:30 pm
MSAP Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 pm -- 9:00 pm

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Breakfast on your own	7:00 am – 8:45 am
Registration	8:00 am – 9:00 am
MSAP Annual Meeting & Memorial Service	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Lunch Buffet & Awards	11:45 am – 1:00 pm
Workshop #1	1:15 pm – 2:30 pm
Workshop #2	2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Make check payable to:

MSAP Annual Meeting

Mail registration form & check to:

**Tom DeMeritt, RP
6040 Metcalf Road
Jeddo, MI 48032-3707**

Registration:

MSAP/NAP members	\$60.00
Non-members	\$60.00
Students with Student ID	\$30.00
Late Fee: After March 23	\$15.00

WHERE TO STAY FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Comfort Inn Suites in Mt. Pleasant has given us a room rate of \$115.00 plus tax for the night of April 11, 2014, telephone number 989.772.4000. Cutoff date is March 21, 2014. **If you plan to attend the MURP dinner on Friday evening: Send a check payable to MURP for \$25.00 to: Steven Britton, PRP, Box 554, Montrose, MI 48457 by April 5, 2014.**

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAM- ENTARIANS - ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 11-12, 2014

Registration form for Annual Meeting, April 11 and 12, 2014 (Mail this portion with your check.)

MSAP/NAP members	\$60.00	\$ _____
Non-members	\$60.00	\$ _____
Students w/ID	\$30.00	\$ _____
Late Fee: After March 23	\$15.00	\$ _____

Name:

Unit:

Address:

City, State,

Telephone Number:

Email:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS – PEER AWARD

“Parliamentarian Education and Enhancement Recognition Award” aka PEER Award

September 10, 2013 to July 1, 2015

The following eleven (11) items are designed to encourage our members to be actively involved in the education and enhancement of a parliamentarian. Please attempt to accomplish as many of these activities as possible during the next several months. Once the activities are completed, record those on the form below and by July 1, 2014 submit the form to the NAP Membership Extension—Retention Chairman Sandy Olson at sloson15@msn.com to be included in individual recognition at NTC. Those who have completed at least three (3) items by July 1, 2014 will be recognized at NTC. Those who have completed six (6) items by July 1, 2015 will receive recognition at the NAP Convention. Members completing ten (10) activities by July 1, 2015 will be honored at the NAP Convention. You **do not have** to complete all activities, but when you have completed even three (3) of the items within the time indicated, you will be rewarded.

Good luck and enjoy your active participation in these activities!

1. Bring in two new NAP members (your name should appear on the membership application as their sponsor).
Names: _____
2. Convince two former members to rejoin NAP (your name should appear on the membership application as their sponsor).
Names: _____
3. Be a member of a unit that maintains its current membership level through July 1, 2014.
Name of Unit: _____
Membership on September 10, 2013: _____
Membership on July 1, 2014: _____
4. Present a program as part of a workshop to gain new members.
Name of Program: _____
Where/When Given: _____
5. Present a parliamentary program at a civic, fraternal, or church event.
Name of program: _____
Date/Place: _____ Organization: _____
6. Serve as a(n) judge or instructor for a youth or youth partnership organization.
Date/Place: _____ Organization: _____
7. Write an article for an association or district newsletter or for the *National Parliamentarian*.
Name of article: _____
When published: _____ Where published: _____
8. Present a program at an association, district or national meeting.
Name of program: _____ Date/Place: _____
9. Serve as an officer in a unit or association/province.
Officer: _____ Unit/Association/Province: _____
10. Attend at least 50% of the association/province meeting.
Dates of attendance: _____ Dates of meetings: _____
11. Work with a unit or combination of members at large to host a public workshop (electronically or in person).
Dates of workshop: _____ Unit or MAL's participating: _____

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