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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

With the holiday season upon us, I am reminded that there are always things to be thankful for. During this season, let us all take a moment to reflect on the past year of high's and low's. This article dedicated to the things I am thankful for:

- Monique Callahan-Jackson for consenting to be the editor of THE MICHIGAN PARLIAMENTARIAN.
- Immediate Past President Carolyn Stubbs for helping us secure our new meeting place—Manpower Building, National Association of Social Workers Office, in Lansing.
- Membership Chairman and Director Suzanne Pederson and her committee who sent to all members our first electronic Membership Directory. (Corrections to the Directory are located on page 2.)
- Second Vice-President Julie Pioch, our webmaster who has designed and maintained our website—www.michiganparliamentarian.org. Please visit the site.
- Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians under the leadership of Patricia Dolan for consenting to host the 2014 Annual meeting.
- All of the committee chairmen and members who have so graciously consented to serve MSAP this biennium.
- Finally for all units who are striving to increase MSAP's membership; who are being involved with the youth in our communities; and, who are planning educational programs that will not only educate our members, but make the community aware of MSAP's presence.



Edna C. Arrington, PRP
President

**Congratulations to
Past President
Joyce Brown-
Watkins on being
elected as the
District Four
Director!**

THANKS TO ALL FOR ALL YOU DO! HAVE A BLESSED HOLIDAY!

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CORRECTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP MANUAL

Board of Directors

Meeting Dates

- July 12, 2014
- October 11, 2014
- January 10, 2015
- April 2015—Annual Meeting (TBD)

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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The MSAP Board of Directors met in Lansing on October 12, 2013. The following are highlights from the meeting.

Membership and Extension Committee Chair Suzanne Pederson prepared an MSAP Membership Manual for all MSAP members. Chairman Pederson will send an email notification to members regarding availability of the manual via the website at www.michiganparliamentarian.org and will mail the manual to members who do not use email.

The MSAP Annual Meeting will be held April 12, 2014 with the Board of Directors meeting the night before. The 2014 Annual Meeting host is the Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians (MURP) who have made arrangements for the meeting to be held at Central Michigan University Bovee Center in Mt. Pleasant.

The 10th Annual Parli Pro Youth Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, from 9 AM to 1:45 PM at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Youth training will focus on skills needed for Business Professionals of America (BPA), Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), and SkillsUSA who participate in parliamentary competition.

The board determined how to invest one Certificate of Deposit that is maturing in November.

Board members Arrington, Edwards, and Pederson reported on the recent NAP Biennial Convention, noting the excellent presiding of NAP President Maurice S. Henderson, the value of the NAP Leadership Conference held immediately before convention, and the timely, thoughtful workshops that were offered including one given by MSAP Second Vice-President Julie Pioch.

The next meeting of the Board will be January 11, 2014 in Lansing.

39TH NAP BIENNIAL CONVENTION PORTLAND, OREGON



MSAP President Edna Arrington with Henry M. Robert III and Thomas Balch, two members of the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th edition) authorship team



Members of the NAP keypad committee Joan Harris, Sharon Jones, and Julia Boayue

**DELEGATE REPORT
NAP 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2013
PORTLAND, OREGON**

**REPORT ISSUED BY:
PATRICIA DOLAN, MURP DELEGATE**

As with past conventions, the NAP 39th Biennial Convention was one with many memorable moments. Prior to the actual convention, a leadership conference was held, and was attended by several members. The NAP Educational Foundation held its traditional brunch and auctions, both silent and live, just prior to the opening convention. The MURP donation of a sapphire and white gold pendant necklace with a retail value of \$180 was live auctioned and was purchased for \$165, more than triple what the unit paid for it. Many thanks to Connie Deford for her wise choice of the pendant. The foundation was able to raise approximately \$6,300 from the silent and live auctions.

The opening session of the convention on Friday afternoon featured welcomes from various dignitaries and a response from our very own MSAP President Edna Arrington. The first credentials report indicated 276 voting delegates. That number would grow to 300 later that day. There were a total of 324 delegates for the convention.

As can be expected during a convention of parliamentarians, not only did every "i" need dotting and every "t" need crossing, but it needed to be done in a certain way. (That's one of the fun things about a parliamentary convention). While keypads have been used in the past NAP conventions, the keypads were different this year and required extensive explanation and demonstration.

The convention standing rules were adopted with several amendments, the program was adopted, and the convention officially got underway. Nominations for the various offices occupied a great deal of time. There were two nominees for the office of vice-president and five for the office of director-at-large (three to be elected). Those elected on Saturday morning were: President, Ann Guiberson (FL); Vice-President, Mary Randolph (WA); Secretary, Ann Rempel (KS); Treasurer, Evan Lemoine (CT); Directors-at-Large: James Stewart (CA), James Jones (IL) and Steve Glanstein (HI).

As you might imagine, lively debate occurred on almost every amendment. President Henderson presided over a most difficult time with professionalism and integrity, displaying impartiality at all times. Many comments were overheard about his calm demeanor. The delegates even managed to get all of this accomplished in the allotted amount of time—quite an accomplishment. (continued on p. 6)

MICHIGAN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ACTION AT THE NAP 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION



NAP President Maurice S. Henderson calls the
39th NAP Biennial Convention to order



Michigan Parliamentarians, with a very happy
NAP Immediate Past President Maurice S. Hen-
derson, depart Portland upon the conclusion of
the 39th Biennial Convention.



Joyce Brown-Watkins and Steve Britton



Delegates attending workshops

NAP 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION DELEGATE REPORT

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To keep delegates educated and inspired, workshops were held on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Each delegate received a convention workshop attendance record that was stamped at the end of each workshop session. It is to be retained by the member to verify continuing education units towards recertification. Several MURP members were among the workshop presenters. Other presenters included former MURP members and two of the RONR authorship team.

The closing event of the convention was the installation banquet. Connie Deford, Past NAP President, was the installing officer. She installed the NAP officers and district directors, including our new District Four Director Joyce Brown-Watkins. Directors who will serve on the NAP Board of Directors are Denise Irminger, District Five Director, and Daniel Ivey-Soto, District Six Director.

The NAP Training Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, OK August 8-10, 2014, and the NAP 40th Biennial Convention is scheduled for Arlington, VA September 4-7, 2015 (Labor Day weekend). Plan now to attend either or both of these national events. It is an opportunity to renew friendships and to make new ones.

The convention demonstrated how well meetings can be run while allowing for differences of opinion as expressed through debate, and provides opportunity for educational workshops to enhance the knowledge of parliamentarians at all levels.



Several of the Michigan delegates in attendance during the 39th NAP Biennial Convention

NEWS FROM THE LOUISE SAKS UNIT

The Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit (LSPU) began the program year with two well-presented lessons on the overall theme LSPU Road Trip 2013-2014. In September, the lesson Rules for the Road: Bylaws & Standing Rules was presented in PowerPoint format by Chris Burns, using resource material provided by NAP. In October, the lesson Changing Drivers: Succession Training was presented by Dot Martin and Linda Meadors. Both lessons generated considerable input from unit members as part of the Q & A following the presentations.

Linda Meadors is the most recent member of LSPU to become a registered parliamentarian.

LSPU meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham on the third Tuesday of each month during the school year. An annual Spring workshop is planned for April 2014, during National Parliamentary Law Month.

IN MEMORIAL

LSPU member Francile (Fran) Anderson passed away on September 22, 2013. She held several offices in LSPU over the years, but perhaps the one she enjoyed most was Membership Chairman, because it gave her a chance to share her enthusiasm about parliamentary procedure with new members.

Fran used her considerable facility with RONR as chairman of a number of boards and foundations. She was a former president of the Oakland County Bar Foundation; past president of the Pontiac Oakland Symphony Orchestra; past president of the Waterford Fellowship of Church Women; and past president of the Michigan PTA.



10TH ANNUAL MSAP YOUTH DAY EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY NOVEMBER 16, 2013



MSAP held its 10th Annual Parliamentary Youth Day on Saturday, November 16, 2013. The event was held at the Eastern Michigan University Student Center. Approximately 40 participants from throughout the state attended the workshop. Youth Committee Chairman Julia Boayue and her committee members coordinated the event.

The students that participated represented schools who participate in Business Professionals of America, HOSA, and SkillsUSA parliamentary procedure competitions. In addition, a group of youth leaders from a community center in Detroit also attended.

Workshops included presentations provided by NAP Past President Maurice S. Henderson on the 13 Ranking Motions and District Four Director Joyce A. Brown-Watkins on presiding. In addition, the students saw a demonstration of the 13 ranking motions presented by Julia Boayue using her stacking boxes (see picture). And the students were engaged in a parliamentary game, Deal or No Deal. Educational materials were also available for sale during the event.

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