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President's Report:

Happy summer Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians members and welcome to the first edition of the 2017-2019 Biennium "Michigan Parliamentarian" newsletter! Included with this newsletter you will find a membership manual, list of MSAP Board Members, and a committee list. Please take a look at the vacant positions and let me know if you are interested in serving as a chair or member of any of those committees.

The first Board of Directors meeting of the biennium was held on June 19 and was successfully held electronically over the internet. The board made quite a few decisions to get us organized for the term. The annual meeting dates and tentative locations are on *page 4*.

A reminder to all who attended the Annual meeting in Southfield this past April, that \$50 is waiting for you to spend at the NAP Bookstore. When you go online and order something the money will show up in your cart. If you haven't already registered for the NAP Convention that money can be credited to your registration. Or if you are not planning to attend be sure to spend that money on some educational materials or books by October 1, 2017 or it will disappear!

Speaking of the NAP Convention, if you are attending and would like to be a delegate we have slots available. Just send me an email so I know you will be attending and I can let the registrar know to get you a delegate badge. We have 4 seats open. The delegates elected at the June 19 board meeting are:

Julie Pioch, Steve Britton, Sharon Jones, Gretchen Denton, Carolyn Stubbs, Susan Schneberger and Pat Dolan. We are allowed 11 delegates to the convention and if we don't fill them with Michigan representatives we can offer the voting seats to our friends from other states.

The NAP convention is so close to us this year I encourage you to attend if at all possible. A national convention is really a great experience.

As a reminder to all, the MSAP website is active and informative. If you have not seen it please check it out at www.michiganparliamentarian.org. You will find links to all the units, educational events, newsletters and access to all of MSAP governing documents. Let us know what you are up to! If you have a story or a picture about your parliamentary activities send it our way. Planning an educational event? Make sure I know about it for the website or Bethany has it for the newsletter.

Happy "parliamentarianing" and have a great rest of your summer! I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Chicago!

Julie Pioch, President



Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians 2017-2019 Board of Directors Roster

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Milestone Members

10 Years - Barbara Bonsignore and Shirley Zeller both members of NAP since 2007

30 years – Connie Deford has been a member of NAP since 1987

40 Years – Eleanor “Coco” Siewart has been a member of NAP since 1977

Congratulations and cheers too many more years of parliamentary service and education!



Outgoing 2015 – 2017 MSAP President Judy Edwards & 2017 – 2019 MSAP President Julie Pioch at the Annual Meeting in Southfield Michigan in April, 2017



2017-2019 Meeting Schedule

September 8 – 11, 2017

NAP Biennial Convention in Lombard Illinois

October 14, 2017 10:00 AM

Location: MASW Building, Lansing Michigan

January 13, 2018 10:00 AM

Location: On-line via Zoom from the comfort of your home or nearest location with good Internet connection. Details for connecting will be sent with the call to the meeting.

April 13, 2018 6:00 PM

Location: Frankenmuth (Genesee Area Unit hosting tentative location)

April 14, 2018 – Annual Meeting 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Frankenmuth (Genesee Area Unit hosting tentative location)

August 4, 2018 10:00 AM

Location: Southwest Michigan/Lansing/On-line

September 7 – 9, 2018

NAP National Training Conference, Buffalo/Niagara Falls Area

October 13, 2018 10:00 AM

Location: MASW Building, Lansing Michigan

January 12, 2019 10:00 AM

Location: MASW Building, Lansing Michigan or On-line

April 12, 2019 Evening

Location: Unit Choice

April 13, 2019 – Annual Meeting

Location: Unit Choice

Newsletter Publications

Fall Edition: December 1, 2017; deadline November 20, 2017
Annual Meeting Edition: March 15, 2018; deadline February 28, 2018
Summer Edition: August 15, 2018; deadline August, 1 2018

**Please send any Newsletter info to Bethany Prykucki at
prykucki@msu.edu by the deadline dates!**



Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians Committee Assignments 2017-2019

Committee Name (# of members per bylaws)	Chairman	Member	Member	Member	Member
Budget & Finance (3)	Carolyn Stubbs	Tom DeMeritt	Joan Wagner		
Education (3)	Gretchen Denton	B. Bonsignore	Joan Price	Coco Siewert	
Bylaws & Standings Rules (3)	Beth Haynes	Dot Martin	Dianne Bostic Robinson		
Nominating (3 elected)	Edna Arrington	Betty Weston	Dot Martin		
State Coordinating (assigned)	Steve Britton	G. Denton	Local Arrangements		
Local Arrangements	2018 Genesee	T. DeMeritt	Chair	Public Realties	J. Pioch
Annual Mtg. 2019 President		Registration	Financial Controller	Hospitality	Program
Appointments	Credentials Protocol	Elections	Meeting Rules	Installing officer	Resolutions
Publications (3)					
(Newsletter, webpage)	Bethany Prykucki	Julie Pioch	Vivian Transil		
Membership & Extension (3)	Betty Weston	Blinda Baker	Pat Dolan		
Public Realties (3)	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		
Youth Committee (5)	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Auditor (1)	Blinda Baker				

MSAP Board of Directors & Committees as of 7.15.17



Youth Day at NAP Convention

A parliamentary youth adventure for student parliamentarians is coming soon, the September 9, 2017 Youth Day during the NAP Convention in Lombard, Illinois. It's the equivalent of a high ropes course, bungee jumping, and parasailing for young parliamentarians, a day of observing the NAP convention business meeting, attending workshops, and interacting with parliamentarians from all over the world.

The MSAP Board of Directors is offering four scholarships of \$50 to attend this full day event (8-5) in Lombard, Illinois. Students will have to make their own arrangements to get to the Chicago area location as well as making overnight arrangements; the \$50 scholarship will cover registration and lunch for the whole day. Go to parliamentarians.org for NAP convention information including Youth Day and hotel reservations.

This is a good opportunity for students you may have worked with in competition or in your unit to see parliamentary procedure in action and meet other young parliamentarians.

Do you want to recommend a student who has begun to study parliamentary procedure in a youth organization? Contact Gretchen Denton gcdenton@comcast.net by August 1 with students' names and contact information. The Education Committee will select four eligible students to receive the \$50 scholarships.

Gretchen Denton
MSAP Education Committee Chair

Education Committee Members are
Eleanor "Coco" Siewert, PRP
Barbara Bonsignore, RP
Joan Price, RP
Gretchen Denton, RP

