

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
2018 ANNUAL MEETING
Zehnder's of Frankenmuth Restaurant, Frankenmuth, MI
Saturday, April 14, 2018

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians (MSAP) was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Zehnder's of Frankenmuth Restaurant in Frankenmuth, Michigan by President Julie Pioch. Secretary Barbara Bonsignore was present. Parliamentarian Sharon Jones was present.

Louise Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Joan Price gave the Inspiration.

Eleanor "Coco" Siewert read the NAP Vision and Mission Statements.

Joan Wagner from the Genesee Area Unit welcomed MSAP members and guests to the 50th Annual Meeting.

Gretchen Denton, Second Vice President of MSAP, responded to the welcome on behalf of all in attendance at the annual meeting.

Credentials Committee Chairman Tom DeMeritt reported the following persons registered as of 9:15 a.m.:

Number of Units	6	
Elected Officer		8
MSAP Members	16	
Honorary Members	1	
Life Members	0	
Student Members	0	
Number Eligible to Vote		25
Provisional Members	0	
NAP District Four Director	1	
NAP Representative	0	
Guests	1	
Total Non-voting	2	
Total number in attendance		27

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Tom DeMeritt moved the adoption of the Credentials Committee report. Motion adopted.

President Julie Pioch declared that a quorum was present.

Elizabeth Haynes, MSAP Director, read the 2018 Annual Meeting Standing Rules that are attached to the official copy of these minutes. The rules were approved without objection.

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52 Vivian Tansil, Corresponding Secretary, reported corrections to the Annual Meeting Program.
53 Without objection the Program for the Annual Meeting was adopted.
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56 The minutes of the April 1, 2017 annual meeting were approved by the Minutes Approval
57 Committee of Edna Arrington, Chairman, Steven Britton and Betty Weston. Approved minutes
58 were distributed to all members and are attached to the official copy of these minutes.
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60 **Appointments**
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62 President Pioch appointed the following annual meeting committees:

63 Minutes Approval Committee, Chairman Joan Price, members Vivian Tansil and
64 Jewel Johnson Jones.

65 Timekeeper, Thomas DeMeritt.
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67 **Reports of Officers**
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69 President Julie Pioch submitted written report #1 that is attached to the official copy of these
70 minutes.
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72 First Vice-president Steven Britton submitted written report #2 that is attached to the official
73 copy of these minutes.
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75 Second Vice-president Gretchen Denton read written report #3 that is attached to the official
76 copy of these minutes.
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78 Recording Secretary Barbara Bonsignore submitted written report #4 that is attached to the
79 official copy of these minutes.
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81 Treasurer Tom DeMeritt referenced reports #5.1, #5.2, and #5.3 that include income and
82 expenses for 2017-2018. As of March 31, 2018 the MSAP CD has \$11,856.97; Flagstar
83 Checking has \$7,832.53. Total assets are: \$19,689.50. The report will be filed for audit.
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85 Director Elizabeth Haynes submitted written report #6A that is attached to the official copy of
86 these minutes.
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88 Corresponding Secretary Vivian Tansil submitted written report #7 that is attached to the official
89 copy of these minutes.
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91 **Reports of Board and Standing Committees**
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93 Membership and Extension Chairman Betty Weston submitted report #11 that is attached to the
94 official copy of these minutes.
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96 Education Chairman Gretchen Denton submitted report #12 that is attached to the official copy
97 of these minutes.
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99 Budget and Finance Chairman Carolyn Stubbs submitted report #14 that is attached to the
100 official copy of these minutes.
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102 Nominating Committee Chairman Edna Arrington reminded members that those interested in
103 running for election to the MSAP board of directors will need to fill out a Candidate for Office
104 Consent Form and mail it to her before the January 12, 2019 meeting.

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106 **Reports of Units**

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108 Detroit Unit President Jewel Johnson Jones submitted report #20 that is attached to the official
109 copy of these minutes.

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111 Genesee Area Unit President Joan Wagner submitted report #21 that is attached to the official
112 copy of these minutes.

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114 Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit President Betty Weston submitted report #22 that is attached
115 to the official copy of these minutes.

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117 Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit President Dianne Bostic Robinson submitted report #23 that is
118 attached to the official copy of these minutes.

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120 Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians President Steven Britton submitted report # 24
121 that is attached to the official copy of these minutes.

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123 **New Business**

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125 Joyce Brown-Watkins, NAP Representative, thanked the members of MSAP for their support
126 over the years and encouraged further participation in NAP activities and events, especially now
127 that there is increased access to information online at the NAP website.

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129 Robert Schuck, NAP District 4 Director, reported that the District 4 newsletter will be sent
130 electronically as soon as the photo of MSAP members celebrating the 50th anniversary of MSAP
131 is sent to the editor. He announced that the next District 4 Conference will be held in the
132 Wisconsin Dells April 5-7, 2019. The re-chartering of the Ontario Association of
133 Parliamentarians is scheduled to take place on April 25, 2018.

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135 Resolutions Chairman Steven Britton presented the Courtesy Resolution for the April 14, 2018
136 MSAP Annual Meeting. After amendment the resolution read as follows:
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138 Whereas, The Genesee Area Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians, under
139 the capable leadership of Joan Wagner, president, volunteered to provided MSAP with a
140 meaningful annual meeting and conference;

141 Whereas, Zehnder's Restaurant of Frankenmuth, Michigan provided a setting with old
142 world charm and ample hospitality for a successful 50th anniversary annual meeting and
143 conference;

144 Whereas, The scheduled workshops presented by Eleanor Siewert, PRP; Joyce Brown-
145 Watkins, PRP; Connie M. Deford, PRP; Thomas E. DeMeritt, PRP; Edna Arrington, PRP and
146 Maurice S. Henderson, PRP were interesting and enlightening;

147 Whereas, Robert Schuck, director of NAP District IV, and Joyce Brown-Watkins, director
148 at large of NAP, attended; and

149 Whereas, All participants appreciate the effort involved by the MSAP Coordinating
150 Committee and its chairman, MSAP First Vice-president, Steven Britton, PRP, and local
151 arrangements chairmen Carolyn Stubbs, PRP; now, therefore be it

152 *Resolved* , That the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians extend its thanks to
153 the Genesee Area Unit for its work in providing for an excellent Michigan State Association
154 Annual Meeting and Conference.

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156 Steven J. Britton, PRP
157 Chairman
158 2018 Annual Meeting Resolutions Committee
159 Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians

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161 Julie Pioch, PRP
162 President
163 Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians

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165 **Announcements**
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167 The upcoming District Four Conference will be April 5-7, 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin.
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169 The 2018 NAP Training Conference will be held September 7-9 in Buffalo, N.Y.
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171 The host of the 2019 MSAP annual meeting will be announced at a later date.
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173 The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m.
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175 At 10:45 a.m. the workshop *Meetings in the Past, Present and Future* was presented via panel
176 discussion by Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP and Connie Deford, PRP. It was moderated by
177 Eleanor “Coco” Siewert, PRP.
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179 Lunch was served at 12:15 p.m. During the lunch period the 50-year history of MSAP was
180 highlighted in a report by Gretchen Denton entitled **A Day in the Archives of MSAP**. A copy of
181 the report is attached to the official copy of these minutes.
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183 At 1:30 p.m. the second workshop *Disciplinary Procedures for Volunteer Organizations* was
184 presented by Tom DeMeritt, PRP and Edna Arrington, PRP.
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186 At 3:15 p.m. the third workshop *Voting* was presented by Maurice Henderson, PRP.
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188 **Adjournment**
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190 The 2018 MSAP Annual Meeting adjourned *sine die* at 4:10 p.m.

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195 Barbara Bonsignore

196 Recording Secretary

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