

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit  
Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2022**

President Laurie Marshall called the hybrid meeting (Zoom electronic and in-person at the People's Church) of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 10:00 am on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Member Barbara Hemphill led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Secretary pro-tem Todd Ellis called the roll. Members present were Sherri Coulibaly, Barbara Davis, Patricia Dolan, Todd Ellis, Barbara Hemphill, Laurie Marshall, and Susan Rigoulot. A quorum was present. There were no guests.

The agenda was adopted with one correction.

The minutes of May 19, 2022, were approved as corrected.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** Written report submitted by President Marshall. President Marshall discussed the usefulness of the electronic newsletter. She also discussed the need for more committee reports so that she can keep tabs on committee work. She invites all members of KPLU to attend the weekly Leadership Education workshops. She maintains connections with MSAP and NAP membership committees to look for ways to reach out to at-large members in our area. She discussed items related to the transition to the 2022-2023 KPLU leadership team.

**Vice President:** Written report submitted by VP Ellis.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** President Marshall presented on behalf of the Treasurer. The President is still not a signatory on the checking account, and at this point there may be a desire to wait until the next President is elected in November. There was discussion about who else could be signatories.

**Immediate Past President:** No report.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Bylaws:** Chair Davis asked Vice President Ellis to report on the response to the NAP Bylaws. VP Ellis will send proposed amendments to the bylaws to the Bylaws committee for their consideration and for giving notice to KPLU for voting in November.

**Communications:** Engagement with the electronic newsletter is strong and shows that the newsletter is effective.

**Education:** Member Davis reported. Leadership webinars are going well. The RP Study Group is progressing, and Member Davis is offering private tutoring for the membership examination. Member Davis and VP Ellis attended the NAP National Training Conference virtually earlier in September. Leadership Webinars are held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays. The time will be added to online resources.

**Financial Review:** No report.

**Membership:** No report. Members are encouraged to invite friends and acquaintances to attend KPLU meetings and to become members.

**Nominating:** Process for seeking nominations has begun. The unit sought nominations from the floor. President Marshall shared names of people who had expressed interest in positions.

**Unfinished Business:** No report. See the Treasurer's report for pertinent information.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:**

KPLU Annual Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. Social at 9:45 a.m. Learning lesson at 9:15 a.m. and after the meeting adjourns. Will be hybrid on Zoom and at People's Church.

Leadership Webinars: See the Membership Yearbook. Next is October 9, 2022.

**Education Program:** Chair Davis presented a lesson on Unanimity and Consensus based on a workshop from the NAP National Training Conference.

**Adjournment:** 11:26 a.m.

**Websites:**

National Association of Parliamentarians - [parliamentarians.org](http://parliamentarians.org)

Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians - [michiganparliamentarian.org](http://michiganparliamentarian.org)

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