

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit
Annual Meeting
November 17, 2022**

President Laurie Marshall called the hybrid meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 10:02 am on Thursday, November 17, 2022. It was held electronically by Zoom and in-person at the People's Church, 1758 North 10th Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Immediate Past President Barbara Hemphill led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Secretary Nancy Fody called the roll. Members present were Sherri Coulibaly, Barb Davis, Patricia Dolan, Todd Ellis, Barbara Hemphill, Laurie Marshall, Julie Pioch, Susan Rigoulot, and Nancy Fody. A quorum was present.

President Marshall introduced guest Michael Zutis. He is a member of MTNA Michigan Music Teachers Association and member of its board. He is also a composer and leads a non-profit.

The agenda was approved with the addition to new business of a proposal by the education committee to host an all-day hybrid leadership education webinar.

The minutes of September 15, 2022 were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports

President's Report: President Marshall highlighted her tenure as president of KPLU. She considered it a positive and amazing learning experience on both the local and state levels. She hopes to continue with the education webinars and especially thanked Barb Davis for the RP study time. The President's Annual Report is available on the KPLU Google Drive.

Vice President: VP Todd Ellis has been working on the nominating committees for both KPLU and MSAP. The slate will be presented as part of the nominating committee report. If members are interested in MSAP positions, they should contact him. VP Ellis received his RP credentialing in October.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Julie Pioch collected and deposited dues into the KPLU checking account. After the election, the newly elected president will be added to the account as a signer on the checking account. Treasurer Pioch suggested we use electronic checks if they are available for our account. The paper checks that KPLU uses still have Palmer Bank name on them.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Fody thanked Member Todd Ellis for being Secretary Pro-Tem at September's meeting.

Immediate Past President: No Report

Standing Committee Annual Reports

- Audit Report:** Barbara Davis performed the review of 2022 financial document for 2022. The 2023 Financial Review committee is Richard Atwell and Nancy Fody.
- Bylaws:** Bylaws Committee members Todd Ellis, Barbara Davis, and Patricia Dolan presented changes that were proscribed by NAP when the KPLU Bylaws Revision was presented to them last year. The proposed amendments will be discussed and voted on under Special Orders.
- Education:** Education Committee members Marshall and Davis presented webinars directed at nonprofits in 2022 and from RP credentialing sources. Newest NAP member Sheri Coulibaly was presented to the unit.
- Library:** Librarian Davis has cataloged 4 pages of books available to borrow. Some of the materials may have historic value and some should be retired or donated as they are out-of-date. Currently the KPLU library takes up about 7 feet of shelf space. President Marshall suggested KPLU get rid of books with no value and donate artifacts to a historical museum, perhaps the archives at WMU. Guest Williams remarked that his wife is an archivist at WMU.
- Membership:** President Marshall challenged each KPLU member to recruit a new member in 2023.
- Nominating:** The election will be held under Special Orders. Chair Ellis presented the slate:
President - Nancy Fody
Vice President – Todd Ellis
Secretary – Susan Rigoulot
Treasurer – Julie Pioch
For a one-year term (2022-23) and Chairperson - Barbara Davis
For a two-year term (2022-24) - Sherri Coulibaly
- Yearbook:** President Marshall updated the 2022 Yearbook under editor Pat Dolan's careful scrutiny. Members should send their \$10 dues to Treasurer Pioch ASAP to be included in the 2023 Yearbook.

Special Orders

- Bylaws:** President Marshall thanked Bylaws Committee members Dolan and Ellis for their tireless work on the bylaws. The amendments proposed were recommendations from NAP. The entire report is

attached. The Bylaws committee moved the adoption of the 3 substitution amendments. The amendments were adopted.

Election of Officers: No nominations were made from the floor. Since there were only one nomination for each office the slate was adapted as presented.
President: Nancy Fody was elected.
Vice President: Todd Ellis was elected.
Secretary: Susan Rigoulot was elected.
Treasurer: Julie Pioch was elected.
Nominating committee:
Barbara Davis was elected. (One year term)
Sherri Coulibaly was elected. (Two-year term)

Unfinished Business: President Marshall reminded the membership to pass on KPLU records to successor officers or to the president, so continuity is kept. Records will be picked up at homes when necessary.

New Business: The Education Committee proposed KPLU host an all-day hybrid leadership education webinar/seminar on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at the Heritage Museum in St. Joseph using the facility and its technology. Proposal adopted.
Since President Marshall is on the board of Heritage Museum, she anticipates that any fees will be waived little or at low cost as KPLU is a non-profit.

Since the Summer Sensation was unanimously enjoyed and a rousing success, President Marshall volunteered to host another event in August of 2023. Members heartily approved.

Webmaster Julie Pioch will be updating the MSAP website. She would like to include links to newsletters as well as information on educational webinars and lessons. The newly elected president will contact Webmaster Pioch.

Discussion of meeting times ensued. Is Thursday morning really the best time to meet? It limits membership by excluding many working people. Suggested times were evenings and Saturday mornings. Member Davis volunteered to survey the membership in 2023. The previous survey did not produce a clear choice for meeting times.

Member Ellis moved to hold 2023 KPLU meetings on February 16th (Zoom only), May 18th, September 21st, and November 16th.

Seconded. The dates were adopted. The Peoples Church rental fee is \$25 per meeting.

VP Ellis proposed that meeting times and membership be KPLU's priority in 2023.

Announcements:

President Marshall informed the membership that Member David Bukala had resigned and is moving to Ohio. She related that David wanted to thank everyone and plans to join a unit near his new location.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Nancy Fody
Secretary

Websites:

National Association of Parliamentarians - parliamentarians.org
Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians - michiganparliamentarian.org
Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit – michiganparliamentarian.org

Upcoming Events:

February 16, 2023, KPLU meeting by Zoom
April 14-15, 2023, MSAP Annual meeting
May 18, 2023, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom
September 21, 2023, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom
September 30, 2023, Leadership Education Seminar at the Heritage Museum, St. Joseph, MI and by Zoom.