

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit  
Annual Meeting  
November 16, 2023**

President Nancy Fody called the Annual Meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 10:01 am on Thursday, November 16, 2023. It was held electronically by Zoom. Member Barbara Davis was appointed secretary *pro-tem*.

President Nancy Fody led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Secretary *pro-tem* Davis called the roll. Members present were Sherri Coulibaly, Barb Davis, Patricia Dolan, Todd Ellis, Nancy Fody, Allison Hammond, Barbara Hemphill, Julie Pioch, and Jamie Lewis Hedges. A quorum was present.

The agenda was approved. The minutes of September 21, 2023 were approved as corrected.

**Officer Reports**

President: The Report of the President was sent out.

Vice President: The Vice President Report was sent out.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Julie Pioch presented both a corrected quarterly report and an annual report showing all receipts and disbursements for the year. The ending balance is \$4280.65.

Secretary's Report: No Report

Immediate Past President: No Report

**Standing Committee Annual Reports**

Bylaws: Bylaws Chairperson Davis reported that no Bylaws amendments are offered as consensus at the September meeting was that it was not necessary.

Education: No Report

Library: The library is still at the Davis home.

Membership: Membership will be discussed under the Special Committee Report.

**Nominating:** The election will be held under Special Orders. Chair Davis presented the slate:  
President - Todd Ellis  
Vice President –vacant  
Secretary – Nancy Fody  
Treasurer – Julie Pioch  
For a two-year term (2022-24) – vacant

**Yearbook:** Members should send their \$10 dues to Treasurer Pioch ASAP to be included in the 2024 Yearbook.

### **Special Committees:**

**Meeting Date & Time Optimization:** Todd Ellis and Allison Hammond suggested that KPLU plan to have monthly educational meetings on months without a business meeting. Todd will prioritize reaching out to Student Clubs. Sherri Coulibaly volunteered to reach out to the ‘Divine Nine’, a coalition of black sororities.

### **Special Orders**

**Election of Officers:** Barb Davis self -nominated for Vice President. Nancy Fody self-nominated for the Nominating Committee. Since there was only one nomination for each office the slate was declared elected.  
President: Todd Ellis was elected.  
Vice President: Barb Davis was elected.  
Secretary: Nancy Fody was elected.  
Treasurer: Julie Pioch was elected.  
Nominating committee:  
Nancy Fody was elected. (Two-year term)

**Unfinished Business:** President Fody reminded members of the MERC Awards.

**New Business:** Vice President Ellis moved to hold 2024 KPLU meetings on February 15<sup>th</sup> (Zoom only), May 16<sup>th</sup>, September 19<sup>th</sup>, and November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. Seconded. The dates were adopted. The Peoples Church rental fee is \$25 per meeting. The 2024 will be \$50 or \$75 depending on whether KPLU is charged for today’s meeting. VP Ellis moved that the Treasurer be directed to pay the rent to People’s Church. Barb Hemphill again seconded, and the motion passed.

President Fody appointed Allison Hammond to the Financial Review Committee.

**Announcements:** Sherri Coulibaly announced that an RP Training session will be on November 27 at 5:00 pm. This is a study group of the Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians.

NAP and MSAP dues can be paid on the NAP website and are due by 12/31/2023. KPLU dues of \$10 should be sent to Julie Pioch, 219 E Paw Paw St, Paw Paw MI 49079

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.

Barbara Davis  
Secretary *Pro tem*

Websites:

National Association of Parliamentarians - [parliamentarians.org](http://parliamentarians.org)  
Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians - [michiganparliamentarian.org](http://michiganparliamentarian.org)  
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Looking Ahead to 2024:

January 21, 2024 at 10:00 am MSAP quarterly Board meeting  
February 15, 2024, at 10:00 am KPLU meeting by Zoom  
April 19-20, 2024, MSAP Annual meeting  
May 16, 2024, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom  
September 19, 2024, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom