

# Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit

## Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023

9:45 AM Social / 10 AM Meeting

The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo  
and by ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5291242778>

Meeting ID: 529 124 2778

## Agenda

Call to Order

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tem

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Roll Call (Quorum 5)

Secretary Pro Tem

Introduction of Guests

Approval of the Agenda

Minutes (Reading and Approval of the Minutes)

### Officer Reports:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Immediate Past President

Nancy Fody

Todd Ellis

Julie Pioch

Laurie M Marshall

### Standing Committees Reports:

Bylaws

Education

Library

Membership

Nominating

Yearbook

Barbara Davis & Patricia Dolan

Barbara Davis & Laurie Marshall

Barbara Davis

Barbara Davis & Sherri Coulibaly

Laurie M Marshall

### Special Committees Report:

Education Event

Meeting Date & Time Optimization

Laurie M Marshall, Barbara Davis & Todd Ellis

Todd Ellis & Allison Hammond

### Unfinished Business:

Delegate Report from NAP meeting

NAP MERC awards

Recording Secretary

New Business:

KPLU Social Gathering?

Learning Lesson

Barbara Davis

Adjournment

Upcoming Events:

November 16, 2023, KPLU Annual Meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

Websites:

National Association of Parliamentarians - [parliamentarians.org](http://parliamentarians.org)  
Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians - [michiganparliamentarian.org](http://michiganparliamentarian.org)  
Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit – [michiganparliamentarian.org](http://michiganparliamentarian.org)

### **MERC Award Categories for Units**

- Greatest Net Membership Growth Award
- Greatest Percentage Membership Growth Award
- Membership Retention Award
- Credentialing Award- Greatest Net Increase in Registered Parliamentarians
- Credentialing Award- Greatest Percentage Gain in Registered Parliamentarians
- Credentialing Award- Greatest Net Increase in Professional Registered Parliamentarians
- Credentialing Award- Greatest Percentage Gain in Professional Registered Parliamentarians
- Unit Education Award
- Parliamentary Education Exchange Program Award

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 18, 2023**

President Nancy Fody called the hybrid meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 10:02 am on Thursday, May 18, 2023. It was held electronically by Zoom and in-person at the People's Church, 1758 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Without objection, Barb Davis was appointed as secretary pro tem.

Patricia Dolan led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Secretary protem Barb Davis called the roll. Members present were Sherri Coulibaly, Barb Davis, Patricia Dolan, Todd Ellis, Nancy Fody, and Barbara Hemphill. A quorum was present. Guests Jamie Hudges and Michael Zutis paid their dues and are now provisional members of the unit.

The agenda was approved with the addition to new business of an announcement by Michael Zutis.

The minutes of February 16, 2023 were approved as distributed.

**Officer Reports**

President's Report: The Report of the President was distributed with the agenda.

Vice President: VP Todd Ellis gave a workshop as part of the MSAP series.

Treasurer's Report: The Report of the Treasurer was distributed with the agenda. The balance is on hand \$4,260.65.

Secretary's Report: The office of secretary is currently vacant.

Immediate Past President: No Report

**Standing Committee Reports**

Bylaws: No report

Education: Sherri Coulibaly passed the NAP membership exam and plans to study for RP.

Library: The library is still at Barb Davis' home.

Nominating Committee: A Secretary has not been secured.

Yearbook: Past President Laurie Marshall entered the Zoom meeting at 10:20 and reported that the yearbook has been waiting on new members and will be available shortly.

**Special Committees**

Education Event: The September 30 education event is waiting on confirmation of the keynote speaker, hopefully by June 1.

Meeting Time & Date Optimization: Todd Ellis has contacted all nonattending members but does not have a proposal yet.

**Unfinished business:** Officer records have been transferred.

**New Business:** No candidate for Recording Secretary.

Election of Delegates to September NAP meeting: Barb Davis moved that Laurie Marshall be elected as a delegate to the NAP meeting to be held in Atlanta September 6-10, 2023. Todd Ellis seconded. Adopted. VP Todd Ellis is already a MSAP delegate to the meeting. KPLU Bylaws allows President Fody to appoint delegates as needed.

NAP MERC Awards: President Fody explained that applications are due. KPLU may have a good shot at Unit Education.

Benefit concert for the Ukraine: Mark Zutis announced **a benefit concert featuring WMU pianists and a piece he composed will be held at St. Thomas More parish on June 9, 2023 at 7 pm.**

**Learning Lesson:** No learning lesson presented. The process for taking the NAP membership exam was discussed and preparation assistance offered to Mark and Jamie.

**Announcements:** If you are interested in serving on a MSAP State Committee, please contact Frances Jackson.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Barb Davis  
Secretary protem

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**Upcoming Events:**

September 21, 2023, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

September 30, 2023, Leadership Education Seminar at the Heritage Museum, St. Joseph, MI and by Zoom.

# **KALAMAZOO PARLIAMENTARY LAW UNIT**

## **Report of the President**

**September 21, 2023**

- Attended Detroit Unit's 60<sup>th</sup> annual meeting & workshop May 20, 2023
- Prepared report for MSAP quarterly meeting
- Attended MSAP virtual quarterly meeting June 17, 2023
- Attended MURP virtual retreat July 12, 2023
- Registered delegate for NAP annual meeting
- Corresponded with Special Event Committee
- Zoom meeting with Time & Date Task Force
- Contacted MSAP Units regarding meeting times
- Contacted Heritage Museum & Cultural Center to postpone KPLU Leadership Summit

**2023 Members Paid** **2023**

David Bukala  
Sherri Coulibaly  
Barbara Davis  
Pat Dolan  
Todd Ellis  
Nancy Fody  
Barb Hemphill  
Laurie Marshall  
Betty Lee Ongley  
Julie Pioch  
Janice Ballentine  
Jamie Lewis Hedges  
Michael Zutis

**Not Paid**

Kenneth Clevenger  
Michelle McGowan  
Jennifer Young  
Allison Hammond  
**asked to be removed from membership**  
Richard Atwell  
Betty Weston

Michael Zutis  
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Report of the Treasurer 9.21.23  
Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit  
2023 Fiscal Year December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023

Balance on Hand May 18, 2023 \$ 4,260.65

Receipts

Members Dues

Jamie Lewis Hedges \$ 10.00

Michael Zutis \$ 10.00

Betty Ongley \$ 10.00

Total Receipts \$ 30.00

Disbursements

\$ -

Total Disbursements \$ -

Balance on Hand September 21, 2023 \$ 4,290.65