

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 21, 2023**

President Nancy Fody called the hybrid meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 9:58 am on Thursday, September 21, 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, Barbara Hemphill, Laurie Marshall, Betty Lee Ongley, and Julie Pioch. A quorum was present.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of May 18, 2023 were approved as submitted.

### **Officer Reports**

**President's Report:** President Fody reported that the September 30 Education Event has been cancelled.

**Vice President:** VP Todd Ellis reported on the NAP National Meeting held in Atlanta September 6-10, 2023. Two members of KPLU attended. Not all amendments to the Bylaws were considered due to time limits. Credentialing changes were passed. Training will be available in an "electronic format for units". The issue to censure the Board for how the dismissal of the Credentialing Committee was handled was very emotional and not resolved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Three more members paid dues. The balance is on hand \$4,290.65.

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

**Special Report of Meeting Optimization:** President Fody, VP Todd, and Allison Hammond were on the committee. The question of meeting times was not resolved. Our present meeting time (Thursday am) is convenient for those that are attending, but for those who cannot attend, there is no consensus on an alternate meeting time. A weekday daytime meeting is limiting our ability to grow. Other MI units are Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays. Places to reach out to: WMU Public Administration program, Student Clubs, OnePlace – workshops, Leadership class/webinar, Educational Seminars with the schedule set for the year in advance. Next step is to look at upcoming schedule and consider monthly meetings or training.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Bylaws:** A possible amendment to change the term limit for officers was discussed. The consensus was that we did not need to submit an amendment at the November meeting.

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Education: Possible plans to study for RP should be included in 2024 schedule.

Membership – Julie Pioch sent out a list of Members who have paid their dues.

Nominating Committee: Slate for 2024: President – Todd Ellis, Vice- President-- , Secretary – Nancy Fody, Treasurer – Julie Pioch, Nominating Committee --.

Yearbook: Past President Laurie Marshall entered the Zoom meeting at 10:20 and reported that the yearbook will come out in 2024.

### **Special Committees**

Education Event: The September 30 education event has been cancelled. Suggestions: network with other units in the district. Have educational events monthly and business meetings quarterly or less. Webinars – make a calendar for the entire year.

### **New Business:**

**Delegate Reports:** Delegate Laurie Marshall reported that she met with the NAP Treasurer. Eliminating provisional membership class failed. VP Ellis also reported that the Censure vote was 155 ayes vs 140 nays. Also Credentialling is moving toward a CEU model. It is expected that it will be on the order of 15 CEUs/two years vs. the current 6 year requirement.

**Learning Lesson:** The Learning Lesson was a presentation on Article IV. Section 3. Of the KPLU Bylaws. Section 3B “or until their successors are elected” vs Section 3D “no more than two terms in the same office.” RONR 56:27-31 After discussion, the consensus was that we did not have to change the bylaws in November.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

Barb Davis  
Secretary protem

### **Websites:**

National Association of Parliamentarians - [parliamentarians.org](http://parliamentarians.org)  
Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians - [michiganparliamentarian.org](http://michiganparliamentarian.org)  
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### **Upcoming Events:**

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