

Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit
General Membership Meeting
May 15, 2025

Vice President Barb Davis called the general membership meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 9:31 am. The meeting was held in-person and electronically by Zoom.

Vice President Barb Davis 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 Barb Davis, Pat Dolan, Nancy Fody, Allison Hammond, Laurie Marshall and Jeff Parsons. A quorum was present. Julie Pioch and Barbara Hemphill joined later.

Vice President Davis reported that Member Sherri Coulibaly passed away in October 2024.

Member Laurie Marshall introduced two new guests Tristan McKay and Andrea Johnson. They are colleagues of hers in the music field. Former Member Micheal Zutis was also in attendance.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the general meeting held May 15, 2025, were approved as submitted.

Officer Reports

President: Vice President Davis reported that President Todd Ellis resigned his position due to health considerations.

Vice President: VP Davis attended the MSAP Annual Meeting April 12 in Kalamazoo.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Julie Pioch reported the balance in checking is \$4,500.65. There were no deposits or disbursements since the February meeting. She attended the MSAP Annual Meeting April 12 in Kalamazoo. Report is attached.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Fody attended the MSAP Annual Meeting April 12 in Kalamazoo. She attempts to keep current with KPLU correspondence.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws: No bylaws chair at this time.

Education: Chair Laurie Marshall reported on the successful leadership education series that has been conducting by Zoom. NAP recommends monthly education programs for Units.

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They should provide basic parliamentary education. Chair Marshall recommends continuing the webinar series. VP Davis informed the guests that KPLU meetings conclude with an educational session. Chair Marshall emailed the leadership education schedule to MSAP Webmaster Pioch for publication on the MSAP website.

Library: Librarian Davis brought 2 ½ boxes of parliamentary books and other items to the MSAP meeting to give away. She returned with only 1 ½ boxes.

Membership: VP Davis congratulated Member Marshall for her member recruitment efforts. Meeting time can be an issue for attracting new members.

Nominating: Nominating Committee members Fody & Pioch met and reviewed the relevant bylaw prior to the meeting. ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 2. B. Term of Office, Vacancies in elective office shall be filled by the nominating committee, subject to the approval of the members. Nominating Committee member Pioch moved that Vice President Barb Davis assume the office of president. Seconded. The motion carried and President Davis assumed her duties. The position of vice president will remain vacant until the November elections are held.

Yearbook: Yearbook Chair Fody reported that a draft 2025 Yearbook had been emailed to all members. She requested that everyone check their information. She asked that the bylaws version be checked to be sure it was the most recent.

Special Committee Reports

Local Host Committee: LHC Chair Fody thanked members for their help preparing the MSAP Annual Meeting program, setting up before the meeting, assisting with check-in, helping with the meal service, and the book swap as well as post meeting clean-up. There was a good turn-out and high level speakers. Everyone appeared to enjoy the event.

Unfinished Business: Treasurer Pioch moved that KPLU pay the People's Church \$75 for rent for the rest of the year. Seconded. Motion adopted. The check will be delivered to the Peoples Church. President Davis will seek suggestions for other venues. Venues will need to have audio & visual transmission capability.

New Business: The National Association of Parliamentarians Annual Meeting will be held in Phoenix, AZ August 20-24, 2025. KPLU can send two delegates. Member Pioch moved that President Barb Davis and Treasurer Julie Pioch be the KPLU delegates for the NAP annual meeting. Seconded. Motion passed. President Davis will notify NAP of the KPLU delegates. The delegates will be responsible for their own registration. Early Bird registration ends June 1st.

Treasurer Pioch moved that KPLU provide a \$200 stipend for each KPLU delegate. Seconded. Michael Zutis moved to amend the motion by striking \$200 and inserting \$250. A

Point of Order was raised. Since Mr. Zutis was a guest, could he make a motion? President Davis opined that he couldn't unless he were regularized. Member Pioch appealed the Chair's ruling. The decision of the Chair was sustained by a 5 to 2 vote. Mr. Zutis paid KPLU dues and the amendment to strike \$200 and insert \$250 carried. The motion to provide a \$250 stipend to the KPLU delegates carried. (Treasurer Pioch recused herself from voting.) President Davis instructed the delegates to submit for \$250 reimbursement after they delivered their report to the membership about the NAP annual meeting.

Education Lesson: Point of Order and Appeal. See above.

Next meeting: September 18, 2025, KPLU meeting 9:30 am/9:15 social, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Nancy Fody
Secretary

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National Association of Parliamentarians: parliamentarians.org
Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians: michiganparliamentarian.org
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Upcoming Events:

Better Meetings—Happier Members, Tuesday, May 20, 7-8pm by Zoom
The NAP Virtual Spring Conference, Saturday, May 31, 10:30 to 4:30 by Zoom
NAP Annual Meeting, August 20-24, 2025 Phoenix, AZ
September 18, 2025, KPLU meeting 9:30 am/9:15 social, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom
November 20, 2025, KPLU annual meeting 9:30 am/9:15 social, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom