

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit  
General Membership Meeting  
May 14, 2026**

President Barb Davis called the general meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 9:33 am. The meeting was held at the People's Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009, and electronically by Zoom.

President 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 Barbara Davis, Patricia Dolan, Nancy Fody, Annamarie Groenenboom, Laurie Marshall, Tristan McKay, Julie Pioch and Jeff Parsons. A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted.

The minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting were approved with three corrections. The Education program is entitled Leadership Education Webinars. Making Meetings Meaningful should be listed as one of the webinars. The minutes file was named 2 12 2025 instead of 2 12 2026.

**Officer Reports**

**President:** President Davis is serving as parliamentarian for Michigan Federation of Music Clubs and the People's Church. She is part of the RP Study group. Report is attached.

**Vice President:** VP Parsons is pursuing certification as a registered parliamentarian.

**Treasurer's Report:** The balance in checking is \$3,965.65. Barbara Hemphill is listed twice on the 2026 list of members. Michael Zutis who paid dues in September 2025 is not listed as a 2026 member. President Davis instructed Treasurer Pioch to pay \$75 rent for our 2026 meeting room at the People's Church. Report is attached.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Education:** Education Committee Co-Chair Laurie Marshall reiterated that educational webinars and study groups are an effective membership recruitment tools. An RP Study group met May 11, 2026. More study sessions are scheduled for June 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 8:30 to 10 am by Zoom. All are welcome. More discussion of Education related issues will be discussed under new business. Report is attached.

**Library:** Librarian Davis reported that she still has KPLU library books and brochures at her home. Perhaps the public library would be interested in some of the items. President Davis has motion forms.

**Membership:** Members were challenged to recruit one person they know from another organization or work setting to attend a KPLU meeting. Most organizations need more members with knowledge of parliamentary procedure. New leaders of organizations should be especially targeted. MSAP members-at-large should be invited to attend meetings by Zoom since travel would not be an issue. A discussion of whether posting to social media would be beneficial. Different social media platforms appeal to different demographics. It was decided that word of mouth works best. The recurring question of what 's the best time for meetings came up again. Should business meetings be separate from education discussions? Member Marshall proposed a summer social gathering. Members were encouraged to check their NAP account since errors have occurred.

**Nominating:** The Nominating Committee members (Julie Pioch and Laurie Marshall) were reminded that the 2027 slate of officers is presented at the meeting preceding the annual meeting. (September 10, 2026)

**Yearbook:** The 2026 Yearbook was shared over Zoom, reviewed by the members and is very close to completion. Chair Fody will correct the bylaws committee members and then share the completed document with MSAP Webmaster Pioch who will post relevant pages on the website. The Yearbook will be updated as needed and kept on the Google Drive. All members will have access through the drive link. Member Dolan noted the yearbook incorrectly states that dues are due December 1<sup>st</sup> but the bylaws state they are not due until January. The yearbook chair will correct this.

### **Special Committee Report**

**Website:** Chair Pioch will advertise the upcoming Webinar and study group times to our website page.

**Unfinished Business:** Google Drive follow-up. There is ample google drive space under the kplumichigan@gmail.com account. It will be accessible by members through the drive link. All reports should be uploaded as soon as possible from Member Marshall's personal Google Drive. President Davis will scan and upload records she has. In the interest of longevity and privacy, Member Marshall suggested KPLU apply for a free Google Workspace for non-profits.

**New Business:** Discussion of upcoming leadership and NAP education events ensued. All members are encouraged to partake in any and all educational opportunities that they are able. Of particular note is the upcoming NAP Training Conference in Birmingham, AL, August 26-30, 2026. Member Fody moved that KPLU reimburse attendees of parliamentary educational opportunities at 50% of registration costs. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Member Pioch moved to reimburse KPLU members 50% of the RP Exam registration fee for those members who take the exam by the end of this fiscal year. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The RP Exam registration fee is \$800.

Since these our unusual and significant expenditures for KPLU, President Davis will put constructing a budget on the September meeting agenda.

There was a brief recess before the educational lesson. The meeting reconvened at 11:10.

### **Educational Lesson:**

According to Education Leader Davis the latest acronym regarding Privileged Motions is “Can Question Really Afford a Ferrari?” Or...

Call for orders of the day

Raise a Question of Privilege

Recess

Adjourn

Fix a time to which to adjourn

It was suggested that at September’s meeting, the RP candidates lead the education lesson.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Nancy Fody  
Secretary

### **Upcoming Events:**

Wednesday to Sunday, August 26-30, 2026, NAP Training Conference, Birmingham, AL

Thursday, September 10 at 9:30am/9:15 social--KPLU General Meeting at the People’s Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 am/9:15 social --- KPLU Annual Meeting the People’s Church, 1758 N 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

### **Websites:**

National Association of Parliamentarians - [parliamentarians.org](http://parliamentarians.org)

MSAP - [michiganparliamentarian.org](http://michiganparliamentarian.org)

KPLU-- <https://www.michiganparliamentarian.org/our-association/local-unit-information/kalamazoo-parliamentary-law-unit/>

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