

The Ohio Parliament

REVEILLE! WAKE UP AND RISE TO THE CALL, OAP
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Message from the President

By *Laura V. Womack, OAP President*

Rounding Third and Heading Home: “AHA” Moments

In baseball, four bases mark the course of action for all players. Sometimes errors will cause a base runner to retreat to a previous base or even get thrown out with no fault of his own. In most predicaments, it is harder to go backwards than forward, even though the distance is the same. But, is it the distance or the situation at hand that causes this dilemma?

As we know, *Robert's Rules of Order* is not baseball. For this presiding officer, and I presume for most presiding officers, it is a constant pitch or effort to deliver on-going services for all Members, Potential Members, Members-at-Large, Previous Members, and Guests to have a greater desire to enter this arena, and perhaps, be encouraged enough to use what they have read, heard, and seen that will enable them to reach their "aha" moment in Parliamentary procedures.

My first “aha” moment was when my Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs were approved by the Executive Committee consisting of the Elected Officers. And, a grand unselfish Parliamentarian accepted this officer’s request to accept the task to assist in steering this organization to a desired destination. The next “aha” moment was registering with the Ohio Secretary of State as the Designated Statutory Agent for the Ohio Association of Parliamentarians, and file a Statement of Continuing Existence. Pride, close association, and fulfillment began to foster, not for this officer, but for services rendered on behalf of the Members. With a grateful heart to the Board and thankfulness to the Creator, I am honored, to be positioned in a place to be of service.

There have been many other “aha” moments, such as the appointment of a Member-at-Large to the OAP Board as Editor of the Publications: Parliament and Parliagraph. The door is open to

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For RP's and PRP's

The webmaster, Deborah Willis, requests that any RPs and PRPs that are willing to accept new clients provide their contact information to her at Mruss72650@aol.com. This will allow the webmaster access to a larger pool of parliamentarians to contact when requests are received through the website or other media contacts.

Currently the webmaster is contacting PRPs and unit presidents in the area of the request and asking them if they are available, and if not, to identify PRPs and RPs in their units who may be available to accept new clients. This communication is done via email. This process creates a time delay which might be reduced if RPs and PRPs who are available to take new clients are pre-identified so she may contact them directly.

Requests range from answering parliamentary questions to bylaws review to serving as convention parliamentarian. When you contact her you may also want to discuss your interests.

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Members-at-Large to perform a service at nearby Units, if any, and the 49th Annual Session to be held at Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, May 4-5, 2018 and many other areas of need. Watch for this information in the Parliament! Other Information resources to peruse are available on the OAP Website: OhioParliamentarians.org. Attending the Leadership Conference in Lombard, Illinois as a first timer provided this officer with many "aha" moments.

The strength of any organization lies with the Officers and Committees. They are producers of most "aha" moments and the Ohio Association of Parliamentarians is exceptionally proud to be surrounded by the best! OAP members exemplify hard work, commitment, passion, a desire to prioritize, influence and retool present members, invite new members to join, and offer a life line to those who have moved on to return to share our "aha" moments and be in a position to create their own "aha" moments.

Home base is clearly in view with many "aha" moments to experience and many to share with you. Come and join us! We are not planning to pitch "aha" moments, but to hand them off boldly, so that all may enjoy the view as they round third and head for home!

Beware of Email Scams

This has been received from NAP:

We want to make you aware of an email phishing scam that several of our members have recently reported. It may come to the email you published on the NAP website and say something like "I need you to make a payment for an Administrative expenses, confirm if you can get it done today so I can forward you the beneficiary details"

You can be assured that no confidential information is at risk - no one has hacked into the NAP system. Someone has simply looked at the email addresses published on our website, a very common way for such information to be mined.

Security experts warn that you should never click on any link if you don't know what it is, and never open any email attachment, no matter who it is from. You should never make any payment without proper documentation. If you get an odd email from someone you know, don't reply - but rather send them a new email asking them if they recently sent you something.

If you receive such an email, simply delete it, as no further action is required.

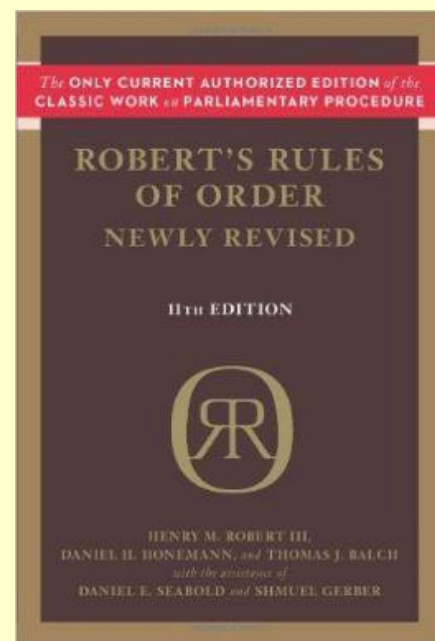
Welcome District IV Director

A New District IV Director was elected at the NAP Convention in Lombard, Illinois. His contact information is: Robert Schuck, RP, P.O. Box 127, Winter, WI 54896-0127, (313) 682-2681, robertschuckrp@gmail.com. We look forward to working with him. District IV consists of the Associations of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and those members living in Ontario, Canada.

Donations and Sponsorships Sought

The upcoming Annual Session in May is going to be a special one as OAP celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Special events are in the plans, such as an auction and special receptions. Your assistance is needed to make the Session truly an event full of wonderful memories.

The committee is searching for ways to keep the costs reasonable. Donations of items for raffle/auction and sponsorship of coffee breaks and receptions is sought. Perhaps you know of a business near you or a patron that would assist in the effort. Please contact Ed Magiste at e.j.magiste@csuohio.edu if you can help. More information will follow as we get closer to the weekend.



OAP Provisionals

The OAP Board of Directors recognized several goals for the organization and has worked to accomplish them, or at least advance work on them. Goal 6 states: Invite and engage Provisionals using the following objectives:

- 1) To encourage Provisionals to serve on Unit, OAP and Annual Session Committees.
- 2) To encourage Units to incorporate Provisionals in leadership positions as permitted in the bylaws as well as co-present or present lessons.
- 3) To establish a mentorship program at the Unit level with the inclusion of Members-at-Large.
- 4) To explore the establishment of a recognition program at the Annual Session for Units having the greatest participation/involvement of their Provisional members.

On the following page you will find an application form for Provisional Membership. Please note, this is membership only in the Ohio Association of Parliamentarians and does not give the Provisionals any discount on NAP services.



An Impression of the PQC

Barbara D. Whitaker, PRP

First, let me say that the NAP Professional Qualifying Course is held in Executive Session, so I'm not going to divulge any secrets. Second, let me say that it took me years to get around to taking it. Life happened. Work. Family. All sorts of excuses. When NAP started requiring RP's to have continuing education credits, I decided that if I needed CEUs, I might as well go for the gold. Remember, it's just me, the computer and books. I'm a Member-At-Large living in rural Ohio. I watched the YouTube videos and wondered why I wanted to do this to myself. I decided to continue. I ordered the books and began.

The course itself was a great learning event and when you are ready, perhaps you will undertake the challenge. There was a lot of pre-course work, and a post-course assignment. Some received more than one assignment. This is not a weekend seminar and add a letter to your name kind of thing. Nor was it an impossible dream. I had wonderful instructors who didn't just follow the plan, but taught outside the box and provided constructive help. Was it hard? Kind of. Was it work? You betcha. Was it worth it? Indeed. Would I do it again? Oh, yes. Should you? That's your choice. As for me, I'm glad I did it. I learned a lot, some of it already in practice. Now, I just have to wait to see if I passed.

10/14 - Addendum: I passed!!

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Ohio Association of Parliamentarians

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Check: ___ *Provisional Member

Unit: _____

*Provisional member - OAP only (Non-NAP member)

Date: _____

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in Ohio Association of Parliamentarians.

Home address _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Cell _____
(include Area Code) (optional)

Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

List your parliamentary interests:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

- I agree to participate actively in OAP activities where possible.
- My intention is to apply for the NAP membership examination in my Unit.
- OAP dues for the current year must accompany this application. (Current OAP Provisional dues are \$5.00 upon application; and thereafter, due and payable by January 1 of each year. Dues are delinquent: February 1.)
- Include a copy of this application with payment.

Signature Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Membership approved: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Class of membership: ___ Provisional Unit: _____

Membership Chairman

Ohio Association of Parliamentarians Provisional Membership Application.

Please make check payable to: OAP
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The 2017 National Association of Parliamentarians National Leadership Conference and Biennial Convention – An OAP Delegate's Perspective

Robert L. "Bob" Rosell, PRP

Along with OAP President Laura Womack and several other OAP members, I attended the 2017 National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) National Leadership Conference on September 7, 2017 and the NAP Biennial Convention on September 8 through 11, 2017, held in Westin Lombard Yorktown Center Hotel in Lombard, Illinois. I served as the designated lead OAP delegate.

The National Leadership Conference was a one-day event, which addressed special topics of interest, such as focus on leadership styles, issues and trends, managing of meetings using Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) concepts, an overview of the financial aspects of an organization, selected side issues with RONR, and the practice of presiding. Throughout the conference, the group engaged in a series of exercises geared to each topic, one of which involved demonstrations by three separate participants (including yours truly) on presiding over a short business meeting.

As part of the Biennial Convention, a total of 33 separate workshops were conducted over three days, including two separate workshops addressing the newly emerging Credentialing Process. The workshops provided a wide range a material ranging from beginning to advanced-level knowledge of parliamentary procedure, professional practices, and emerging supporting technology.

The business meeting of the 2017 NAP Biennial Convention opened on Friday, September 8th, with business being conducted each day through Monday, September 11th. The Convention hosted over 300 participants from the United States, Canada, and China. The first day was largely ceremonial, with welcoming statements from convention organizers, various professional groups and recognition of the various youth groups which sponsor parliamentary procedure competitions. NAP President Mary Randolph provided a report on a summation of events taking place in NAP under her tenure. Treasurer Wanda Sims provided a report on the finances of NAP. Both reports highlighted that there were both financial challenges and progress in stabilizing the NAP membership numbers, with signs of an emerging uptick in membership.

The second business day focused largely on the nominations and election of the NAP Officers and the Board of Directors. The election results were as follows:

President: James N. Jones, PRP

Vice-President: Darlene T. Allen, PRP

Secretary: Kevin Connelly, PRP

Treasurer: Wanda Sims, PRP

Directors-at-Large: Joyce Brown-Watkins, PRP; Allison Wallis, PRP; Ann Rempel, PRP

District Directors: Roger Hanshaw, PRP; Larry Martin, PRP

The third business day included a memorial service honoring those members who had passed during the biennium, with specific recognition of NAP Past President, Nola Pursiful, PRP. Also addressed were proposed amendments to the NAP Bylaws. Those amendments adopted consisted of the following actions:

- The removal of language which required the Board of Directors to approve the annual budget for each year of the biennium at the very first meeting of the newly elected Board, and the insertion of language which require the Board to provide such approval prior to the end of the current fiscal year, thus providing more time for budget consideration.

- Changes to requirements for the NAP Commission on Credentialing which substituted five new sections in place of two current sections. This new language contained specific direction for the conduct of nominations and election of Commission members during a Biennial Convention, provided for the participation by all NAP Delegates (not just RPs and PRPs) in such elections, specified the terms for Commission members to be four years (versus three years) on a staggered basis, and granted the Board of Directors authority to both remove Commission members for cause by a two thirds vote of the entire board and to fill any vacancies on the Commission resulting during the period in between biennial conventions.

- Various largely editorial changes in the Articles/Sections dealing with the NAP Board of Directors duties, membership in Districts, Associations, and Units Definitions, and student dues.

A late proposed Bylaw amendment, for which notice was given on Friday, would have provided for a 50 percent reduction in NAP membership rates for residents of certain nations outside of the United States and Canada based on a standard of Gross Domestic Product levels. It was considered, but was not adopted, as it failed to obtain the 90 percent affirmative vote required for amendment proposals for which notice is provided as part of the Biennial Convention.

The delegates also adopted a resolution which rescinded a resolution adopted during the NAP Biennial Convention in 1975, in which the use of the term "Chairperson" was discouraged. The new resolution included the rationale that members should "follow the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised and be free to assist organizations and clients in using terms that these groups feel best suit the needs of their particular assemblies."

Finally, the delegates elected the following members to the Commission on Credentialing: Gail Knapp, PRP (four-year term), Rosalie Stroman, PRP (four-year term), Frances Jackson, PRP (four-year term), and Gayla Stone, PRP (two-year term).

The fourth and final day commenced with a brief overview of the future 2018 National Training Conference to be held on September 7 through 9, on Buffalo, New York. President Randolph requested a moment of silence in memory of those persons who had lost their lives during 9/11, as well as for the victims of the recent hurricanes in Houston and Florida. Following this, the newly elected NAP Officers and Directors were installed. Newly installed President James N. provided a brief speech on his plans for moving the organization forward with a theme of "Building on Our Success-Recognizing New Possibilities. The theme had four areas of focus: Mission, Membership, Money, and Market.

Throughout the business meeting, the attendees witnessed real-world examples of the application of parliamentary procedure as part of a convention setting. This in itself provided for a level of hands-on education which complemented that experienced in the various educational workshops.

I would certainly encourage anyone who can do so to attend a future NAP Biennial Convention, as it truly is a worthwhile experience for anyone either interested in parliamentary procedure or who aspires to be a credentialed Parliamentarian.

OAP Units

NORTH COAST: President - Patricia Koch, PRP (pak711@aol.com). Usually meets 3rd Monday at 6:00 PM (4th Monday in January) at Warrensville Height County Library, 4415 Northfield Road, Warrensville Heights, OH. No regular meetings in July, August, December.

CENTRAL OHIO: President - Myra Myers, PRP (mmyers.myers@gmail.com). Usually meets 1st Monday at 7:00 PM (January meeting held electronically) at Worthington Municipal Building, 6550 North High Street, 2nd Floor, Worthington, OH. No regular meetings in July and August.

MIAMI VALLEY: President - Betty Reed (snookey@siscom.net). Usually meets 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Clark County Library, Park Shopping Center Branch, 1061 North Bechtle Ave., Springfield, OH.

LORI-EL: President - Ed Magiste, Ph.D (e.j.magiste@csuohio.edu). Usually meets 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM at Elyria YWCA Residence, 318 West Avenue, Elyria, OH. No regular meetings in January, July and August.

QUEEN CITY: President - Robert Rosell, PRP (rrosell.prp@gmail.com). Meets 3rd Friday at 10:15 AM at Oakley Library, 4033 Gilmore Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. No regular meetings in July, August, and December.

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OAP Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to Charles Foster, Queen City Unit, Sandra Evans of the Northcoast Unit and to Dorothy Gordon, Doris Moore and Reverend William Moore of the Miami Valley Unit for achieving Regular Member status. Enjoy that feeling of accomplishment. Your efforts are appreciated.

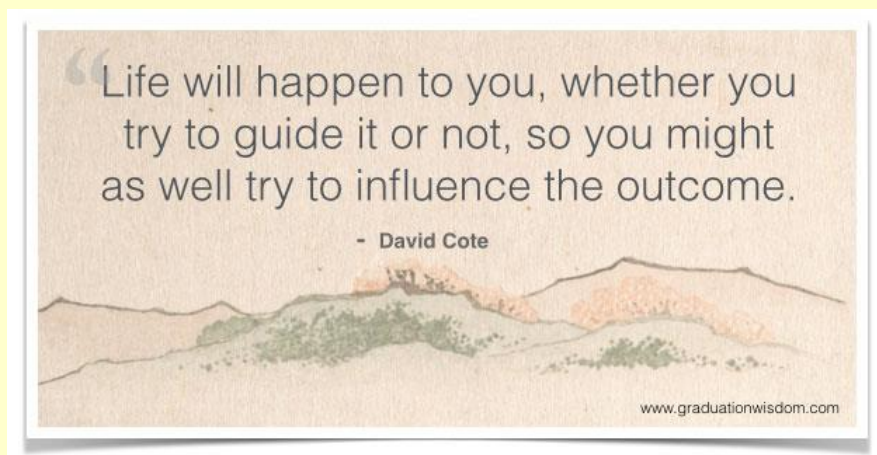
DATES TO REMEMBER

OAP Annual Session

May 4-5, 2018
Cleveland, Ohio

NAP Training Conference

Buffalo, NY
September 7-9, 2018



SUBMISSION DEADLINES

All submissions for the *Parliagram* are to arrive to the Editor no later than the first day of the even numbered months.

Call for Presenters
Ohio Association of Parliamentarians
2018 Annual Session
Friday, May 4 & Saturday May 5, 2018
IT'S PENDING. LET'S DEBATE. TAKE ACTION!
Cleveland State University-Student Center Ballroom
Cleveland, Ohio

The Ohio Association of Parliamentarians (OAP) was chartered July 27, 1968 and will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its chartering during the 2018 Two Day Annual Session. We invite you to be a part of OAP's remarkable history by being a presenter at the Annual Session.

The purpose of OAP is to promote the study of parliamentary procedure and the educational programs of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP). Our goal is to encourage the understanding and use of the Robert's Rules of Order to enable groups of all types and sizes to meet effectively, making decisions in a fair and consistent process that makes good use of everyone's time.

To that end, we encourage our members to consider being workshop presenters at the Annual Session. We have some extremely talented members, and as we encourage learning by doing. Again this year, we encourage our experienced presenters to partner with a member who has not made presentations at an OAP Annual Session or NAP Conference to co-present with them. Workshop topics that are in line with the session theme "IT'S PENDING. LET'S DEBATE. TAKE ACTION!" are encouraged. By request, we would like to offer two training tracks, one geared towards community members and those with a basic working knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition, and one that is "beyond the basics" geared towards those who minimally have passed the NAP membership exam, are studying for the RP exam, or are already RPs and PRPs. **Please submit your proposal on the attached form by November 30, 2017.** If selected to be a presenter your registration fee for the Annual Session will be complimentary, however, we ask that you submit your registration form to ensure we have an accurate count for materials and refreshments.

Proposal Submission Guidelines: When developing your proposal, please keep in mind we want to provide workshops that will assist officers and members of local community organizations and municipal clerks in having more productive meetings. We also want trainings that intermediate and advanced OAP members will find helpful to them in their study and enhancement of their parliamentary work. Please be creative in designing a presentation that fully involves attendee participation through role playing, demonstration scripts, discussion, questions, and engaging interactive activities. We want to make sure that everyone takes something away from the session that they can use in their work with the organizations they are involved with.

Session Length: Each session will be **60 minutes** including question/answer/discussion time.

A .pdf fillable form for workshop presenter proposals is available on the OAP website under "2018 Annual Session." Or use the one on the next page.

Call for Presenters
Ohio Association of Parliamentarians
2018 Annual Session
Friday, May 4 & Saturday May 5, 2018
IT'S PENDING. LET'S DEBATE. TAKE ACTION!
Cleveland State University-Student Center Ballroom
Cleveland, Ohio

Workshop Proposal

Please provide the following information by **November 30, 2017**, to Deborah Willis
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Title of Presentation:

Level your presentation is best suited for: _____Beginner
_____ Intermediate _____Advanced

Presenter's name, NAP membership category, OAP Unit affiliation (if applicable), email address

Presenter's biography (200-word maximum)

Co-presenter's name, NAP membership category, and OAP Unit affiliation (if applicable)

Co-presenter's biography (200-word maximum)

Description of presentation (200-word maximum)

Learning objectives (3-5 specific objectives)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Special equipment requests:

Indicate what interactive activities will occur during your session to encourage attendee participation: