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Message from the President

By Robert L. Rosell, PRP, OAP President

Seasons Greetings to all! I wish you the happiest of times during this holiday period. As we prepare to enter 2019, it is most fitting that we not only briefly look back at some key events and look forward to the future.

First, as I travel to visit each of the Units in Ohio, I am most impressed with what I have seen thus far. I was particularly encouraged by what I witnessed at the October North Coast Unit meeting.....a very active unit pursuing many different activities ranging from leadership development to educational training. I regularly attend both Miami Valley and Queen City Units, as I am a participating member in both Units, and thus regularly observe their accomplishments. I look forward to visiting the Central Ohio and Lori-El Units sometime soon.

Next, one area of significant advancement in Ohio as a whole is in the realm of Videoconferencing. As a result of the work of the Special Committee on Electronic Meetings, the OAP Executive Board in October approved the four-month purchase of Zoom Videoconferencing, with one of the first major applications being the holding of the January 8th Executive Board Meeting via Zoom. The committee continues its work for a longer-term set of recommendations, which will provide capabilities potentially available to the entire OAP Membership. Stand by for more news on this front.

Looking ahead, the 2018 OAP Annual Session is already in the planning stages, with such activities expected to accelerate in advance of the Annual Session itself on Friday, April 26th at the Hillside Church of God in Springfield. The one-day meeting is primarily an educationally-oriented event, and thus we are in great need of Workshop presenters who can provide instruction on various aspects of Parliamentary Procedure, from basic to intermediate to advanced. If you are interested, please get with Mary Remson, our Education Committee Chairman, at meetings4u@att.net.

Finally, I am anticipating that OAP will have a new Editor effective by the end of the next OAP Executive Board meeting, assuming the duties

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Help Build the Toolbox

Greetings to All OAP Members:

President Rosell has chosen "Parliamentary Procedure - A Tool for Democracy" as the theme for this biennial. As plans for the 2019 OAP Annual Session are being finalized, there is the need for you to step up and share one of your very awesome educational presentations. The 2019 OAP One-Day Annual Session will take place in Springfield, Ohio on Friday, April 27, 2019.

You can play a very important role in the educational offerings by presenting a workshop (or letting me know that you are interested in presenting a workshop). The theme, "Building your Parliamentary Toolbox", will focus on getting the best results from the tools that are already in every parliamentarian toolbox and incorporating additional tools needed for building an more effective and efficient parliamentary toolbox.

The National Association of Parliamentarians is using the Body of Knowledge as a platform for all educational offerings. It is the hope of this Education Chairman to also utilize this very important document for the 2019 Annual Session workshops.

If you are interested in presenting this year, please submit the attached proposal for consideration by February 4, 2019, to meetings4u@att.net.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mary Remson, PRP
OAP Education Chairman



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being presently performed by our Vice-President, Barbara Whitaker. I look forward to introducing our new Editor in the future.

With that, I close by first of all thanking you for your hard work in and dedication to the practice of Parliamentary Procedure over the past year. I also urge you to engage in the next of the "Great-Ates" of the OAP Biennial Theme, *Parliamentary Procedure-A Tool for Democracy*, that is, "Advocate". Quite simply, it consists of selling Parliamentary Procedure for what it is, namely, a valuable tool to help make meetings more productive (and less chaotic). More on this in the next Parliagram.

Until then, may you have the most joyous of holiday seasons and a Happy New Year!

Robert L. "Bob" Rosell, PRP
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OAP Units

NORTH COAST: President - Patricia Koch, PRP (patriciaakoch75@gmail.com). Usually meets 3rd Monday at 6:00 PM (4th Monday in January) at South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library, 1876 South Green Road, South Euclid, OH 44122. No regular meetings in July, August, December.

CENTRAL OHIO: President - Mary Remson, PRP (meetings4u@att.net). Usually meets 1st Monday (except September) at 7:00 PM at Northside Public Library, 1423 N. High St., Columbus, OH. No regular meetings in July and August.

MIAMI VALLEY: President - Ann Bauer, RP (bauer9380@roadrunner.com). Usually meets 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Clark County Library, Park Shopping Center Branch, 1061 North Bechtle Ave., Springfield, OH.

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It's Time To Renew Your Membership

It's that time. Time to renew your dues. Remember, dues are paid to the National Association of Parliamentarians who in turn will send OAP the state dues. Unit dues are taken care of within the unit.

How to Renew Online: Go to Bit.ly/nap-renew. Log in and click on 'My Transactions'. Click on 'Pay Open Orders,' check the box next to the dues order; click 'Next'. Click next on the affiliated membership page, as you do NOT need to select anything. An affiliated membership is already attached to your dues order. Enter the amount you wish to donate to the Henry M. Robert III Fund and NAP Educational Foundation. Remember your donations are tax deductible. Enter your credit card information (NAP accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover). A receipt of this transaction will be emailed to the address on your profile.

If you prefer to renew over the phone using your credit card, call NAP at 816.833.3892 or 888.627.2929 (toll free). Soon you also will receive a renewal notice in the mail, in case you prefer to pay by mail or fax.

If you do not renew your dues and the time laps more than 12 months, you will need to take the membership exam again. NAP and OAP have exciting things "coming down the pike." Please continue your membership to learn of new benefits and materials available soon.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fifth Tuesday Town Hall

January 29, 2019
Teleconference

District 4 Conference

April 5-7, 2019
Wisconsin Dells, WI

OAP Annual Session

April 26, 2019
Springfield, OH

NAP Convention

September 5-8, 2019
Las Vegas, NV

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

All submissions for the *Parliagram* are to arrive to the Editor no later than the first day of the even numbered months with the publication date of the 15th of that month.

Articles and pictures of unit activities, as well as study materials (no more than 2 pages long in Trebuchet MS 11) to share are welcome.

District 4 Conference

Save the dates of April 5 -7, 2019 and plan to attend our District Four 2019 Spring Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Make it a family vacation trip to vacationland with your parliamentarian friends. The Spring Conference is a wonderful educational and networking opportunity for our members, families, and friends to enjoy.

The location will be at the Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI www.wintergreen-resort.com

The Guest room rate: \$89 per night for a single or a double. CALL 800-648-4765 PRESS 1 to reserve a room and ask for the WI Association of Parliamentarians room block.

There are many fun activities for families to enjoy in Wisconsin Dells in addition to the Spring Conference. The Wintergreen does have a pool, but it is not a water park. The two closest in-door water parks to the Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center where you can book day passes are the Kalahari and the Great Wolf Lodge. If you have questions please contact Robert Schuck, RP, and he will be glad to help you find the answers you need.

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Chairman of the Board?

NAP 2019 Vegas Preview

NAP showed a preview of the Las Vegas 2019 convention. You may see the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zha9ysb-sE> Save the date.

NAP Store has New Merchandise

Are you looking for a last minute gift for a gift exchange, for a friend, a club member, a new officer, or for yourself? The NAP Online Store has several new items listed. There is a navy cloth briefcase, a 2019 desk calendar with parliamentary questions, a mouse pad with parliamentary pointers, a new online seminar in January on "Motion Sickness", a President's Guide, Conventions A-Z, and "I've been Elected - Now What?" officer training, just to name a few. It appears the site is under construction so all of the photos are not available. (For those of you who download the new 2018 membership list and guide, you will see President Rosell on the cover.) Questions? Contact NAP Headquarters.



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS 2019 OAP Annual Session – Springfield, Ohio Friday April 26, 2019

As NAP is becoming focused on parliamentary training as identified by the Body of Knowledge document, please use this to support your workshop training objectives. Please submit to meetings4u@att.net no later than February 4, 2019 for consideration.

Presenter Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State, Country, Province/ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Work): _____

Phone (Mobile): _____ Phone (Fax): _____

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First Choice:

Workshop Attendee Level: _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

NAP Body of Knowledge Domain: _____

Workshop Title: _____

Workshop Description: _____

Audio-visual requirements: _____ LCD (includes screen) _____ Computer (presenter provides)
_____ Flip chart

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Second Choice:

Workshop Attendee Level: _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

NAP Body of Knowledge Domain: _____

Workshop Title: _____

Workshop Description: _____

Audio-visual requirements: _____ LCD (includes screen) _____ Computer (presenter provides)
_____ Flip chart

NOTE: If selected, printed handouts included in the Annual Session workshop packet are limited to six (6) or less pages double-sided. ALL HANDOUTS will be due to the education chairman by Monday April 8, 2019.

Do You Know?

Do you know that the National Association of Parliamentarians has a YouTube Channel? Check it out. Just go to YouTube and type “National Association of Parliamentarians” in the search bar. You will find all kinds of videos for your educational needs.

Do you know that one of the best kept secrets of keeping meetings to a specified time limit is a consent calendar, also known as a consent agenda. By adopting a special rule of order allowing for the consent calendar process, a board, assembly can group together as many items as desired, within the limits of that special rule, and give approval for items that are routine and/or non-controversial, without debate. An example would be to approve the dues to the parent organization, to make donations in the usual amounts to the usual charities as the group has done for the last umpteen years, and to reimburse mileage for the president to attend a district meeting as has been tradition.

Do you know that, as explained in the NAP stylebook, the NAP logo and logotype graphically represent the National Association of Parliamentarians®. They compose our visual brand, and the following guidelines will help you use the logo and logotype appropriately in your printed and online material. The logo features a graphic of a mace on a cube with the letters NAP in caps inside the block. The mace is Pantone Reflex Blue. Inside the cube are the letters NAP in bold caps in Pantone Reflex Blue. The font is Arial. Do not superimpose other words on the logo or distort the shape of the logo. In other words, do not change the logo. An amount of white space should always surround the logo. Other text or graphics should not occupy this white space. Use your best judgment when inserting the logo into your document or web page.

From the Editor

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Editor. This may be the last time I complete this duty, so I want to give my support and best wishes to any new Editor and look forward to concentrating on my service to the Ohio Association of Parliamentarians as your Vice President.

Please make plans to attend the 2019 Annual Session in Springfield on April 26. The host unit is hard at work preparing for you, and I am sure the educational component will be as wonderful as the hospitality. Members-at-Large, as one of you, I can say attending these Sessions has been a wonderful chance to hone my skills, meet new friends, and feel connected to the world of Parliamentarians. Whether you are a Member-at-Large or a member of a Unit, you will find something useful at the Annual Session. More information will follow, of course. Springfield has a lot to offer and would make a wonderful weekend get-away. <https://www.visitgreaterspringfield.com/> is the place to visit. Whether it's the outdoors, historic sites, museums, or shopping, the Springfield area has an adventure for you.

*Wishing you very happy Holidays and many
good wishes for the coming year.*