



From the President.....

“What’s a parliamentarian?”

How many times have you heard that question?

Or, “Does that have something to do with parliamentarian?” Or, a personal favorite, “Do you have to wear those big white wigs?”

What is the best answer to the question, “What’s a parliamentarian?”

The National Association of Parliamentarians describes a Professional Registered Parliamentarian as, “...a credentialed consultant who can advise your organization, its leaders, members, committees, and staff on parliamentary law and proper procedures for conducting effective and efficient meetings.”

In October of 2020, the Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians, Board of Directors composed the following description, which is included in the current NSAP Strategic Plan. It reads, “A parliamentarian is an expert advisor in effective and efficient meeting management. This professional is a trained, knowledgeable consultant who assists organizations to have expedient, democratic meetings and organizational management.”

Those are great descriptions, but aren’t we so much more?

Aren’t we researchers and problem solvers and very often, novice psychologists? We work hard learning our craft and ensuring that any information or opinion we give is accurate. We help clients work through their problems and help them navigate to acceptable solutions. If any issue “stumps” us, we reach out to colleagues and mentors, who are more than willing to help. And no two clients or commitments are ever the same.

Thinking of our profession and the nuances it presents, read the article written by Karen Watson, PRP. Karen has a very interesting career that includes winters in Hawaii...but she rarely sees the sun!

Also, please read the tributes to two of NSAP’s beloved members, George Woolstrum and Jesse Statham. Both gentlemen were active members of NSAP and their respective units and will be greatly missed. We’ve lost a lot of wonderful members lately.

Parliamentarians can also be animal lovers! (I have a picture I adore of my late cat sitting on my RONR, taken while I was studying for the PRP!) Take a look at the quick quiz and see if you can match the pet to their owner!

Finally, registration for the NAP Convention is due by September 6th, 2021! If you haven’t done so, get your registration in today! There are other notable dates and deadlines included in this issue as well.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. As you’re sitting by the pool enjoying a beverage, you can still be reading RONR or other parliamentary materials, because above all else, parliamentarians are always learning!

—Lori Bucholz, PRP—



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 26, 6:00p.m. ZOOM meeting for NAP delegates

September 8-11, NAP Biennial Convention. (See NAP website for full details)

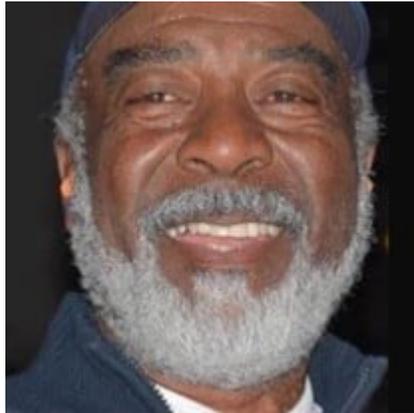
**September 25, 11:00a.m. NSAP Board of Directors Meeting-Pizza Ranch,
8420 Lexington Ave., Lincoln (near 84th and Holdrege St.)**

November 1, NAPEF Dues Scholarship Applications due (See napef.org for full details)

Contact your local unit for their scheduled meetings and educational opportunities!

PRESIDENT Lori Bucholz	ANNUAL MEETING Lori Bucholz	MEMBERSHIP John Heineman
VICE-PRESIDENT John Heineman	AWARDS Jaci Knuth	NOMINATING Donna Thompson
SECRETARY Lynna Gene Cook	BYLAWS Raymond Meester	BOX BUTTE UNIT Sheila Schmeits
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Jesse Statham

January 19, 1946-July 15, 2021

Jesse was a valued member of the ONPU and NSAP. His knowledge of parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules was exemplary. He welcomed any new member and was always willing to help. He served as the chair of the ONPU Ways and Means Committee for many years and the members all enjoyed his raffle drawings and silent auctions.

Jesse's career was as an Air Traffic Controller (ATC) where he managed the ATC Tower at Eppley Airfield in Omaha. Additionally, he managed the teams that installed the new ATC satellite systems for the five busiest air

traffic facilities in the country. He was also chosen to represent the FAA in the NORAD military installation in Colorado.

He used his parliamentary knowledge by serving on many boards and organizations.

He was a member of the Institutional Review Board-Human Resources Subcommittee for the VA hospital; a founding member of the Omaha Chapter of 100 Black Men-serving as president for two years; Douglas Country Housing Authority; past Vice-President of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees; and Advisor to the North Omaha Neighborhood Alliances. He was also appointed to serve on the Citizens Complaint Review Board for the City of Omaha by then mayor, Hal Daub.

Jesse often came to a meeting wearing a golf cap as he was usually coming from or going to the golf course, as golf and traveling were his favorite pastimes.

Jesse is survived by his loving wife, Edna Statham; daughter, Michelle Statham; son, Rodney Statham; and step-daughters, Tamorra Frasier and Stephanie Frasier as well as nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, two sisters and other extended family.

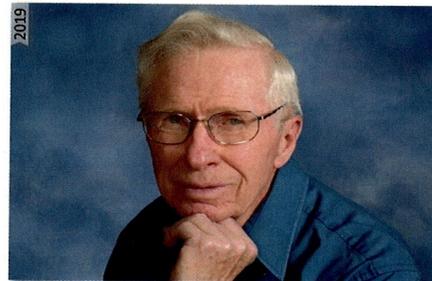
The members of the ONPU and NSAP will miss Jesse, and his great smile, and his wit and charm.



George V. Woolstrom spent many years assisting Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians (NSAP) and the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP). He joined NAP/NSAP in 1982 with the Lincoln unit. He later joined the Grand Island unit and became a very important resource for central Nebraska parliamentarians.

He and his wife Helen judged and trained many parliamentary teams in several career and student organizations including Skills USA, FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA/PBL. Many of these teams went on to rank in the top 10 nationally .

His assistance in starting the Lincoln Star City Unit was invaluable. He served as the vice-president and chair of the Finance Committee. He presented lessons at several meetings and always supported others as they presented lessons.



WOOLSTRUM, George





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Lynna Gene Cook was awarded the **NSAP 2021 Parliamentarian of the Year** during the NSAP Annual Meeting on May 15, 2021. She was recognized due to her many activities that support parliamentary education. She is a dedicated worker in the Star City Area Unit of Parliamentarians, Grand Island Unit of Parliamentarians, and Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians. Lynna Gene helps fellow parliamentarians, judges youth teams, and shares her skills with other groups of which she is a member. Lynna Gene became a member of National Association of Parliamentarians in 2005 and earned her Professional Registered Parliamentarian credential in 2011.

NSAP News

By: K. Watson

In September 2010, I attended a session at the NAP convention titled "How to Serve Condominium Associations as a Parliamentarian" presented by Mr. Steve Glanstein of Management Information Consultants (MIC). I have no idea why I chose that session because at that time I had no idea what a condominium association was. By the time Mr. Glanstein finished explaining all the different factors, my head was reeling. Before returning home, I ran into Mr. Glanstein; I introduced myself, told him I just became a parliamentarian, I enjoyed his presentation but I could *never* do what he does. Last, my kids are grown, and I'd like to start a parliamentary business - someday.

A month later, Mr. Glanstein called offering to teach me how to run a parliamentary business if I agreed to work for him during his busy season after I did an internship. When I found out his business was in Hawaii, I just laughed and said, "No way! The commute is too far and I don't know how to swim." In December, he called again explaining busy season for condos is February through April when all the mainland people fly to Hawaii to bask in the sun. Hmm. I reconsidered. Hawaii in February? I started at MIC in 2011.

A typical day includes rising at 6 (exercise, groom, breakfast), in office by 8 a.m. Half the work is *copious reading* of documents for future meetings; 50-200 pages daily. When discrepancies are found, I call the organization's president or lawyer to get clear answers. The remaining half is *prolific writing*; MIC has templates for minutes and scripts which I write for each meeting I serve. I take detailed notes to keep the information separate between clients. (While I'm 'in the stacks' doing all the reading and writing, my boss is scheduling meetings, going to the legislature to testify on proposed bills affecting condos, or meeting with potential clients over lunch.) At 11, the 'future' folders are put away and I eat lunch on the lanai in the sunshine. At 1p.m., I'm back in office doing clerical work: going through folders of previous meetings, weeding out irrelevant papers, then filing them. At 3, the folder for the evening meeting is pulled and reviewed. Between 4 and 5, I leave for the meeting. (Traffic on an island moves very slowly; it's normal to take up to an hour to get to a meeting only 6 miles away.) Most meetings start between 5 and 7p.m.; how long they run varies. (I am hired out as a presiding parliamentarian; meetings I chair are shorter.) Once returned to the office, we 'debrief': employees share how our meeting went, describe what was unusual, possible trouble for next meeting, do timecards, and send the client a bill. I eat supper, and if lucky, I'm in bed by midnight. Maybe once a week, the next day's meeting is on another island. If the meeting is in the morning, I wake up at 4:45 a.m., fly over, do the meeting, fly back. Once returned to the office and work is done, I get a nap!

Being a parliamentarian in Hawaii during condo season, the pace is fast. Precise detail is required in meetings as individuals can have millions of dollars invested in their condo; there is a constant underlying threat of litigation. I learn something every single meeting! I have conducted elections under a variety of scenarios (some including police) and have learned skills to maintain the meeting order while dealing with impassioned members who keep interrupting. Learning a parliamentary business from MIC is a unique opportunity for which I am thankful.

On Sundays, I attend New Hope Oahu church, play piano, and do personal errands. I am in Hawaii during February/March but RARELY get to the ocean. The first year I worked in Hawaii I was diagnosed with a severe Vitamin D deficiency. That's why I now try to get sunshine at 11a.m. Also, it is RARE (maybe twice each season) to see the sunset on the horizon in Hawaii due to always being in a meeting!



Dog and Cat Days!

To help celebrate the dog, and cat, days of summer, see if you can match the pets to their owner!

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| A. Lucy, the Schnauzer | 1. Elizabeth Butler |
| B. Taffy, the cat | 2. Sue Goodson |
| C. Margot and Hugo, French bulldogs | 3. Cindy Lugan |
| D. Titus, the cat | 4. Lynna Gene Cook |
| E. Gracie, Gizmo and Plinko, Jack Russells | 5. Nylanne Scheidegger |
| F. George, the bulldog, and Nick and Nora, black cats | 6. Christine Nikunen |
| G. Chevy, the dog, Eevee and Umbreon, the cats | 7. Lori Bucholz |



ONPU UPDATE



This past spring, ONPU had a leadership change and the new officers are: President Elizabeth Butler, Vice President (Vacant), Secretary Kamina Lemons and Treasurer Christine Nikunen.

Unit meetings are tentatively planned for the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. The Unit hopes that member's attendance will increase by the offering of a Zoom option for meetings. A Bylaws Committee was formed to create Zoom participation guidelines for unit meetings.

The Unit is still in a re-grouping phase and hopes to accomplish a lot this fall when meetings resume.





STAR CITY AREA UNIT OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

L to R: Raymond Meester, John Heineman, Gina Bolz, Tom Havelka PRP, Karen Watson PRP, Tom Ferneau, Lynna Gene Cook PRP, Chris Marks, Cindy Lugan.
Missing are Burke Brown and Julie Colby.

The Star City Area Unit of Parliamentarians was presented with the following awards at the Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians (NSAP) Annual Meeting and Workshop on May 15, 2021. The Star City Unit received the NSAP Recruitment Award for recruiting the most new members during the 2020-2021 year. The Unit also received the Performance Award, which is presented to the unit which has demonstrated dedication and contribution to parliamentary excellence for the recording period.

ANSWER KEY

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| A. 5-Nylanne Scheidegger | E. 7-Lori Bucholz |
| B. 3-Cindy Lugan | F. 2-Sue Goodson |
| C. 1-Elizabeth Butler | G. 6-Christine Nikunen |
| D. 4-Lynna Gene Cook | |



Report of Board Actions

May 15, 2021 Pre and Post-Post-Annual Meetings of the Board of Directors (BOD)

The following actions were taken by the BOD:

Executive Committee will meet to finalize appointments for vacant positions in Awards, Auditing, and Finance Committees

Adopted motion to strike budget date “June 2021” and insert “June 2022”

Nebraska delegates for the 43rd Biennial Convention will meet prior to the convention to discuss bylaws amendments, officers, and other issues - Sandy Olson will organize the meeting

**Lynna Gene Cook, PRP
Secretary**

Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians
60th ANNUAL MEETING and WORKSHOP
May 15, 2021 via Zoom

The 60th annual meeting and workshop of the Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians was held on May 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

The president announced that George Woolstrum, long-time NSAP member, state parliamentarian, and state Auditing Committee chair had passed away last week.

Vice-president John Heineman reported 11 members and three (3) guests were present and a quorum was established. The credentials report was adopted.

Secretary Lynna Gene Cook read the Annual Meeting Standing Rules and moved adoption. Copies were distributed via email with the call to meeting. There were 2/3 in the affirmative and the Standing Rules were adopted.

The agenda was adopted as printed without objection.

Without objection, President Bucholz made the following appointments:

- Sandy Olson and Nylanne Scheidegger - Special Committee to Approve the Minutes
- Sandy Olson - Parliamentarian
- Lynna Gene Cook - Teller
- John Heineman - Timekeeper

The 2019 NSAP Annual Meeting and Workshop minutes were approved by the Special Committee to Approve the Minutes and the minutes stand approved as printed.

Because of the pandemic, the 2020 Annual Meeting and Workshop were cancelled. However, election of officers and other necessary business was handled electronically.

The president thanked all NSAP officers and committee chairs for continuing to be dedicated to NSAP and working for the Association during the difficult pandemic year.

2021 NSAP service awards were presented.

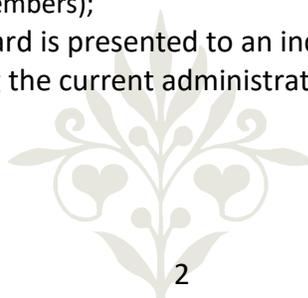
- Jesse Statham - 30 years
- Judith Sedlacek - 15 years
- James Carroll, Raymond Meester, LeAnn Reichenberg - five (5) years

2020 NSAP service awards were announced.

- Phyllis Smith - PRP-R - 50 years
- Robley Garrigan, Sheila Schmeits - 30 years
- Linda Bors - 25 years
- Lynna Gene Cook, PRP, RaNae Edwards - 15 years
- Karen Watson, PRP - 10 years

Bylaws Chairman Raymond Meester moved adoption of the following bylaws and standing rules amendments.

1. **Article VIII Meetings, Section 1 (A). Time, Place and Notifications** Amend to insert “in person or electronically” after “meeting” and before “for.”
The amendment was adopted as follows: “NSAP shall hold an annual meeting in person or electronically for the purpose of receiving reports, amending bylaws, electing officers in even-numbered years, and conducting such other business as may properly arise.”
2. **Article VIII Meetings, Section 1 (B)** Amend to strike “time, and place” and insert “date, time, and physical place and/or virtual site.”
The amendment was adopted as follows: “The board of directors shall determine the date, time, and physical place and/or virtual site.
3. **Standing Rule – 3.4** amend to strike the word “attending” and insert “for travel expenses to attend.”
The amendment was adopted as follows: “Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) each shall be allocated for three board members for travel expenses to attend the NAP Leadership Conference.”
4. **Standing Rule – 3.5** amend to insert “for travel expenses” after “members” and before “to attend.”
The amendment was adopted as follows: “One hundred dollars (\$100.00) each shall be allocated to the president, vice-president, and four members for travel expenses to attend the National Training Conference (NTC).”
5. **Standing Rule – 3.6** amend to insert “for travel expenses” after “delegates” and before “to attend.”
The amendment was adopted as follows: “One hundred dollars (\$100.00) each shall be allocated to the president, vice-president, and four delegates for travel expenses to attend the NAP biennial convention.”
6. **Standing Rule – 4.3** amend to strike “Bertha Clark Hughes” and “Margaret Hasebroock.” Strike “Leah Koester” and insert “Parliamentarian of the Year.”
The amendment was adopted as follows:
Recruitment Award is presented to the unit which has demonstrated the greatest recruitment of new members during the current administrative year;
Performance Award is presented to the unit which has demonstrated dedication and contributions to parliamentary excellence during the current administrative year (the most points accumulated by combining the points of the individual unit members);
Parliamentarian of the Year Award is presented to an individual or outstanding contribution to parliamentary excellence during the current administrative year (most individual points).



7. Standing Rule – 5.1 amend to strike “*Parl-O-Gram*” and insert “*NSAP Newsletter*.”

The amendment was adopted as follows: The first *NSAP Newsletter* following the election of officers shall list the names of new and continuing board members.

President Bucholz stated that *NSAP Bylaws Article XII NAP Conventions*, authorizes Nebraska the following number of delegates to the 43rd NAP Virtual Biennial Convention on September 6 through 12, 2021. The number of delegates is as follows.

State - eight (8)	Omaha Unit - two (2)
Grand Island Unit - one (1)	Star City - two (2)

The bylaws authorize the state president and the vice-president to serve as delegates.

Without objection, Lynna Gene Cook, Bonita Dickinson, Sue Goodson, Nancy Sylvester, Donna Thompson, and Karen Watson were elected state delegates. Bylaws authorize the president to appoint alternate delegates.

Unit presidents shall immediately provide NAP Headquarters the names of the unit delegates.

Grand Island Unit	Star City Unit	Omaha Unit
Sandy Olson	Tom Havelka	Elizabeth Butler Caroline Sedlacek

The Celebration of Remembrance was presented by Awards Committee member, Sandy Olson. The following NSAP members were remembered.

Viola Brannen, PRP - Omaha Unit
Joyce Goff - Grand Island Unit
George Woolstrum - Lincoln Star City Unit

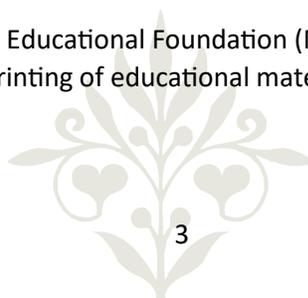
The Celebration of Leadership included the recognition of award winners. The 2021 award winners were announced by Awards Committee member, Sandy Olson.

Performance Award - Lincoln Star City Unit
Recruitment Award - Lincoln Star City Unit
Parliamentarian of the Year Award - Lynna Gene Cook, PRP

The 2020 award winners were:

Performance Award - Lincoln Star City
Recruitment Award - Lincoln Star City
Achievement of Registered Parliamentarian Status - Ryan Foor, RP
Parliamentarian of the Year - Sandy Olson, PRP

National Association of Parliamentarians Educational Foundation (NAPEF) report was given by NAPEF President, Sandy Olson. NAPEF has funded the reprinting of educational materials, updating them to the 12th edition of RONR, and provided the



funding to develop and test the new Registered Parliamentarian examination. Nebraska webmaster Cody McCain was awarded a 2020 scholarship from NAPEF.

President Bucholz made the following announcements.

- The NSAP Annual Workshop “Standing Rules and Policies: Investigating the Details” with guest presenter Ann Guiberson will begin at 9:35 a.m.
- September 6-12, 2021 All virtual 43rd Biennial Convention
- The Summer NSAP Newsletter will be published by August 1, 2021. Assigned articles were listed on the agenda. Articles in arial font #12 one page in length are due to the president by July 25, 2021. Award winners were requested to send a picture with the article.
- The 2022 Annual Meeting and Workshop has not been scheduled. Participants were encouraged to complete and return the evaluation form with ideas for topics and/or presenters.
- A request was made for an annual report of expenses. The treasurer will respond to the request.

Without objection, the president declared the annual meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

President Bucholz made opening comments for the annual workshop “Standing Rules and Policies: Investigating the Details” at 9:35 a.m., welcoming guests and NSAP guest presenter. She introduced C.J .Cavin who was providing the technical support for Zoom. Guest presenter Ann Guiberson was introduced.

The workshop ended at 3:15 p.m.

Thanks were given to the following:

- Ann Guiberson - presenter
- C.J.Cavin - technical support for Zoom
- NAP President Darlene Allen - organizing the technical support

Lynna Gene Cook, PRP
Secretary

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

/s Sandy Olson, PRP May 18, 2021

/s Nylanne Scheidegger, PRP May 19, 2021

