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From the President.....

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On October 9, 2022 I completed my fourth marathon. It was in Chicago and it was my third time doing that particular race. A marathon is 26.2 miles. It is said that in 490BC, Pheidippides ran from Marathon to Athens to deliver the news of the victory of the battle of Marathon. A distance of about 25 miles. After delivering the news of victory with "hail, we are the winners" Pheidippides promptly collapsed and died.



So why am I telling you all this and what could it possibly have to do with NSAP?

I like big goals. I like doing things that are not the norm for most baby-boomers. When I started my parliamentary race about ten years ago, I set a goal of becoming a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. Knowing it would be difficult and include a lot of study time, it was a goal I wanted to achieve. Like running a marathon, there is a lot of training involved to become a PRP.

You should like big goals. You should push yourself to the next level of your parliamentary race. If you are a unit provisional member, set that goal of taking the NAP © test. If you've already achieved that goal, work on becoming a Registered Parliamentarian and then a Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

Yes, it takes months, and sometimes years, to earn those credentials, but like a marathon, you have to do the training. But the finish line is worth it.

This is another big goal that we can all work on: increasing the NSAP membership in 2023. I am asking every NSAP member to bring at least one other person to a unit meeting or to the NSAP annual meeting in 2023. A person who has not attended one of these meetings before and who has the potential to become an active NSAP member. Think of how great it would be if we could DOUBLE our membership!

Let's all achieve that goal together!

Included in this issue of the NSAP Newsletter is a "Save the Date" for the 2023 NSAP annual meeting. You'll note that in 2023 the meeting and workshop will be May 4 and 5, 2023. That is a Thursday and Friday instead of Friday and Saturday. By having the workshop on Friday, we can hopefully get more people to attend and not have to compete with weekend activities. If you are in a business or organization whose members would benefit from the workshop, make sure to get it on the calendar now!

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather and thank you for your support of NSAP!

—Lori Bucholz, PRP—

President, 2022-2024

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NSAP Board of Directors meeting: *February 11, 2023*
 Second Baptist Church, 525 N. 58th ST., Lincoln, NE

NSAP Pre-Annual Board of Directors Meeting: *May 4th, 2023*
 Second Baptist Church, 525 N. 58th ST., Lincoln, NE

NSAP Annual Meeting and Workshop: *May 5th, 2023*
 Second Baptist Church, 525 N. 58th St., Lincoln, NE

NSAP Post-Annual Board of Directors Meeting: *May 5th, 2023*
 Second Baptist Church, 525 N. 58th St., Lincoln, NE

PRESIDENT Lori Bucholz	ANNUAL MEETING Lori Bucholz	MEMBERSHIP Nylanne Scheidegger
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Lynna Gene Cook, PRP



NAP Presentation

Audit Report

Elizabeth Butler

September 20, 2022

Report of the NSAP Auditing Committee

The committee has reviewed NSAP annual meeting financial records, and the general fund financial records for the period June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

The records were found to be in excellent order, and to be an accurate and complete account of NSAP's financial activities.





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It has been a fruitful fall as I have attended two national gatherings, one virtual and one in person. First, I attended the 2022 NAP Virtual Leadership Conference in August. Workshops included topics such as fiduciary and fiscal responsibilities, disciplinary responsibilities, best practices for hybrid meetings, member retention and recruiting, and the power of mentoring. Each workshop was informative and well presented.

The second event I attended in person was the 2022 NAP National Training Conference in Albuquerque, NM in September. This was an amazing experience to learn from the very best parliamentarians and instructors from across the country. The only struggle was choosing which workshop to attend during each session. I attended workshops on when statute and bylaws collide, mastering the 13 ranking motions, special rules of order, wielding the ballot, interpreting ambiguous bylaws, and learning labs on presiding. The conference included great luncheons, meetings, and social events. A highlight was the NAP Educational Foundation's fund raiser at a local winery.

Gavel Etiquette: Test *Your* Knowledge!

by Karen Watson, PRP

What is it called when a gavel is in use by striking a surface or the sounding block? It is called sounding, rapping, tapping, or knocking the gavel. What is 'gavel etiquette' according to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* 12th ed. (RONR)?

QUIZ:

True or False.

The Presiding Officer must:

1. Sound the gavel at the conclusion of each item of business.
2. Knock the gavel three times to signal the adoption of a motion.
3. Sound the gavel to signal the conclusion of balloting and/or voting.
4. Tap once to signal members to be seated.
5. Rap rapidly and sharply multiple times to indicate 'quiet' or 'silence' and/or to restore control of the meeting
6. Tap to signal moving on to the next item on the agenda.
7. Rap three times to call members to 'stand up' (e.g. before the Pledge is recited).
8. Strike the offending member on the head as a way to prevent further talking.
9. Knock the gavel (as many times as needed) to call a meeting to order.
10. Rap once to declare a recess or adjournment.

Board of Directors Actions

September 24, 2022

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors.

- Nebraska Hall of Fame Award presented to President Lori Bucholz
- adopted motion to strike Parliamentarian of the Year Award and insert a new Star Award in the NSAP Award Program
- adopted June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022 audit report
- Nylanne Scheidegger recognized for excellent work as state treasurer
- Bonita Dickinson recognized as new life member for NAP Educational Foundation
- adopted amended 2022-2023 budget
- adopted that the NSAP Board of Directors endorse NAP bylaws amendments to strike "Commission on Credentialing" in Article III and insert the standing committees responsible for credentialing; strike all provisos and Article XI
- adopted Thursday, May 4 and Friday May 5, 2023, at the Second Baptist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, for the annual meeting and workshop
- adopted proposed annual meeting and workshop schedule for May 4 and 5, 2023
- approved requesting NAP representative Tim Wynn as guest presenter

Lynna Gene Cook

NSAP Secretary





Lynna Gene Cook, PRP; John Heineman, NSAP Vice President; Sandy Olson, PRP



John Heineman, NSAP Vice President presenting NSAP Hall of Fame award to Lori Bucholz, PRP, NSAP President



NAP Board of Directors



NTC 2022

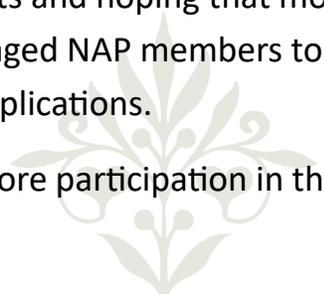
It was pleasure and privilege to attend the in person NTC in Albuquerque, NM September 7-11, 2022. One hundred eighty three members were in attendance, and it was nice to see friends after a long Covid pandemic. There were over 350 members also in virtual attendance. Such a conference required a great deal of planning and preparation, and it really paid off for NAP, as this was one of the best NTCs I had attended.

We were privileged to have a great deal of excellent workshops and labs offered. Many new presenters were also given an opportunity to share their expertise in parliamentary procedure. The annual meeting held on Wednesday offered us an opportunity to look at the new projects NAP has undertaken. It also provided us a very positive picture of their financial status. The NAP University was presented with a big kickoff in April of 2023. We look forward to the many educational offerings it presents to members, credentialed members, and non-members with an emphasis in presenting parliamentary education on a college level. A restructuring of the Credentialing Commission was also evident.

The Presiding and Servicing as a Parliamentarian labs were very successful with many looking forward to a continued opportunity to practice these skills in a useful, non-threatening lab environment.

The NAP Educational Foundation held its annual meeting providing information on its scholarships and grants and hoping that more units and associations would apply. The trustees encouraged NAP members to look at the NAPEF.org website for scholarship and grant applications.

This member encourages more participation in the many opportunities offered by NAP.



Sandy Olson, PRP NAPEF President



John Heineman, NSAP Vice President; Lynna Gene Cook, PRP; Tom Havelka, PRP



Lynna Gene Cook, PRP; Sandy Olson, PRP

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

The answers are all false. While most members expect it, the use of the gavel in a meeting is referenced in RONR only five times as follows:

1. ADJOURNMENT may be signaled by a single rap of the gavel “if desired.” §21:20.
2. Declaring a RECESS, the chair may rap once with the gavel “if desired.” § 20:9.
3. When dealing with DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR, the chair may not attempt to silence or drown out a member with his gavel. Rather, the chair simply raps lightly, points out the fault, and advises the member to avoid it. §61:9-10.
4. There is no such thing as “gaveling through” a measure (in DEBATE). §43:7.
5. Any member may call a Point of Order if a chair “gavels through” a motion in an improper attempt to cut off DEBATE. §62:3-4.

NOTE: It is not the actual use of the gavel that is being condemned in number 4 and 5, but the stifling of debate. §39:4.

Lacking such specific guidance in RONR, an organization is free to follow its own established customs or rules regarding the use of the gavel in its meetings. However, experience shows that there is a disadvantage to striking the gavel repeatedly during various situations (numbers 1-8 in QUIZ above) which is: the impact of striking the gavel will be less noticeable when it does need striking.

While RONR does not mention it, the practice is almost universal, and professional parliamentarians suggest the gavel is rapped to open a meeting; the number of times is debatable.

Last, but not least, it is not advisable to use the gavel to: ‘bang’ with a thunderous clap (to frighten the audience into submission or startle them into silence), break the lectern, drown out a speaking member, wave around as a weapon, strike or hit anyone, or make ‘gestures’.

Have fun with this! Consider a debate to decide the use of the gavel in your local unit or organization. And, always, be cognizant of gavel etiquette as well as the customs or rules specific to the organization in which you participate or belong.

