



From the President.....

What are you thankful for?

We're all thankful for our family and loved ones. We're thankful we live in a free country and are able to live as we choose.

And, we're thankful for our parliamentary knowledge and the friends we've made through our association with the NSAP and the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP).

I've previously mentioned how thankful I am that we have parliamentary colleagues who help us navigate the tests in order to become a NAP member, a Registered Parliamentarian or a Professional Registered Parliamentarian or are there to just answer questions and help us navigate any problems.

However, when you realize those parliamentarian colleagues have become friends, you become more thankful for those relationships.

Take a look at the pictures from the latest NAP Convention. While those who attended were there to learn and conduct business, they were also there to enjoy each other and have fun. The pictures taken at the baseball game show friends having a great time together; they just happen to know one another because they're parliamentarians. They truly enjoy the company and they're thankful for the friendship.

During the NAP Convention a lot of business was conducted and decisions regarding the NAP were made. Thank you to Sandy Olson, PRP, for a thorough recap on the convention, including the acceptance, or not, of the proposed bylaw amendments. Thank you to John Heineman, RP, for his report on the convention and what he learned. Both of those reports are included in this newsletter.

The NAP also elected officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. Congratulations to the newly elected NAP Officers: President-Alison Wallis, PRP; Vice President-Carl Nohr, PRP; Secretary-Mona Calhoun, PRP. Treasurer-Robert Schuck, PRP.

On October 17, 2023 the NAP District Five presidents had a Zoom call to discuss NAP business as well as topics that are of common concern. Laura Meade, PRP, the District Five Director went over the new credentialing process for RP's and PRP's. Go to the NAP website, www.parliamentarians.org, for further explanation. We also discussed: What to do about a "dying" unit; Should officers have time-limits; What to do when an individual (or individuals) over-take the association; and How will national delegates be determined with the electronic units. It was an informative discussion and the presidents all shared their thoughts and suggestions.

Finally, a very big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Nylanne Scheidegger, PRP!! Nylanne serves as the current NSAP treasurer. She is a past president of the Texas Association of Parliamentarians, an outstanding parliamentarian and wealth of knowledge.

I, personally, am thankful for her friendship, knowledge and continued help!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!



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—Lori Bucholz, PRP—
President, 2022-2024



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

National Association of Parliamentarians Dues, December 31, 2023

February 3, 2024 NSAP Board of Directors Meeting. Second Baptist Church, 525 N. 58th ST., Lincoln, NE.

April 15, 2024 Award Sheets due to John Heineman and Sandy Olson

May 9-10, 2024, NSAP Annual Meeting and Workshop. Second Baptist Church, 525 N. 58th. ST., Lincoln, NE.

PRESIDENT Lori Bucholz	ANNUAL MEETING Lori Bucholz	MEMBERSHIP Nylanne Scheidegger
VICE-PRESIDENT John Heineman	AUDITING Elizabeth Butler	NOMINATING Bonita Dickinson
SECRETARY Lynna Gene Cook	AWARDS John Heineman	BOX BUTTE UNIT Sheila Schmeits
TREASURER Nylanne Scheidegger	BYLAWS Lynna Gene Cook	GRAND ISLAND UNIT Sandy Olson
EDITOR (non-voting) Amy Bolling	EDUCATION Sandy Olson	LINCOLN STAR CITY Chris Marks
PARLIMENTARIAN Nylanne Scheidegger	FINANCE Chris Marks	OMAHA UNIT Elizabeth Butler
WEBMASTER Elizabeth Butler	MARKETING AND PUBLICITY Cindy Lujan	





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**.Board of Directors Actions
September 23, 2023**

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors.

- approved NE state annual dues to remain \$20.00
- adopted the 2024 proposed annual meeting and workshop schedule
- appointed Bonita Dickinson to organize the silent auction for the annual meeting and workshop
- announced the NSAP website has been updated
- adopted audit report for June 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023
- approved payments by the treasurer since June 1, 2023
- adopted a bridge budget from June 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023
- adopted the treasurer be directed to roll over the certificate of deposit that matures December 14, 2023 for 10 or 12 months, based on interest rate
- adopted May 9 and 10, 2024, for the annual meeting and workshop
- adopted venue for 2024 annual meeting and workshop at Second Baptist Church, 525 N 58th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lynna Gene Cook
NSAP Secretary





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WHERE AM I?

1. "An election to an office becomes final immediately if the candidate is present and does not decline, or if he is absent but has consented to his candidacy, the election becomes final when he is notified of his election, provided that he does not immediately decline."
2. "It is the right of every member who notices a breach of the rules to insist on their enforcement."
3. "If no method of making nominations is designated by the bylaws or rules and the assembly has adopted no order on the subject, anyone can make a motion prescribing the method of nomination for an office to be filled."
4. "If the chair only *suspects* that a motion is not made in good faith, he should give the maker of the motion the benefit of the doubt. The chair should always be courteous and fair, but at the same time he should be firm in protecting the assembly from imposition."
5. "In certain tax-exempt organizations of a charitable or educational character, federal and state tax laws must be adhered to in the disposal of the organization's assets. Often such assets are distributed to societies with similar objectives, or to a superior body."

2023 NAP Biennial Convention Provides Adventure in Education

September 5-9 in Atlanta, Georgia, provided those attending with an interesting look at the future of the National Association of Parliamentarians. The adventure began with the bylaws forum where many questions were addressed in regard to the proposed bylaw amendments. The 44th Biennial Convention began at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday with presentations from the NAP partnerships. I was asked as NAPEF President to present the welcome to the convention from the NAP Educational Foundation. Notice was also given for a nine-tenths bylaw amendment to dissolve the Commission on Credentialing. This amendment was never presented as the convention adjourned before its presentation. Notice was also given for a special order to censure the NAP Board of Directors for lack of due process in regard to their actions taken last year in relieving four Commission of Credentialing members of their positions. The motion was adopted at a later session.

The following actions were taken on the proposed bylaw amendments that were considered.

Amendment 1 was adopted with proposed amendment from the Bylaws Committee to allow for the conversion from an existing unit to an electronic unit.

Amendment 2 was adopted with proposed amendment from the Bylaws Committee to allow credentialed members to market themselves as long as they continue to meet all requirements for the classification.

Amendment 3 was adopted to include the district directors as members of the International Services Committee.

Amendment 4 was lost to decrease dues for international members

Amendment 5 was postponed indefinitely to establish minimum requirements as stated for RP and PRP.

Amendment 6 was adopted with proviso for retention of the RP credential grandfathering in the current ending year as stated on the RP's credential certification last received.

Amendment 7 was adopted with proviso for the reinstatement of PRP credential grandfathering in certified individuals using the current stated date for renewal.

Amendment 8 was postponed indefinitely maintaining the Commission on Credentialing's authority to administer the credentialing program allowing the Commission and Board to remain separate.

Amendment 9 was postponed indefinitely to allow only PRPs to serve on committees of the Commission of Credentialing.

Amendment 10 was postponed indefinitely attempting to redefine the term of four years for the Commission on Credentialing.

Amendment 11 was adopted allowing the Commission on Credentialing to elect the chairman, vice chairman and secretary for a two-year term.

Amendment 12 was adopted to allow the Commission on Credentialing to submit bylaw amendments.

Amendment 13 was lost as a result not allowing the voting body of NAP to include the Commission of Credentialing—suggesting a 501C6 classification for the Commission on Credentialing.

Amendment 14 was lost with a tie vote which would have allowed only PRPs to serve on the Commission on Credentialing.

Amendment 15 was postponed indefinitely which would have allowed only PRPs holding a credential for two years to serve on the Commission on Credentialing.

Amendment 16 was adopted allowing the NAP Board of Directors to resolve all appeals by a respondent of a reprimand issued by the professional standards committee. The member in question could permanently be ineligible for membership.

Amendment 17 was lost and highly contested to not allow Provisionals in associations and units. We can keep the Provisionals!!

Amendment 18 was lost therefore maintaining the rights of associations and units to include Provisionals

Amendment 19 was adopted that the NAP Board of Directors may remove commission members for cause by a vote of two-thirds by roll call vote and in open session and following disciplinary proceedings as provided in the parliamentary authority.

Amendment 20 also included Amendment 19 and included adding in accordance with the due process procedure in the NAP Standing Rules.

Amendment 21 was not considered.

The assembly witnessed several appeals from the decision of the chair, some of which were not sustained.

The following were elected for this biennium: Alison Wallis, PRP, President; Carl Nohr, PRP, Vice President; Mona Calhoun, PRP, Secretary; Robert Shuck, PRP, Treasurer; Beth James, PRP, Steven Cook, PRP, and Tamara Harris, PRP, Directors-at-Large; Deb Underwood, PRP and Lucy Anderson, PRP, District Directors Representatives. Ron Stinson, PRP, Past President of NAP conducted the installation ceremony. The following were also elected to the Commission on Credentialing for four years: David Jackson, PRP, Sandra Cook, PRP, and Steven Walls, PRP. Sandy Olson, PRP and Henry Lawton, PRP were elected to the Commission on Credentialing for two years. Darlene Allen will serve as the chairmen of the Commission on Credentialing for two years.

The NAP Educational Foundation celebrated its forty years of existence with the presentation of a birthday cake. The Foundation's annual meeting was held and allowed contributors to learn about the newly proposed agreements with NAP and the Foundation's continued pledge to assist in improving the educational development and programs for NAP members. The Foundation fundraiser with the trip to Truist Park and a Braves-Pirates ballgame was enjoyed by the 125 people attending the game in the Hank Aaron Terrace. The Braves won!!

Star City received the Membership Extension and Retention Award for the greatest number of unit education workshop in District Five. Lynna Gene Cook, PRP, was also recognized for her position as Chair and work on the NAP Style, Editing, and Proofreading Committee.

Nebraska again contributed to the Saturday workshops by hosting four workshops on Presiding and Serving as a Parliamentarian with 67 members attending the workshops. Sandy Olson, PRP, served as the coordinator of the labs with Lynna Gene Cook, PRP assisting with the four labs and John Heineman, RP assisting with one lab. The evaluations from the labs were very complimentary toward requesting the labs for the future and expressing appreciation for the opportunity to practice their skills.

Attending the convention representing Nebraska included: Lynna Gene Cook, PRP; John Heineman, RP; Sandy Olson, PRP; Tom Havelka, PRP; Donna Thompson, PRP; Nancy Sylvester, PRP and Carl Silverman, PRP.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Nebraska!

Sandy Olson, PRP

A Memorable Experience at the 44th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians

I am excited to share my recent experience attending the 44th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP). The convention was a remarkable gathering of parliamentary enthusiasts, where I had the opportunity to deepen my understanding of parliamentary procedure and witness its practical application in action.

One of the highlights of the convention was learning about the motion of adjournment. This crucial aspect of parliamentary procedure allows for the smooth and effective conclusion of meetings while ensuring that important matters are addressed. Understanding the intricacies of adjournment not only enhances the efficiency of meetings but also empowers individuals to navigate complex discussions with confidence. I also attended workshops on suspending the rules, how to write effective bylaws, parliamentary inquiry, point of information, and point of order.

However, what truly made the convention special was the opportunity to observe parliamentary procedure in action. The bylaws debate, censure debate, and various motions presented during the business meetings showcased the dynamic nature of parliamentary discussions. Witnessing passionate individuals engage in thoughtful deliberations, each adhering to the established rules and procedures, was a truly enlightening experience.

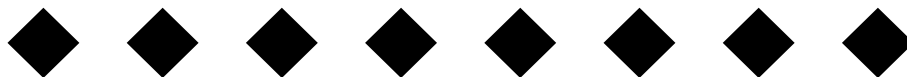
Beyond the academic aspects of parliamentary procedure, the convention provided an excellent platform for fostering camaraderie among friends and colleagues. The shared passion for parliamentary affairs created an environment where networking and knowledge exchange thrived. Engaging in conversations with like-minded individuals further enriched my understanding of parliamentary procedure and its real-world applications.

As the convention progressed, I found myself immersed in a world where motions were made, rules were suspended, and debates ensued. Each interaction and session contributed to my growing knowledge and appreciation for the art of parliamentary procedure. The convention served as a reminder of the importance of effective governance and the value of a well-regulated decision-making process.

Attending the 44th Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians was an enlightening experience that has undoubtedly enriched my understanding of parliamentary procedure. The knowledge gained and the relationships formed during this event will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on my professional and personal life.

I encourage all fellow members of our community to explore opportunities to enhance their understanding of parliamentary procedure. Engaging in events like the NAP convention not only expands our knowledge but also strengthens our ability to contribute effectively to the organizations and communities we serve.

John Heineman, Vice President





NAP Convention
NAPEF Event. Atlanta, GA

Happy Birthday
ZYLANNE SCHEIDEGGER



ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Time at Which an Election Takes Effect (RONR 12th ed.) 46:46
 2. Grounds for a Point of Order (RONR 12th ed.) 23:3
 3. Motions to Prescribe Methods of Nominating (RONR 12th ed.) 31:3
 4. Dilatory Motions (RONR 12th ed.) 39:4
 5. Dissolution of a Society (RONR 12th ed.) 55:7
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Reminder!!!

NSAP Award sheets are due to John
Heineman AND
Sandy Olson by **April 15!!**

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