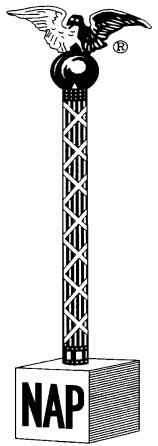


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President's Message

Hello OSAP Members!

It is an honor to serve as your President for another term. Hopefully this year will be an active and successful year for OSAP.

Membership growth and retention continues to be very important to the future of OSAP and NAP. Key to this is to spread the word about parliamentary procedure and the availability of OSAP members to give workshops to the public and to judge and mentor students. In keeping with this concept, your President along with members Mary Davidson, RP, of Oklahoma City and Virginia McComas of Lawton staffed an OSAP exhibit booth at the State PTA Convention on July 24. There were approximately 500 PTA members attending the PTA Convention, and we visited with many of the attendees. The professionally designed OSAP brochures were included in each of the 500 PTA attendee's "goodie" bag. NAP membership brochures were also handed out as people passed by the booth. Copies of *Roberts Rules in Brief*, and *Roberts Rules of Order, 10th Edition* were available for sale. Attendees signed our guest book and provided us with their contact information in order to be informed of our next OSAP workshop.

Congratulations to Ron Stinson., PRP, for his election to NAP President for the next biennium, and congratulations to Ella Carlson, PRP, for her election to District 6 Director for another term. We are fortunate to have members of this caliber represent us.

The annual OSAP convention and educational workshop in June 2009 were very successful, judging from the positive evaluations received. Thanks to everyone who helped with this. Thirty-five people attended the educational workshop on Friday, and twenty-five attended the annual convention on Saturday. Thanks go to the following presenters for workshops on Friday and/or Saturday: Joan Blankenship, PRP; Virginia McComas; Mary Davidson, RP; W. Craig Henry, PRP;

Gloria Counselman; George Counselman; Janet Wilson, M.D., PRP; and Ron Stinson, PRP. There were many favorable comments about the Lunch n' Learn session on Friday, and there have been inquiries as to future workshops to be given by OSAP. Georgie Rasco, OKC Neighborhood Alliance, served as the convention luncheon speaker on Saturday.

The OSAP Board of Directors hit the ground running this term. Our first meeting was held September 26, and our second on December 5, at the Neighborhood Alliance Building in OKC. In keeping with the National theme, "*Effective Meeting Management to the World*", the OSAP Board adopted the following theme for 2009-2010, "*Connecting to the World: Effective Meetings for Oklahoma*". We settled on the dates of June 18-19 for the educational workshop and convention to be held at the Wyndham Inn hotel again this year. The Board also agreed to request Steve Glanstein, PRP, NAP Treasurer, as our national representative, and we are very excited that this has been approved by NAP. Because of his vast experience with Home Owner Associations in Hawaii, our marketing push this year will be in the area of homeowner associations and neighborhood associations. The Saturday afternoon workshop at the convention will be geared to that. The Friday workshop will have a tie-in but will be devoted mostly to more basic parliamentary procedure. The goal this year is to get 45-50 attendees for both Friday and Saturday.

Another exciting bit of news is that the Board agreed to put in a bid for Oklahoma (with help from members of the other nearby states) to host the 2014 National Training Conference in Oklahoma City. This is a big undertaking so hopefully all of our members will join in to help make this a memorable event. Time goes by so fast, so put this on your list and plan to attend.

Let's make 2010 our most successful year ever!

Rod Davidson, PRP, OSAP President

News from the Chisholm Trail Unit

The Chisholm Trail Unit meets on the 3rd Monday, September through May, at the Mabel C. Fry Library, 1200 Lakeshore Dr., Yukon.

Officers

Quembe Walkingstick, President
Dr. Delores Meyer, Vice-President
Kathleen Smith, Secretary
Mary Schneider, Treasurer

In October 2009 Quembe Walkingstick presented the program "Basic Parliamentary Rules" to the Oklahoma Prairies Chapter of the DAR. Dr. Delores Meyer presented "Debunk These Myths of Parliamentary Procedures" for the 2009 Genealogy & Writers Retreat: "Genealogy. On The Lake."

The Unit has been working with several appointed State Committees who are interested in learning how to become a more effective member of the committee and how to help the Chairman of the Committee regain control of the meetings. Five members and the advisor of the student group Leadership for Tomorrow visited the Unit meeting in November; the unit will assist the group with updating their bylaws.

In 2010 the Unit will be reaching out to nonprofit organizations in Canadian County to inform them of the services provided by the Chisholm Trail Unit.

News from the Green Country Unit

The Green Country Unit meets at the Hardesty Regional Library on the first Monday of the month (except for July, August & September) from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Unit members have recently revised their bylaws and will hold elections in December. Dr. Janet Wilson, PRP, and Joan Blankenship, PRP, were instrumental in getting the unit back on track. Members will be studying from the *Cat Fancier's* brochure this year. Several members are studying for the RP exam.

Joan Blankenship, PRP, and Dr. Wilson, PRP, attended the District 6 conference held in San Antonio in 2009.

Contact Joan Blankenship, PRP, at (918) 492-3424 for more information.

News from the Great Plains Unit

The Great Plains Unit currently has 30 members and meets the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Oklahoma Blood Institute, 211 S.W. A Ave, Lawton, OK 73501 (580)353-6451.

Officers for 2010 were elected on November 23. Jacqueline Achong installed the officers at the annual meeting on January 25, 2010.

Officers

Delores Myles, President
Arlie Hampton, Vice-President
Melva Leveille, Secretary
Virginia McComas, Treasurer

The Great Plains Unit held their Annual Workshop on November 7, 2009. The workshop was open to the public, with 40 in attendance, which included eight students. The Presenters were, Mary Davidson, RP; Rod Davidson, PRP; and Virginia McComas, NAP member.

The Education Chairman, Edna Dean with the assistance of committee members, Virginia McComas, Delores Myles, and Shirley Strickland planned the workshop. A nominal fee of \$5 was charged, and lunch was provided.

Jacqueline Achong was a delegate to the National Convention this year held in San Francisco.

Unit members met at Furr's Cafeteria, Lawton for their annual December/Holiday celebration. In lieu of exchanging gifts, members brought canned goods to be donated to the Lawton Food Bank for needy families.

Unit members continue to judge and mentor students from surrounding towns. Jacqueline Achong and Virginia McComas currently serve on the OSAP Board of Directors and assisted with the OSAP convention held in June 2009.

News from the Oklahoma City Unit

The Oklahoma City Unit meets on the Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Liberal Arts Building.

Officers

Dr. E. Vann Greer, President
W. Craig Henry, PRP, Vice-President
Dr. Krista Jones, Secretary
Mildred Keso, RP, Treasurer

W. Craig Henry, PRP, attended the National Convention in September held in San Francisco. He currently serves on the OSAP Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer of the NAP Educational Foundation Committee.

News from the Sooner Unit



The Sooner Unit meets on the Third Thursday of each month from 6:00 — 7:30 p.m. at the Belle Isle Library (NW Expressway & Villa). During November/December, January, and April, the meetings are held at a local restaurant. A 30-minute business meeting is followed by a program or study session that lasts an hour. The November/December (Christmas party/membership drive) was held on December 10, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Home Town Buffet. Elections were held during the business meeting.

Officers

Dan Tylka, President
Jim Lawson, Vice-President
Mary Davidson, RP, Secretary
George Counselman, Treasurer

The Unit continues to offer incentives to its members by paying the first year's NAP membership dues for Provisional Sooner Unit members taking the NAP membership exam, as well as paying part of the cost of NAP membership dues for Regular members on a pro-rated basis depending on the number of unit meetings attended during the year by the member.

Three members and two affiliate members of the Unit attended the National Convention this year. Four members of the unit are on the OSAP Board of Directors and assisted with the OSAP convention held in June 2009. Each of these members presented a 50-minute lesson at the Friday educational workshop prior to the convention.

In August, Unit members met with health instructors at the Clarion Hotel. Ideas on parliamentary procedure were shared during round table discussions and suggestions were given to help prepare students for Parli Pro competitive events.

On November 12th, Unit members enjoyed a night out at the Petroleum Club for the Good Neighbor Awards Banquet. The Sooner Unit sponsored two tables of eight for this event. The Sooner Unit's support of Neighborhood Alliance is a mutually beneficial friendship. The Neighborhood Alliance allows the OSAP board to hold board meetings at the facility. They also include convention workshop information in their newsletter that is distributed to over 1,000 homes in OKC and have indicated a willingness to help promote this year's convention workshops since the workshops will concentrate on Homeowner and Neighborhood Associations.

Sooner Unit members were actively engaged in judging and mentoring students during the year. Unit members judged two groups of FCCLA students in late November and the early part of December. Several Sooner Unit Workshops are held each year, and members are encouraged to assist with teaching workshops given by the Unit.

— IMPORTANT —

The NAP fiscal year is December 1 - November 30. Association and Unit bylaws must be amended to comply with NAP bylaws as amended at the 2009 convention:

- *"An association shall adopt NAP's fiscal year as prescribed in Article XIV, Section 3, as its own fiscal year."*
- *"A unit shall adopt NAP's fiscal year as prescribed in Article XIV, Section 3, as its own fiscal year."*

Don't forget that each Unit of NAP is required and responsible for filling out an electronic e-Postcard form 990-N with the IRS, providing the name and address of a principal officer. If you need help with this, contact OSAP President Rod Davidson at rodavidson@msn.com or call 405-524-8953.

"It is difficult to find another branch of knowledge where a small amount of study produces such great results in increased efficiency in a country where the people rule, as in parliamentary law."

—Henry M. Robert

News from the Oil Capital Unit

The Oil Capital Unit meets on the third Friday of each month, January through May and September through November at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa, 74114 - (918) 746-5125, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The annual meeting was held on November 20, and the following officers were elected:

Officers

Karen Griffin, President
Jason Fields, Esq., Vice-President
Mary Jo Neal, Secretary/Treasurer

Jason Fields, Esq., currently serves as Vice-President of OSAP.

News from the Will Rogers Unit

The Will Rogers Unit meets at the Will Rogers Expo Center (N.W. 36th & Portland, Oklahoma City) on the 4th Monday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Officers

Linda Lawson, President
Clara Bishop, Vice-President
Jim Lawson, Secretary
Judy Grotts, Treasurer

During the summer, Unit members assisted a group in Ardmore with revising bylaws.

Jim and Linda Lawson attended the District 6 conference held in San Antonio as well as the National Convention held in San Francisco. They also serve on the Board of Directors of OSAP.

Report of the Bylaws Committee

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians should be sent by April 15, 2010 to:

W. Craig Henry, PRP
Bylaws Committee Chairman
PO Box 721397
Oklahoma City, OK 73172-1397
henrywc@prodigy.net

Member or members recommending the proposed amendment should include the rationale and should submit his or her name.

Call for Newsletter Articles

If you have news in your unit, please send an e-mail to:

mdavidsonrp@msn.com

Changes in your mailing address or e-mail address should be sent to the Communications Committee at **mdavidsonrp@msn.com** and to the Membership Committee at **parliamentarian@cox.net**

The next OSAP newsletter will serve as the official call to 2010 OSAP convention on June 19.

A ParliPro Moment

QUESTION:

Can a motion adopted at a General Meeting be rescinded at a Board of Directors meeting of the same organization?

ANSWER:

Refer to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)*, 10th edition, p. 466:

"In any event, no action of the board can conflict with any action taken by the assembly of the society; and except in matters placed by the bylaws exclusively under the control of the board, the society's assembly can give the board instructions which it must carry out, and can countermand any action of the board if it is not too late (as it would be, for example, when a contract has already been made)."

Call for Officer Nominations

The OSAP bylaws provide that Units or members of OSAP may, no less than 90 days preceding the Convention, present to the Nominating Committee names of proposed candidates for office, together with qualifications and consent form. The committee will consider all recommendations.

Elections will be held at the 2010 annual OSAP convention on June 19 for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible, along with qualifications and consent form via email to:

Sandra Finney
sfinney@usa.net

In Memory of Janet Adele Wilson, MD, PRP, 1935 - 2009

Janet Adele Wilson, MD, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, passed away on November 25, 2009. She was born in Plainfield, NJ. She graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois in 1960, obtained her Doctorate from Case Western Reserve Medical School in 1969, and practiced Internal Medicine at the Riverwood Clinic in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin until her retirement in 1995. She served in the Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956. She remained active in the Wisconsin National Guard and attained the rank of Colonel. She served in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. She continued to live in Wisconsin after her retirement but spent the winter months at Maple Leaf Estates in Port Charlotte, Florida. She moved to Tulsa in 2007 and lived at Inverness Village retirement home.

Janet taught Hardinger Embroidery techniques under the auspices of the Embroidery Guild of America (EGA) and won several Toastmasters International awards. She was an active member of the Fellowship Bible Church in Tulsa where her funeral service was held at on Dec 3rd. Interment was with full military honors at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery.

Dr. Wilson, PRP, CP-T, was a gifted teacher and speaker and traveled extensively throughout the United States presenting workshops for the National Association of Parliamentarians and the American Institute of Parliamentarians. She served on the NAP Professional Development Committee during the last biennium and taught workshops this year at the District 6 Conference, and the convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians. During the time she spent in Florida and Wisconsin, she was involved in their state associations and served as vice-president of the Wisconsin Association of Parliamentarians.

Oklahoma happily welcomed Dr. Wilson into the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians and into the Oil Capital and Green Country Units in Tulsa. She ably served as OSAP parliamentarian in 2008-2009 and presented workshops at the 2008 and 2009 OSAP state conventions. She also served as moderator of the panel discussion at the 2009 state convention workshop. She is to be admired for her efforts at increasing awareness and interest in parliamentary procedure in the Tulsa area and for mentoring other members of the association. We are grateful that Janet was a part of the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians and to have served on the board of directors for the last two years. She will be missed!

In Memory of Esther Helen Rose, RP, 1917 - 2009

Esther Helen Rose, 92, passed away on December 8, 2009. She was born February 19, 1917 in Shattuck, OK to John David and Rosy Mae (Schwab) Longhofer. She graduated from Booker (TX) High School in 1935 and attended Northwestern State University, Alva, obtaining a BS in Business Education in 1941.

Esther married Virgil Rose June 7, 1945 and they had 4 children, Alexandria, Ardene, Virgil Jr. and John. In 1959 they moved to Midwest City where she lived until her death. She was active in the Midwest City High School Band Parents Club and Mid-Del Republican Women's Club. She also spent many years volunteering at Oklahoma County Republican Headquarters and for the State GOP. Her proudest moment was when she was selected as a Delegate from Oklahoma to the 1980 Republican Convention where she proudly voted for Ronald Reagan.

Esther never stopped learning and trying to expand her mind. In the early 1980's she studied parliamentary procedure and took a national exam to become a Registered Parliamentarian. She served the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women as Parliamentarian for many years. She was also a member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) and was proud of her heritage.

Esther was a Charter member of the Sooner Unit Parliamentarians and attended meetings until approximately 1999. She continued to pay her dues each year. The Sooner Unit parliamentarians are grateful to Esther for paving the way for those following in her footsteps, and will continue her legacy of spreading parliamentary knowledge.

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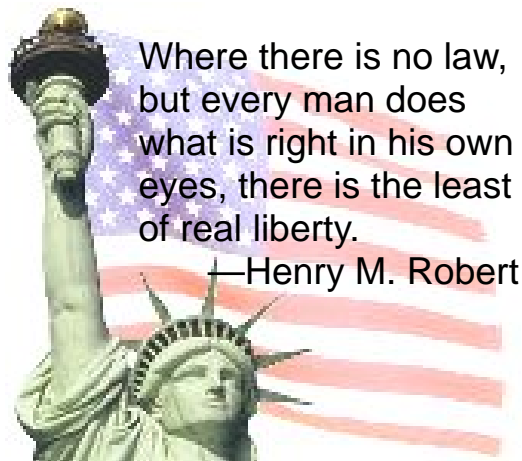
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