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FROM
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PRESIDENT



My President messages for *The Oregon Agenda* seem to be full of thank yous and kudos to those that help me maintain some semblance of balance in both my “official” and personal life. And this message is no different. I want to thank OAP’s vice-president, Jeff Weston, for taking my place at the helm of the May Board meeting, when indeed my personal and professional life collided upon the death of my father. The Board - without me, how could that happen? - did a great deal of work for which I appreciate!

I must publically thank CJ Inman PRP, who with very little notice, picked up my assignment for the AFT-Oregon Annual Convention. I had worked with the AFT leadership to prepare for the meeting, and we were all comfortable with each other, and then... but

CJ did a great job, just took the baton and kept on running!

So have I done anything for OAP lately??? Well, personally and professionally, I am always fascinated with the history of how an organization or association came to be. I’m a member of the American Association for the History of Nursing for just that reason (and serve on the AAHN Bylaws Committee, too!). Well, when Shirley Holmes, OAP secretary, told me she had a copy of the early history of OAP written by Rita Robedeau PRP, I immediately asked her to send it to me, and I thank her for being so prompt! I have been researching Rita’s journal from the inception of OAP to its 30th anniversary, and the write-up on the OAP in the NAP publication, and am in the process of collating the two. Certainly OAP members will have to add or fill in the gaps, but one over-arching document is the goal, and an addition to the official OAP scrapbook, kept by Historian Laurretta Slaughter and Shirley.

Have a great rest of your summer!

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OAP BOARD MEETING

Sunday, October 19th, 1:00 p.m.
Bartelt's Basement Boardroom
6690 SW Dover St., Portland

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS

Jeff Weston, Education Committee Chair

Robert's Rules of Order grants rights to various groups of members in an assembly. Most everyone is aware of the right of the majority. After all, voting on motions is the typical way of handling business, and nearly every motion requires at least a majority vote to be adopted. However, even individual members have rights in an assembly. Among these rights is the ability to bring up issues and demand a resolution using one of the following motions: Call for the Orders of the Day, Raise a Question of Privilege, and Point of Order.

The motion to Call for the Orders of the Day is a request that the assembly take up whatever business is currently scheduled in the program. As long as the chair follows the program, this motion is not needed. However, if the chair deviates from the program this motion can be used to bring things back on track. This is important for meetings with tight schedules to ensure that critical business is dealt with in time. Note that making this motion does not guarantee that the program will be followed, since two-thirds of the members could vote to do otherwise.

One use of the motion to Raise a Question of Privilege is to address issues affecting the assembly. Examples

of such issues include an uncomfortable temperature or a problem affecting your ability to hear the proceedings. If there is an issue interfering with your participation in a meeting, you can make this motion to demand that the issue be resolved.

The motion to make a Point of Order is used to call for enforcement of the rules. This motion can be used to enforce simple rules, such as the rules of debate, or even to enforce the bylaws of the society. A Point of Order typically needs to be made at the time a breach occurs. The exception to this rule is for breaches that are of a continuing nature, in which case a Point of Order can be made at any time during the continuance of the breach. Note that making this motion does not guarantee that the rules will be enforced, since the chair's ruling on a Point of Order can be overturned by a majority of the members.

As you can see, Robert's Rules of Order grants rights to individual members in an assembly. These rights include the ability to demand that issues be resolved by using the motions described above. If you have an issue that needs to be resolved, don't hesitate to exercise your rights!

WEB SITE UPDATES

Jeff Weston, Web site Committee Chair

This is a quick reminder to all members to check our Web site for any changes that need to be made. This is particularly important for units. Have you elected a new president? Has your meeting day, time, or

location changed? Is there any additional information you want listed for your unit? Help me keep our Web site up to date.

UNIT REPORTS

Mt Hood Unit

Mt. Hood Unit spent the last year using the NAP "Unit Lessons: Learn, Grow, Lead." The unit has two more to finish the disk which will be presented in September and October. At the September meeting the unit will discuss where it will go with lessons for the rest of the coming year. The lessons have been quite informative and interesting. The unit continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 120 SW Towle in Gresham. Guests would be welcome.

Peggy Long, Unit President

Tualatin Valley Unit

I went to the Internet in search of something to write about in this issue of *The Oregon Agenda*. I entered "What are the most frequently asked parliamentary questions and why? The answer: www.parlipro.org. From among the 10 subjects that appear on the Web site, I chose "Mind Benders and Brain Teasers." Using these and creating ones of your own seems a challenging way to generate more interesting lessons. The contact is the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians. Surely, there are other Web sites that can be added to your parliamentary list of beneficial resource. Where are they?

Elected officers of the Tualatin Valley Unit are:

President Laretta Slaughter
Secretary Leslie Hatcher
Treasurer Wyn Bowler

The Unit continues to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Elmer's Restaurant in Beaverton.

Laretta Slaughter, Unit President

Rose City Unit

During our annual meeting in May, we elected the following members to office:

President: Jeff Weston
Vice-President: Laretta Slaughter
Secretary/Treasurer: Beverly Przybylski

Additionally, our president made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Shirley Holmes
Historian: Laretta Slaughter
Chair of Bylaws/Procedure Manual
Committee: Beverly Przybylski

While we are currently on our summer break until September, we recently met for our traditional summer potluck at the home of Shirley Holmes. After we conducted a brief business meeting, our members enjoyed a delicious meal and discussed various topics, naturally including plenty of discussion of parliamentary procedure.

Rose City Unit resumes our regular monthly meetings on Friday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Weston will present a presiding practice program at this meeting. Sadly, the conference room we have been using at Lloyd Corporate Plaza is no longer available. The location for this meeting is to be determined. The meeting location will be sent to Rose City Unit members with the notice for the meeting. If you wish to attend this meeting as a guest, please contact Jeff Weston so that he can let you know where the meeting will be held.

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