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PRESIDENT



The gavel has come down on the successful 47th OAP Annual Meeting held March 21. For those who could not attend, the following are a few of the highlights:

- 1) Meeting in a building with significant historical relevance - the unique Tea House (Ty Te), attached to the Bryn Seion Welsh Church, built in 1884.
- 2) Networking and catching up with colleagues and friends.

3) Spending time with NAP Vice President Mary Randolph, and learning more about the upcoming NAP Convention in September, the draft amendments to the NAP bylaws, and her declared candidacy for NAP President!

4) The spontaneous "workshop" that arose during the amending of the OAP bylaws. The members were very engaged in the process - debating, moving secondary amendments, withdrawing motions, using motion forms - it was a great exercise for us all, including the presider...

5) Adopting the OAP budget for the next 12 months, and being reassured that our financial status is very stable going forward. Be assured that the OAP Board of Directors takes very seriously the stewardship of the Association's funds.

6) An interactive session on the OAP Strategic Plan, facilitated by Tad Davis. A strategic plan is never stagnant, always a work in progress, but for the first time ever, an OAP strategic plan is being defined.

7) The food! Hot, tasty, comfort food as well as healthy options from the minute of arrival to when

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SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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we left - with our "doggy bags." I challenge anyone to say they went away hungry...

And now, on the other side of the Annual Meeting, I look forward to continuing my work with, and for the OAP members and Board of Directors in my last year as President. The membership is growing, the Units are strong, several members are planning on taking the Registered Parliamentarian exam, the strategic plan is coming together and OAP delegates to the NAP Convention have been elected. I am very proud of where our association is today and the membership can be proud too. However there is always room for more members to serve - as a leader, on a committee, or as simply as a Member-at-Large becoming a Unit member. Or are you interested in serving as a delegate to the 2015 NAP Convention? If so, please contact me at: teresastonern@frontier.com. One of the president's distinct honors is to make such appointments. And do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments; the association and its members mean a lot to me personally and professionally!

Teresa Stone BSN RNC PRP CP
OAP President

DISTRICT 7 CONFERENCE
April 25, 2015

District 7 will meet on Saturday, April 25, 2015 in Seattle. Registration information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/wsaponline/news-and-events>

We will be honored to have NAP Vice President Mary Randolph, PRP and NAP Directors at Large Jim Stewart, PRP and Jim Jones, RP. Ann McCartney will provide a workshop about teaching parliamentary procedure. She has vast teaching experience, so you won't want to miss it. Jim Stewart will provide an update from NAP and Jim Jones will provide a workshop. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with breakfast provided before the meeting. The day will culminate with dinner at 6 p.m. Further details will be coming to all members at the beginning of March. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

UNIT REPORTS

Mt. Hood Unit

No report.

Rose City Unit

We are happy to announce that Karen Johnson and Cindy Fontenot have joined Rose City Unit as provisional members. We look forward to helping them work towards membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP).

Rose City Unit has one regular meeting remaining in our 2014-2015 session: Friday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rose Garden conference room at Lloyd Corporate Plaza, 925 NE 19th Ave., in Portland. This is one week earlier than our normal meeting date! Beverly Przybylski and Jeff Weston will present a program consisting of questions from the study guide, *In Order*, for the NAP Examination for Registration. Guests are welcome to attend our meetings, but note that access to the building is restricted. If you do wish to attend, please let us know so that we can make sure you make it into the building.

Rose City Unit's annual meeting is on May 8th at the Elmer's restaurant at 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave., in Beaverton. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Shirley Holmes will present a program of parliamentary games.

Jeff Weston, President

Tualatin Valley Unit

President Laretta Slaughter has not been able to attend the meetings this year due to knee surgery in January. In her absence Tualatin Valley Unit has been working on revising the unit bylaws as the monthly program. We hope that Laretta will be able to attend our May meeting.

Shirley Holmes

OAP BOARD MEETING

Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 a.m.
Bartelt's Basement Boardroom
6690 SW Dover St., Portland

Series of Bylaws Amendments as One Motion

Jeff Weston, Education Committee Chair

During our 2015 annual meeting, we considered several amendments to our bylaws by opening up each individual amendment to debate and amendment before voting on all of the proposed amendments at once. This process is called consideration by paragraph or seriatim.

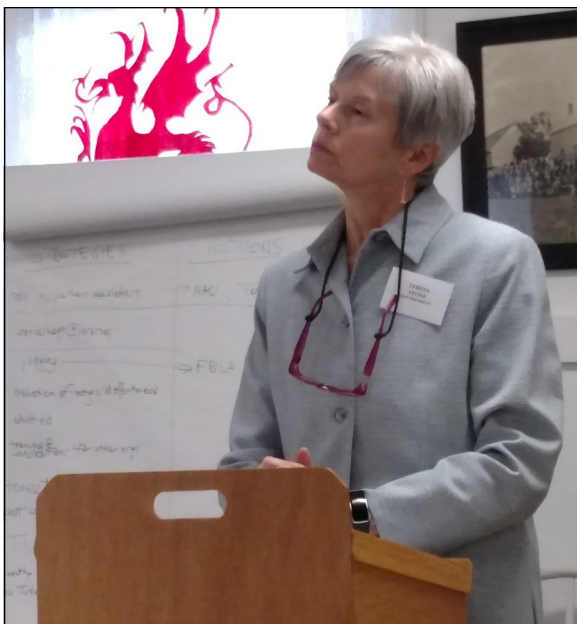
During our annual meeting, some members expressed concern with considering the proposed bylaws amendments as a single motion since each proposed amendment was a separate question. Ultimately we did proceed with considering the amendments as a single motion and used consideration by paragraph or seriatim to debate and amend each proposed amendment individually. However, the discussion brought up some interesting points which I will discuss below.

Bylaws amendments take effect immediately upon adoption. If you are adopting bylaw amendments as separate questions, you need to carefully consider the order in which you adopt them to ensure you don't introduce any problems. If any problems are introduced you will need to go through the process of

amending your bylaws again since an affirmative vote on a motion to amend bylaws cannot be reconsidered. Considering a series of amendments as one motion allows you to perfect the entire series of amendments before voting on them as a whole.

Considering a series of amendments as one motion brings up the possibility of a large minority of members (more than one third of the members) voting down the entire motion because they don't like a single amendment but don't have enough votes to strike it out of the main motion. Voting on the amendments independently allows the large minority of members to vote down the single amendment they don't like without affecting the other amendments.

Amending bylaws has to be handled carefully regardless of whether or not you handle a series of bylaws amendments as one motion. The specific situation of your society may indicate if one approach or the other may be more appropriate. Hopefully the process we followed at our annual meeting gives you ideas for how to handle bylaws amendments in your other organizations.



(L to R) President Teresa Stone listening intently to comments from a member; Tad Davis presenting an update to the OAP strategic plan; District 7 Director Alice Bartelt presenting the courtesy resolution.

47TH OAP ANNUAL MEETING