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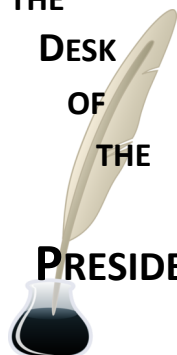
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FROM

**THE
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THE**

PRESIDENT



Last January I went out to dinner with NAP Vice President Mary Randolph, and by the time we were done with a lovely meal, I was running for the position of NAP secretary. Mary believes it to be a strength that I am a “new face,” but with no name recognition, or previous experience at the national level it is a very long shot. I have extraordinary experience as a secretary from high school to being the immediate past secretary of the American Nurses Association, representing 3.4 million nurses. In addition, the NAP secretary is in charge of the Operational Policies and Procedures - and that responsibility was a major component of my Charge Nurse and Nurse Educator job descriptions for the last 15 years - writing policy. So qualifications are not a question, but as we all know that does not necessarily win an election. However, I am giving it my all for I believe Mary's vision for the future of NAP is extraordinary, and she will need support and votes on the NAP board for it to be realized. In addition to the election, I will be presenting a workshop at the National Convention titled, *The Life of a Secretary – Minute(s) by Minute(s)*.

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My focus this summer has been on the upcoming 2015 NAP National Convention which is just about a month away (well that, and my precious grandchildren and son and daughter-in-law who are here from Saudi Arabia for 2 months....).

Now that exciting introductory sentence is all you get as my “article,” as this tome is about to morph into an editorial piece.and if that isn't your thing, don't worry I will not know you have stopped reading!!

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

OAP Website: <http://www.oregonap.org/>

OAP on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OregonAP>

OAP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OregonAP>

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Those of you who have been around me (cue Peggy Long, Alice Bartelt, etc.) for a while, know I have done this workshop before. So, in preparation, I am polishing up the presentation for the national stage, as well as working on campaign materials.

I look for assistance in any way the OAP delegates can provide, and most important, assisting Mary Randolph in being elected as the next NAP President.

Goal #1! That, and you all having a great rest of the summer!

Speaking of which, the OAP board will hold its first meeting after the summer-break, on October 11, where I personally look forward to taking the next steps in actualizing the Strategic Plan. Editorial? - Over...

Teresa Stone CP PRP
OAP President

CALL FOR OAP OFFICERS FOR 2016-2018

At the annual meeting in 2016 OAP members will elect new officers.

Per Article V, Section 1, elected officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. According to Section 2, in order to be eligible for president or vice-president, a candidate shall have served as an elected officer for one (1) term or have served on the Board of Directors not less than one (1) term or two (2) years with an attendance record of not less than fifty percent (50%). The term of office is two years and according to Section 4, no officer may serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms and shall not be eligible again for that same office until after the lapse of two (2) years. As directed by Article VI, Section 1, the nominating committee will report at the January 2016 meeting of the board of directors.

If you are interested in serving your association as an officer, please contact a member of the nominating committee:

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From a partial quote attributed to George Herbert (1593-1633),
“Do not wait; the time will never be ‘just right’.”

What's in a Convention?

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.

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.

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

Bylaws amendments take effect immediately upon adoption. If you are adopting bylaw amendments as separate questions, you need to carefully consider

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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.

UNIT REPORTS

Rose City Unit

Rose City Unit is currently on summer break and will resume our regular meetings on Friday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rose Garden conference room at Lloyd Corporate Plaza, 925 NE 19th Ave., in Portland. 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.

We meet once per month (usually on the third Friday of the month, at 7:00 p.m.) from September until May, with the exception of December when we hold a holiday potluck instead of a regular meeting.

We are holding a summer potluck at the home of Shirley Holmes on August 26th at 4:00 p.m. All Oregon Association of Parliamentarians members are welcome to attend. We are planning to discuss the proposed bylaws amendments that will be considered during the upcoming National Association of Parliamentarians convention.

Jeff Weston, Rose City Unit President

Tualatin Valley Unit

The Tualatin Valley Unit spent the 2014-2015 program year engaged in an effort to revise the unit's bylaws. The process took many twists and turns. Using what was revealed when we explored the pages of the sample bylaws, available on the NAP website, the work became more intensive. Without this guide, some changes had been well-placed. Other changes needed to be corrected. As the work continued, it became simpler to refine the document. Final voting is scheduled to take place at either the September or October meeting.

Elizabeth McQueston uses NAP webinar offerings to prepare for the registered examination. It is helpful to visit the NAP website frequently to discover new innovations. The unit continues to hold its regular monthly meetings at Elmer's Restaurant in Beaverton. Our appreciation is endless.

Lauretta Slaughter, President

OAP BOARD MEETING

Sunday, October 11th, _____
Bartelt's Basement Boardroom
6690 SW Dover St., Portland

*Summer
Picnic!!*



Rose City Unit

*National Association
of Parliamentarians
cordially invites you and
your spouse/guest to a
Summer Picnic
Wednesday, Aug 26, 2015
at 4:00 p.m. at the home of
Shirley Holmes*

*Bring your favorite
salad or dessert.
The main entrée,
beverages and
table service will be
provided.*

ADDRESS AND/OR DIRECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER YOU RSVP
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