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**OFFICIAL CALL**

**FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING**

OF THE

**OREGON ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS**

ON THE

**NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

AT

**HILTON GARDEN INN, PORTLAND AIRPORT**  
12048 NE AIRPORT WAY

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*COMMENCEMENT*

**ANNUAL REPORTS are DUE**

OAP Officers, Unit Presidents and OAP Committee Chairs: please send to the OAP President at [teresastonern@frontier.com](mailto:teresastonern@frontier.com) as soon as possible (but no later than March 5) in order to be included in the OAP Annual Meeting Program

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**Nominating Committee Report**

Beverly Przybylski, Nominating Committee Chair

The following are candidates for election to office at the OAP Annual Meeting, March 19, 2016.

- President Jeffrey Weston
- Vice President Alice Bartelt
- Secretary Teresa Stone
- Treasurer Tad Davis

I was honored to be elected at the 2012 OAP Annual Meeting to the office of President for the term of 2012-2014, and re-elected to serve a second term from 2014-2016. And now, as my OAP Presidency comes to an end at the Annual Meeting being held March 19, 2016, I want to thank everyone, but most especially, the OAP Board. Their great work and patience (with me!) the past four years meant so much! Thus my choice of the theme - and my choice alone - for the upcoming OAP Annual Meeting is, "Commencement." Possibly dating myself, there was a line in the movie, "The Way We Were," (uh ummm - year, 1969) where Katie states to Hubbell something to this effect: Commencement - a funny word for the end, referring to their upcoming college graduation. I felt the theme, "Commencement", fit me for many reasons; to acknowledge the end of my presidency (but certainly not my OAP involvement), to acknowledge the initial term of a strong new OAP President, to acknowledge my goal of teaching more parliamentary

procedure and to acknowledge my work as the Secretary of the NAP Board of Directors for the 2015-2017 term. The theme also acknowledges the direction the NAP leadership is taking for the future of the association. President Mary Randolph's theme, R.I.S.E.S - Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Stewardship - played a major role in my choice of "Commencement." As a member of the NAP, OAP is affected by decisions made at the highest level - dues and finances, educational offerings and advancement in the profession. The NAP Vision, To Provide Parliamentary Leadership to the World, begins at the grassroots level - us. Okay, I'm done! See you March 19, when NAP President Mary Randolph, and our official NAP Representative District 7 Director and NAP Board member, Kevin Connelly, will both be at our OAP Annual Meeting.

Teresa Stone BSN RNC PRP CP  
OAP President

**UNIT REPORTS**

**Mt. Hood Unit**

Mt. Hood Unit is continuing to help two members work on the RP exam. It also has a new student, Rebecca Silva, who is actively studying for the membership exam. The unit continues to meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 120 SW Towle, Gresham, with dinner at Heidi's at 6 p.m. for those wishing to participate.

Peggy Long, Mt. Hood Unit President

**Rose City Unit**

Rose City Unit's next meeting is Friday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rose Garden conference room at

Lloyd Corporate Plaza, 925 NE 19th Ave., in Portland. Shirley Holmes will present a program on incidental motions. 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) from September until May, with the exception of December when we hold a holiday potluck instead of a regular meeting.

Jeff Weston, Rose City Unit President

## Out of Time

Jeff Weston, Education Committee Chair

Time is an important consideration for meetings. Large meetings, such as conventions, have a lot of business to complete and limited time to complete it. Meeting rooms are only available for scheduled time periods. Delegates have other obligations that limit their available time. One strategy that can be used to ensure that critical business is handled within the available time is to place limits on debate.

We saw this approach used during the 2015 National Association of Parliamentarians biennial convention when the delegates adopted standing rules that limited the time of debate for each main motion, including bylaws amendments, to 15 minutes. This limit was reached multiple times throughout the convention. At one point a point of order was raised that a motion could be made after the time for debate was exhausted. The chair ruled that the point was not well taken. The decision was appealed and ultimately sustained. This got me thinking: What motions can be made after the time for debate has been exhausted?

I looked into the rules for the motion to Limit or Extend Limits of Debate starting on page 191 of RONR (11th ed.). On page 196, there are multiple examples for how to make the motion depending on the types of limits one wants to place on debate. I found Form and Example (b) to be the closest match to the rule adopted in the NAP convention, since a time limit was placed on debate without specifying when the vote

would be taken. Now knowing the type of limits that were placed on debate, we can go back to page 194 to see what happens after the time for debate is exhausted. "After the expiration of the allotted time under any order that—as in Form and Example (b)—provides for closing debate without specifying when the vote shall be taken, amendments and motions to Postpone Indefinitely and Lay on the Table remain in order, but they are then undebatable." RONR (11th ed.) p. 194, ll. 24-28.

I noted that amendments were still permitted in this case. This gives members the opportunity to perfect the main motion even when the time for debate has been exhausted. However, this process can still take up precious time. A stricter option to limit debate is to set a time at which the vote shall be taken, "... then, after that hour has passed, the main motion is treated as if the Previous Question had been ordered: no further debate on any pending question is allowed, no further amendments can be offered, and all pending questions must be voted on immediately." RONR (11th ed.) p. 195, ll. 1-5.

One must be careful to use the correct form of the motion to Limit or Extend Limits of Debate for your circumstances. If a limit is placed on debate without specifying when the vote shall be taken, the chair must be careful to allow motions that are still permissible even when the time for debate has expired.

### Call for Volunteers

Jeff Weston, Nominee for OAP President

I have been nominated for the office of president of the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians (OAP). If elected, I will have the responsibility to appoint a parliamentarian and chairmen of the following committees: Budget/Finance, Bylaws/Procedure Manual, Historian, Publicity/Public Relations, State Publication, Yearbook, Youth, and Website.

I am looking for volunteers to serve as chairmen for these committees. If you are currently serving as chairman of a committee, I'd like to know if you are still interested in serving. Standing committee chairmen also serve on the OAP board of directors. This is a good opportunity to get more involved in OAP and gain experience serving on a board.

### OAP on the Web

The OAP website has been updated. If you haven't checked it recently, take a look! If anything is missing or incorrect, please let me know so that I can fix it.

Our website:

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

Jeff Weston,  
Website Committee Chair

