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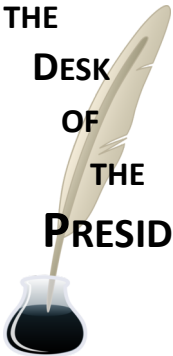
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**FROM**

**THE  
DESK  
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PRESIDENT**



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual meeting in March and thank you to everyone who worked hard to put it together! Thank you especially to Laretta Slaughter and Tualatin Valley Unit for hosting our meeting and arranging the decorations. Also, thank you to our workshop presenters: Alice Bartelt, Patricia Getchell, and Beverly Przybylski. They helped plant the seeds of knowledge in our members that will soon grow into more effective use of parliamentary procedure. I hope that everyone is able to join us again for our 2018 annual meeting on March 17th, 2018.

While our units are heading into their summer breaks, there will still be plenty of parliamentary activity this summer. The combined NAP District 7 and 8 meeting is June 2-3 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The NAP biennial convention is September 4-7 in Lombard near Chicago, Illinois. I hope that you can join us for these events!

Locally, Rose City Unit has helped to organize a monthly parliamentary social event, open to all Oregon Association of Parliamentarians (OAP) members and anyone who is interested in parliamentary procedure. We held our first social event on Tuesday, April 4th, and will be holding our second social event on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at Elmer's, 10001 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland. Our initial social events will focus primarily on answering questions posed by attendees. For future social events we will consider workshops on various parliamentary topics and hold the event in other locations.

To stay informed of future social events, and all OAP activities, join us on the OAP Meetup Group at the URL below.

Jeff Weston, OAP President

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

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

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

OAP Meetup Group <http://www.meetup.com/Oregon-Association-of-Parliamentarians/>

**BEING A JUDGE FOR PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CONTESTS**  
**ALICE BARTELT, PRP, OAP VICE PRESIDENT**

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Last week, Elaine Carlson, Jeffrey Weston and I had the opportunity to judge the parliamentary procedure contest for the Future Business Leaders of America competition for Oregon. There were some interesting challenges for the three of us.

In an effort to have the contest be similar to what happens at the national event for FBLA, there were two other events occurring at the same time in the room. Because it was a large room, the contestants were asked to speak up, but, they all managed to do that.

The challenge for us was to identify all of the motions that the groups made, and to make sure that all the steps in the motions were presented. Each group holds a meeting, and must use all five types of motions. These include: main, subsidiary, privileged, incidental and bring-back motions. They also needed to make the motion, second the motion, have the chair state the motion and call for debate, take the vote, announce the result, and then indicate what would happen as a result of the motion. The way that these teams can do well is to have the meeting scripted and memorized before the competition. The teams are only allowed to have minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer's report in their possession as they compete. The NAP has a kit for judging these contests and for being coaches for teams. It is called the Youth Parliamentary Kit. The challenge for us judges is to identify each type of motion and to determine that all of the steps were followed. If a team gets these motions right during the meeting, they will have 30 of the possible 70 points. Ten more points are allotted to the team making sure that they demonstrate several particular problems that they are given just 20 minutes before their particular competition. These problems vary from competition to competition. It is a matter of finding the reference in Robert and then demonstrating how the particular issue should be handled. It can be something like taking a motion from the table after it was put there the meeting before, and then handling it.

The other parts of the competition include proper use of parliamentary terms, voice projection and expression being clear, the presiding officer remaining impartial, and members taking the initiative during the meeting. The meeting has to run for at least nine minutes and end at no more than eleven minutes after it begins. Also, the participants must wear business clothing.

I would encourage any NAP member to offer to judge, or to coach a team. Most of the teams are from small schools, outside of the Portland area, so coaching can be a challenge. But, if you are around in early April next year, please think about volunteering to judge.

**Next OAP  
Board Meeting**

Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 a.m.

Alice Bartelt's Home

The next issue of  
*The Oregon Agenda*  
will be in August.

Deadline for articles is  
August 5, 2017.

Email articles to [OAP Editor](#)

## UNIT REPORTS

### Rose City Unit

At our March meeting, Shirley Holmes led a program on looking up passages in Robert's Rules. Our next meeting is on April 21st and Laretta Slaughter will present a program on difficult questions from the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) Study Guide for Registration. At our April meeting we will also be considering an amendment to our bylaws affecting the rights of our provisional members. Our annual meeting will be in May. The exact time and place of our annual meeting will be determined at our April meeting.

We have welcomed several provisional members who have joined us from Meetup. We are working with them to guide them towards membership in NAP.

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 party instead of a regular meeting. We meet in the Rose Garden conference room at Lloyd Corporate Plaza, 919 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.

Jeff Weston, Rose City Unit President



OAP members and a WSAP member listening attentively during the business meeting. (Photo by Elaine Carlson)

### Mount Hood Unit

The Mt. Hood Unit missed its January and February meetings due to weather and held its March meeting following the OAP Annual Meeting. New officers were elected for a two-year term: President, Tad Davis; Vice President, Alice Bartelt; Secretary, Elaine Carlson; and Treasurer, Peggy Long. The unit continues to base its programs on the NAP Study Guide for Membership, with Elaine presenting the program on Chapter 6 of Robert in Brief, "Postpone and Commit" at the April meeting. The program for May will be on Chapter 7, "How Can a Group Change its Mind", presented by Peggy Long. The unit will also be deciding on programs for the coming year at the May meeting.

Peggy Long, President



President Jeff Weston calling to order the 49th Annual Meeting of the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians, March 18, 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Portland. (Photo by Tina Penman)

**THE SECRETARY'S TABLE**  
**TERESA STONE PRP, OAP SECRETARY, NAP SECRETARY**

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I mentioned in a previous article that the NAP Board of Directors meets twice a year face-to-face, once in conjunction with either the National Training Conference (NTC) or the biennial convention, and the second, mid-year between those two membership events. On March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, the board convened at the upcoming NAP convention hotel, in Lombard, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Chicago... where the wearing of the green is the rule, the Chicago River is dyed green (actually it is an orange dye, but that is another article...) and the largest neighborhood parade is held outside of Dublin, Ireland. But the board was not downtown sipping a green "beverage," but at the convention hotel holding its first session on Friday evening, and the second session, which was all day Saturday, the 18th. The time was well-spent, working together, touring the hotel, defining all the details of the upcoming convention - right down to measuring the podium to be used by President Randolph, to assure that all the equipment she would need to preside would fit on such a tiny platform.

It has been the practice to meet at these hotels

prior to the upcoming national events in order to become knowledgeable about the assembly space, dining, workshop locations and possible barriers to accessibility. Though not absolute, due to other individuals staying and dining in the hotel, the NAP literally has all the meeting, banquet and ballroom facilities at its' disposal. Workshops will be assigned accordingly, seating charts will be optimally defined, and provided meals will be ready without a delay in changing out a meeting room to a dining room. Meantime, the board is back to its' usual once a month AdobeConnect meetings, on the first Tuesday of the month. Also, in order to be kept up to date on all activities and priorities at the national level, I meet every Friday morning by conference call with the other officers and NAP staff.

Oh, yes - a great place to meet and eat at the hotel is Harry Caray's Restaurant - a steakhouse, but has great hamburgers, salads and desserts. As the NAP secretary I will certainly have demands on my time, but I sincerely hope to spend as much time as possible with my fellow OAP members and delegates at the convention (in Harry Caray's!??)



Workshop presenters from left to right: Alice Bartelt, PRP; Patty Getchell, PRP-R; and Beverly Przybylski, PRP. (Photos by Elaine Carlson)



**Periodic TREASURER'S REPORT**

2016/2017

	Beginning of Year 1-Apr-16	Board 9-May-16	Board 21-Oct-16	Board 15-Jan-17	pre-Annual Mtg 4-Mar-17	Annual Mtg 18-Mar-17	End of Year 31-Mar-17	2015/16		
<b>REVENUE</b>								<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Δ*</b>
Dues	\$ 990.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00				\$1,370	\$ 670	\$ 700
Fees								\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations								\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annual Meeting 2017						\$ 300.00		\$ 300	\$ 840	\$ (540)
Unfunded								\$ -	\$ 640	\$ (640)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 990.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$1,670</b>	<b>\$2,150</b>	<b>\$ (480)</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>											
Office	Printing							\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Postage							\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Supplies							\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Gifts		\$ 52.98						\$ 53	\$ 25	\$ (28)	
Committees	Board							\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	
	Website	\$ 109.94						\$ 110	\$ 200	\$ 90	
	other							\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Scholarship								\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300	
Dues	NOA							\$ -	\$ 35	\$ 35	
President's Travel						\$ 500.00		\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	
2016 Convention Delegates		\$ 250.00						\$ 250	\$ -	\$ (250)	
Annual Meeting 2017								\$ -	\$ 840	\$ 840	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 412.92</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 913</b>	<b>\$2,150</b>	<b>\$ 1,237</b>	

\*positive is desirable

<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ 990.00</b>	<b>\$ (352.92)</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ (200.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
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Checking Account	\$ 4,712.08	\$ 5,702.08	\$ 5,349.16	\$ 5,509.16	\$ 5,669.16	\$ 5,469.16				
Columbia Growth Fund	\$ 4,852.20	\$ 4,852.20	\$ 5,168.75	\$ 5,168.75	\$ 5,168.75	\$ 5,104.97				
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 9,564.28</b>	<b>\$ 10,554.28</b>	<b>\$ 10,517.91</b>	<b>\$ 10,677.91</b>	<b>\$ 10,837.91</b>	<b>\$ 10,574.13</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			

Tad Davis, Treasurer  
3/6/2017