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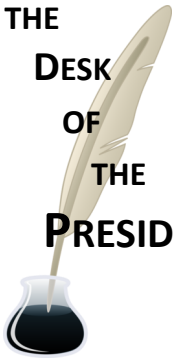
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**FROM**

**THE  
DESK  
OF  
THE  
PRESIDENT**



I am pleased and honored to take on the presidency of the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians for the second time. Thank you for your confidence in me.

We face many challenges because we are such a small association, with very few credentialed members. On the flip side, we have many opportunities. Our services are needed now, more than ever. Civil discourse has become frayed. Without a set of rules that allow people to be heard and to protect the rights of the minority, people are merely talking across each other.

My goals for this biennium are to address some of

these issues by:

- Establishing a new unit around the needs of political parties.
- Do training for our partner youth organizations for their parliamentary procedure competitive teams.
- Having a public workshop in conjunction with OAP's annual meeting in 2019.
- Assisting more of our members to gain their credentialed status.

Obviously, these goals cannot be attained without every member's assistance. I would love to hear from any member who would like to work on any one of these projects. With your help, I am looking forward to a successful biennium.

Alice Bartelt, OAP President

## Next OAP Board Meeting

TBA

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/>

## UNIT REPORTS

### Rose City Unit

Rose City Unit has two more unit meetings before we have our summer break. Our next meeting is on Friday, April 27th. Our annual meeting is one week later on Friday, May 4th. We will be electing officers at our annual meeting this year. We meet in the Rose Garden conference room at Lloyd Corporate Plaza, 919 NE 19th Ave., 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.

Our members continue to study for and take the National Association of Parliamentarians Registered Parliamentarian exam. In April we still study for part 1 and in May we will take part 1. Our members will continue to study and take the remaining parts of the exam over the summer, finishing the exam in September.

Jeff Weston, President

### Tualatin Valley Unit

For TV Unit the incoming officers are:  
Wyn Bowler, president  
Beth McQueston, secretary  
Shirley Holmes, treasurer

Wyn Bowler, President

### Congratulations to Oregon Association of Parliamentarians 2018-2020 Elected Officers

President Alice Bartelt  
Vice President Elaine Carlson  
Secretary Teresa Stone  
Treasurer Beverly Przybylski

Deadline for articles in the August  
issue of *The Oregon Agenda* is  
August 6, 2018

Email articles to [OAP Editor](#)

### OAP Members Elected to the Nominating Committee at the 2018 Annual Meeting

Wyn Bowler, Tualatin Valley Unit  
Tad Davis, Mount Hood Unit  
Shirley Holmes, Rose City Unit  
CJ Inman, PRP, MAL (alternate)

Tad Davis will serve as chair.

Shirley Holmes

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## DECORUM IN DEBATE

### ALICE BARTELT PRP, OAP PRESIDENT

In today's contentious world, keeping meetings respectful, while producing results can be a daunting task. One of the most important aspects in having a successful meeting is to observe decorum when carrying on debate. There are some basic principles that should be used in keeping a meeting moving smoothly and in an orderly manner.

**Confining remarks to the merits of the pending question.** The member's remarks must be limited to the question before the assembly.

**Refraining from attacking a member's motives.** The motion, not the member, is the subject of the debate.

**Addressing all remarks through the chair.** Members of an assembly cannot address one another directly. It is not appropriate to ask a question of a member directly or to address debate directly to another debate.

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**Avoiding the use of members names.** It is better to describe a member in some other way, such as “the delegate from Washington County” or “the delegate at microphone 1.” Officers should always be addressed by their titles.

**Refraining from speaking adversely about a prior action not pending.** If the member disagrees with such an action, they may make a motion to reconsider, rescind or amend something previously adopted, or give notice of such a motion.

**Refraining from speaking against one’s own motion.** This might become an issue if the member is a committee chair, and the committee wishes to place a motion before the assembly. In that case, the chair should ask another member of the committee to make the motion in order for the chair to be able to speak against it.

**Reading from reports, quotations, etc. only without objection or with permission.** If any member objects, the member has no right to read from any paper or book as part of their debate. The member would need permission from the assembly to do so.

**Being seated during an interruption by the chair.** At any time that the presiding officer rises to make a ruling, give information or otherwise speak, the member should be seated, or move back from the microphone until the chair has concluded their remarks. When the chair is finished, the member may resume their debate.

**Refraining from disturbing the assembly.** During debate, during remarks by the chair to the assembly and during voting, no member should be permitted to disturb the assembly by whispering, walking across the floor, or in any other way. The issue is that such activity does not disturb the meeting or hamper the transaction of business.

*RONR*, 11th ed., pp. 392 - 394.



Pictured below are the 12 members who attended the 50th annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians. Our special guest attending was Kevin Connelly, District VII Director and NAP National Secretary. Kevin is also an affiliate member of OAP.



Pictured above from the left are the newly elected OAP officers for 2018-2020:

Beverly Przybylski, Treasurer  
Teresa Stone, Secretary  
Elaine Carlson, Vice President  
Alice Bartelt, President

Kevin Connelly, District VII Director and NAP Secretary performed the installation ceremony.