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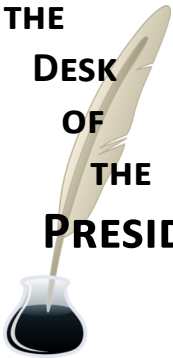
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FROM

**THE
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live, so I checked out the monthly list the president and treasurer receive from NAP. I would like to share it with you.

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| Portland – 10 | Albany – 4 |
| Gresham – 1 | Salem – 2 |
| Milwaukie – 1 | White City – 1 |
| Lake Oswego – 1 | Medford – 2 |
| Beaverton – 3 | Astoria – 3 |
| Hillsboro – 2 | Warrenton – 1 |
| Cornelius – 2 | Eugene – 1 |
| Vancouver, WA – 1 | Bend – 1 |
| Battle Ground, WA – 1 | Pendleton – 1 |

The most important news of the decade is the debut of the newest RONR and RONRIB. I saw a few OAP members in the on-line audience during the National Association of Parliamentarians Training Conference while we listened attentively to what the authors had to say about the updates. Overall, not many major changes to content, mainly clarification where it was needed. I certainly like the new font type and larger text. In this issue, our vice president shares an update that he found relevant in the 12th. What have you found in the 12th edition that is of particular interest to you? Send me an email and I will share it in the next issue of *The Oregon Agenda*.

The Rose City Unit was the only unit that didn't actually meet during the summer. Mt Hood has transitioned to an electronic unit, meeting all year, as does Cascadia. Tualatin Valley Unit continued education during the summer. Meetings have now resumed for the Rose City unit which has been able to meet without disruption since the bylaws allow for virtual meetings.

Our district director held another social for District 7. I had a conflict, but Vice President Larry Taylor was able to attend. He has submitted an article about remote monitoring, a topic he learned about during the event.

I've been curious where our members work and/or

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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>

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If you're a PRP who is coming up for a renewal, or an RP looking to get your PRP, you might want to look into the new four-day on-line courses. I served as monitor/tech support for the first one, held at the end of August, and I think it went well. Check with NAP headquarters about the next one. Of course the individual modules are still an option for renewal.

The Washington State Association of Parliamentarians held their annual meeting last month. Originally scheduled for the end of March, COVID-19 changed that. The meeting last month was an adjourned meeting. I'm pleased to say that I was re-elected to the board as MAL representative. Should I mention that no one else ran? Nah.

Fall is here now. Stay well.

Beverly Przybylski, OAP President

SAVE THE DATE

OAP Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 13, 2021

Deadline for articles in the next issue of ***The Oregon Agenda*** is January 31, 2021.

Email articles to [OAP Editor](#)

The next issue will include the call to the annual meeting and registration form, and any proposed amendments to the bylaws.

HELP NEEDED BOARD VACANCIES

Secretary
Website Committee
Publicity/Public Relations Committee

UNIT REPORTS

Cascadia eUnit is pleased to announce that Drew Mackenzie passed the NAP membership exam, becoming our newest youth member. Drew is leading a group of college students who we hope will also become members. He is also ready to embark on the journey to become a Registered Parliamentarian.

Cascadia also just signed up its first student from Sunset High School in Beaverton. Says Dillon, "I am very interested in politics and thus parliamentary law. I have always been interested in rules and procedures since I was young." Dillon is in the process of registering for the NAP membership exam.

Cascadia reviewed the differences between the 11th and 12th editions of RONR at its September meeting. The October meeting will focus on elections, and the November meeting will be on conventions.

Larry Taylor, President

After having educational meetings during the summer, in September **Tualatin Valley Unit** started having regular meetings again. We are still using Zoom. In September, we discussed the changes in RONR 12th edition. We also continue to discuss parliamentary situations that the members have encountered. We extend our thanks to Alice Bartelt for setting up our Zoom meetings and leading the September education.

Wyn Bowler, President

OAP BYLAWS AMENDMENTS BY JEFF WESTON, CHAIR BYLAWS/PROCEDURE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Per OAP Bylaws Article XIII: Amendments:
Amendments to the OAP bylaws must be submitted to the bylaws/procedure manual committee chair no later than November 30. Please submit any proposed amendments to: jjweston@gmail.com.

WHO CAN CALL A COMMITTEE MEETING?
BY LARRY TAYLOR, PRP, OAP VICE-PRESIDENT

The 12th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* clarifies areas of ambiguity that existed in the 11th edition. One such area was around who could call committee meetings. Some interpretations conflated the first and second sentences, stating that two members may call the first meeting only.

The 11th edition stated:

COMMITTEE MEETINGS. When a committee has been appointed, its chairman (or first-named member temporarily acting—see p. 176) should call it together. If its chairman fails to call a meeting, the committee must meet on the call of any two of its members, unless (for very large committees) the assembly's rules prescribe, or empower the assembly or the committee to require, a larger number. It is the responsibility of the person or persons calling a committee meeting to ensure that reasonable notice of its time and place is sent to every committee member.*

The 12th edition clarifies the language for who can call a committee meeting, stating:

Committee Meetings. When a committee has been appointed, its chairman (or first-named member temporarily acting—see 13:18) should call it together. If some members of the committee believe that the chairman has failed to call this initial meeting or any subsequent meeting when necessary, a meeting of the committee may be called by any two of its members, unless (such as for very large committees) the assembly's rules or instructions prescribe, or empower the committee itself to require, a larger number. It is the responsibility of the person or persons calling a committee meeting to ensure that reasonable notice of its time and place is sent to every committee member.

This clarification isn't surprising, since it is in line with the basic principles of democracy and is consistent with what General Robert stated in his book *Parliamentary Law*. No committee should be subjected to the tyranny of a committee chair - especially one who is appointed (rather than elected) by the president.

OAP HISTORY

BY TERESA STONE PRP CP-T, OAP HISTORIAN

I have written the history of the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA), had a book published, "Poems From the Heart of Nursing," chronicling poems from 1902-1960, and my personal family history (On a dark and stormy night....). Now, President Przybylski has appointed me as the OAP historian. This article is the first installment in a series and it starts out pretty slowwww.... So be forewarned – if you do not want to be caught up in this on-going saga, please skip it! – Teresa Stone PRP CP-T

HISTORY OF THE OREGON ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

Alice Pohl PRP

Rita Robedeau PRP

Teresa Stone PRP

1953

With five members, the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) was founded in October 1930 in Kansas City, MO. Incorporated in 1933 with nineteen members, NAP is the oldest and largest nonprofit parliamentary organization in the world. With the interest in parliamentary procedure growing in the state of Oregon, the

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VIRTUAL MONITORING GUIDELINES BY LARRY TAYLOR, PRP, OAP VICE-PRESIDENT

NAP has developed guidelines for remote monitoring exams. Highlights of the requirements include:

- Remote monitoring must be approved in advance by the Membership and Registration Examiners Committee
- The test can only be the online exam format
- The test applicant will be monitored and recorded with a second device which observes the taking of the exam
- The test can be for one applicant at a time
- The test can be for either membership or RP exams
- Read the full set of guidelines at this URL:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ROirabF5DIuB_ULKqHwe8AB3QsPDZ5Jg/view?usp=sharing

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Salem Unit of NAP was chartered in 1953, with Mrs. Wooten, president. Mrs. Harry Sappenfield of Salem became the first Registered Parliamentarian (RP) in Oregon.

1954

In 1954, the Chemeketa Unit, also in the Salem area, was chartered with Mrs. Howard Hunsaker as president. There is no record of the number of charter members for either the Salem or the Chemeketa units.

1955

This year, Eleanor Cummings was the parliamentarian for the Portland Federation of Women's Organizations. In August, she sent flyers to all of the participating club presidents announcing a ten-week course on parliamentary procedure, to be held in the Multnomah County Library in downtown Portland.

1959

Winifred Pettyjohn of Salem was appointed by NAP to a two-year term as the Oregon State Chair, with Zelpha Van Horn of Portland, Vice-Chair. Through the efforts of Zelpha Van Horn, a study group was organized in the Portland area for those interested in parliamentary procedure, with weekly meetings held in her home. There were about thirty students in the first class. In addition to the student's purchase of *Robert's Rules of Order* there was a fee of twenty dollars for the twenty-hour course. Winifred Pettyjohn presented purposes and requirements for membership in the NAP and at the end of the course the students completed the NAP membership application and paid their initial NAP annual dues. All those that received their membership cards met to organize a unit. Dorothea Anderson was elected to be the temporary chair. A vote was taken that the members divide into two groups, one to meet in the evenings and the other to meet during the day. Therefore, the Barlow Unit was organized to meet in the evenings and the Kapka Unit during the day. The Barlow Unit held its first meeting on December 9, 1959 and organized officially in January 1960 with seventeen members. Ellen Bass was the first president. Barlow charter members were: Dorothea Anderson, Audrey Barry, Ellen Bass, Helen Cosner, Constance Fox, Beatrice Haynes, Evelyn Kriedman, John Matthews, Fred. E. Miller, Alice N. Pohl, Pat Ramsey, Helen Raymond, Naomi Stroup, Irene Taylor, Jane Vogland, and Helen White. The Kapka Unit held its first meeting in December of 1959 and was formally organized with eleven members on January 16, 1960 with Lillian Brecken serving as the first president. Charter members were: Lillian Brecken, Zylpha Burns, Wilma Langley, Marjorie Lindvall, Betty Mage, Ruth Miller, Mary Porter, Nadine Rich, Dora Royce, Betty Sittel and Zelpha Van Horn.

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