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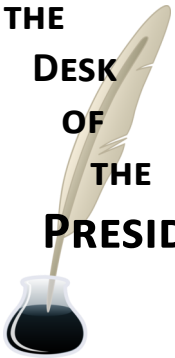
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FROM

**THE
DESK
OF
THE
PRESIDENT**



With the assistance of several members, the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians held the annual meeting last month both in-person and electronically; let me explain. At the time of the meeting, the OAP bylaws only authorized in-person meetings, which is the default in *RONR*. With the trust of OAP members, four OAP officers from three units (which satisfied quorum), met in a parking lot on a chilly Saturday morning to quickly adopt a bylaw amendment to authorize electronic meetings. Having done that we set an adjourned electronic meeting for later that day and adjourned. This is essentially the same advice I've been giving my clients who are not incorporated and who want to amend their bylaws in order to have valid electronic meetings. It works, but there must be trust.

The rest of the meeting that day went without any major difficulties. We appreciate the NAP update given by NAP Vice President Wanda Sims. She also presented a workshop as did long-time and reliable OAP educators, Teresa Stone and Alice Bartelt. We adopted several bylaws amendments, and then authorized the bylaws committee to undertake a revision of the bylaws. All-in-all, we accomplished all the business that needed to be done.

Most of you know by now that we lost long-time member Laretta Slaughter. She joined NAP in July 1979 and was a member of the Tualatin Valley Unit, an affiliate of the Rose City Unit, and served twice as president of OAP. She will be missed. As will Shirley Holmes, RP-R, who decided to retire from NAP. Shirley joined NAP in March 1997 and was a member of the Rose City Unit, where she served in most, if not all, officer positions, and filled many other roles.

During the most recent NAP renewal period we lost six additional members. Member-at-Large Pamela Briggs; Cascadia E-Unit Keri Capen and Rebecca Wolfersberger; Rose City Unit Tina Penman, RP; and Tualatin Valley Unit Robert Bosch and Jeremy Likens, RP. We are a small association so the loss of so many

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members is a major blow. I have requested our unit presidents to reach out to these members.

On a more uplifting note, the monthly (or twice-monthly) on-line educational programs under the guidance of Education Committee chair Larry Taylor are going strong. Alice Bartelt has been giving a lot of energy to these workshops since she has been the only instructor so far. I have agreed to present workshops in May and June. Please send Larry an email at Lawrence_d_taylor@yahoo.com and volunteer to present a workshop.

I can't stress how important publicity is to successful workshops and possibly an increase in membership. We really need a Publicity/Public Relations chair and a webmaster. Please help out.

The 2021 annual OAP yearbook/directory is being updated with the changes in members, officers, and bylaws. It is my intention to send out by the end of the month.

Spring and sunshine are here! Enjoy this lovely time of the year.

Beverly Przybylski, OAP President



HELP NEEDED!!

Publicity/Public Relations Committee—Promote OAP activities, including and educational workshops. Work closely with the Education Committee and board. Prepare information/publicity releases to be sent to a variety of media sources.

Website Committee—Maintain and update the OAP website on an on-going basis. Ensure the OAP domain name is annually renewed. Work with the finance committee and board.

Contact the President at beverlyp9@comcast.net

2022 BYLAWS REVISION

During the 2021 annual meeting members authorized the Bylaws/Procedure Manual Committee to prepare a revision to our bylaws for our 2022 annual meeting. This is a larger project than proposing bylaws amendments and we are looking for volunteers to help us. You can either join us as a committee member or join us at one of our committee meetings to provide feedback about our bylaws. Either way, let me know if you're interested!

Jeff Weston, Chair
Bylaws/Procedure Manual Committee
jjweston@gmail.com

OAP SPRING CLASS OFFERINGS LARRY TAYLOR, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Three classes that may be of interest to members.

April 10 - **Elements of Successful Electronic Meetings.** This presentation will cover the considerations that must be made in conducting an electronic meeting. It will include the platforms that are available. It will also cover the parliamentary issues that must be considered.

May 23 - **Where's the Agenda? (Where's the beef?)** This workshop will look at the usual order of business (the beef), and all the condiments, such as the purpose of and differences of a tentative agenda and an adopted agenda, how to change the agenda, how to take up an item out of order or assign items to a specific time, and if the meeting gets off track, how to get back to the agenda. These topics and more will be a part of this workshop.

June 13 - **How to Say It - Practice Making, Stating, and Amending Motions.** This is a participation-level workshop in which all attendees will practice saying and stating a variety of motions. Part 1 is on main motions and Part 2 is on amendments. The workshop concludes with a Q&A.

Registration and details for all of the classes is on the OAP website OREGONAP.ORG. OAP members are entitled to a 20% discount. There is a limit of ten students for the class on motions **How to Say It.**

OAP HISTORY
BY TERESA STONE PRP CP-T, OAP HISTORIAN

This is the third installment in, *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the OAP, But Never Gave It a Thought to Ask*. Enjoy.....

1969

The first Annual Convention of the Oregon State Association of Parliamentarians was held on April 12, 1969 in the Lewelling Friendship Room, of the Portland Federal Savings and Loan, Milwaukie, Oregon. President Robedeau, presiding. Hosts were the Lewelling and Oregon City Units, Esther Barker was the chairman. The Registration and Credentials Committee, Naomi McFarling, Bertha Hall O'Shea and Audry Barry processed the attendees.

Josephine Kolb, District Seven Director, presented to the Association the NAP Charter dated February 12, 1969, signed by Mrs. Allen H. Dawson, NAP President. The name on the Charter - the Oregon State Association of Parliamentarians. Blanche Wilkinson, NAP First Vice-President was also present on this auspicious occasion. Officers elected were Rita Robedeau, President; Bonnie Sloan, Vice-President; and Bertha Hall O'Shea, Secretary/Treasurer. It was at this convention the state publication was dubbed the unofficial name, "*The Oregon Parliamentarian*."

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UNIT REPORT

Cascadia eUnit currently has six regular members, five affiliate members, seven provisional members, and fourteen prospective members.

Recent programs included NAP Secretary Kevin Connelly, who gave an excellent presentation on writing meeting minutes. Current programs are focusing on the questions asked in the membership exam. The April meeting will be on questions related to handling motions, and the May meeting will be on questions related to subsidiary motions.

Officer elections will occur at the April meeting.

Larry Taylor, President

Deadline for articles in the next issue of ***The Oregon Agenda*** is August 15, 2021.

Email articles to [OAP Editor](#)

CALLING THE QUESTION:

ABUSE, MOTION NUANCES AND REMEDIATION
BY LARRY TAYLOR, PRP, OAP VICE-PRESIDENT

One of the most weaponized rules in the parliamentary toolkit is ***Calling the Question*** or ***Previous Question***.

A common scenario goes like this:

a group is engaged in debate.

someone calls out "Question!"

the presiding officer announces that debate is ended and proceeds with taking a vote.

Characteristics of the subsidiary motion ***Previous Question***. §16

Previous Question is the seventh of the thirteen ranking motions. It takes precedence over all debatable or amendable motions to which it is applied, and over the subsidiary motion to Limit or Extend Limits of Debate; and, if adopted, it supersedes the effect of an unexhausted order limiting or extending debate, with respect to the motions to which it is applied. It yields to the subsidiary motion to Lay on the Table, to all privileged motions,

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and to all applicable incidental motions. Additionally:

- It is out of order when another has the floor.
- It must be seconded.
- It is not debatable.
- It is not amendable. However, it has a special characteristic that permits an effect similar to amendment when the motion is applied while a series of questions is pending.

The right to speak in debate is one of the four basic rights of members. The assembly may, by a two-thirds vote, end debate (assuming no superseding rules in the bylaws).

- In the scenario cited above, the abuses include:
- a member interrupted another who was speaking.
 - No second was voiced.
 - The presiding officer allowed someone to speak before being recognized.
 - The presiding officer failed to call for a vote before ending debate.
 - The presiding officer violated the rules by announcing that debate was ended.

Motion Nuances

If there were other motions in addition to the main motion, the person making the **Previous Question** motion can specify if ending debate is proposed for the immediately pending motion (such as Refer to a committee), the immediate and next motion or motions (such as refer and amend), or to all the pending motions. A good presiding officer would ask for clarification on the intentions of the maker of the motion, since they might be unaware of the options available to them.

Remediation

What can you do if you are a member and the presiding officer ended debate without calling for a vote? The key motion to remember is **Point of Order**, described in §23.

Point of Order is the incidental motion that is used when a member thinks that the rules of the assembly are being violated.

It is:

- in order when another has the floor, even interrupting a person speaking or reading a report if the point genuinely requires attention at such a time.
- does not require a second.
- not debatable.
- not amendable.
- normally ruled upon by the chair.
- Cannot be reconsidered.

The motion **Raising a Point of Order** must be raised at the time the breach occurs, but as noted above is an interruptible motion.

The motion **Previous Question** first appeared in Parliament in 1604, although it had a different meaning. This motion exists in Robert’s Rules of Order and Mason’s Manual. The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure does not have **Previous Question**, but does have the motions to close debate, to vote immediately, and to close debate and vote immediately.

Chapter 16 of Robert’s Rules describes the motion and is well worth reading in its entirety. Note that under Robert’s Rules of Order, the motion Previous Question cannot be used in committees.

OAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, May 28, 2021, 1:00 p.m.



Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdOG0qj0qHNX5eiHhtRuq0019zCZ9DNNu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

ALL OAP members are welcome

The registered members of the Barlow Unit conducted the first OSAP Institute in October, 1969.

1970

The second Annual OSAP Convention was held April 11, 1970 at the Keg and Platter Restaurant in Salem. The chairman of the convention was Bonnie Sloan with the Salem Unit as host. There were no elections of officers since the bylaws stated that officers were elected in uneven years and serve for two years. Alva Sawin, District 7 Director was in attendance. The second OSAP Institute was held at the Red Coach Inn, Milwaukie, Oregon, on October 17, 1970.

The Barlow Unit celebrated its 10th anniversary on November 4, 1970 at the Irelands Restaurant in Portland.

1971

The third annual OAP Convention was held at the Sweet Brier Inn, Tualatin, on April 24, 1971. The chairman of the convention was Ron Ragsdale and the host unit was Barlow. Officers elected were: Bonnie Sloan, President; Florence Spicer, First Vice-President; Anna Stern, Second Vice-President; Bertha Hall O'Shea, Treasurer. Mrs. Fredrick Norman, NAP Fourth Vice-President was the national representative, and installed the new officers. Guest speaker was Lloyd E. Anderson, Commissioner of Public Works, City of Portland.

To Be Continued...

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS ADOPTED AT 2021 ANNUAL MEETING BY JEFF WESTON, CHAIR, BYLAWS/PROCEDURE MANUAL COMMITTEE

The following amendments to the OAP bylaws were adopted during our 2021 annual meeting:

- Authorize Electronic Association Meetings
To amend **Article VII: Meetings** by adding a new section as follows:
Section 3. Electronic Meetings. "OAP annual and special meetings are authorized to meet by telephone conference call or through other electronic communications media so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting."
- Authorize Electronic Executive Committee Meetings
To amend **Article IX: Executive Committee** by adding a new **Section 6. Electronic Meetings**, "The executive committee is authorized to meet by telephone conference call or through other electronic communications media so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting."
- Fix Affiliate Members
To amend **Article III: Divisions/Members, Section 2. Members** by striking all of Subsection A and substituting, "[Subsection] A. **Unit Members.** A unit member is one who has met the qualifications for NAP and OAP membership. A unit member is qualified to serve as a delegate to the NAP Conventions, according to Article VII, Section 1. H."

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- To amend **Article III: Divisions/Members, Section 2. Members** by inserting between Subsection B. **Members-at-Large** and Subsection C. **Full-Time Students**, “[Subsection] C. **Affiliate Members**. Affiliate Members shall be NAP members whose primary membership is in another association, but who choose to also be members of OAP. Such members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership in OAP,” and re-order the subsequent subsections accordingly.
- Authorize Technical and Conforming Changes
To amend **Article X: Committees, Section 3. Duties of Standing Committees, B. The Bylaws/Procedure Manual Committee**, by adding a new Subsection B.2.e, “[May] Correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the association in connection with amendments made to OAP bylaws, the procedure manual, OAP standing rules, and board of directors standing rules.”
- Remove Mention of For-Profit Activities
To amend **Article IV: Dues, Fees, and Finances, Section 2. Fees** by striking the words, “for-profit.”
- Allow Annual Meeting to be Run at a Loss
To amend **Article VII: Meetings, Section 1. Annual Meetings**, Subsection F. **Registration Fees/Other**, by striking, “Fees shall be calculated so that income exceeds expenses.”
- Remove Mention of Member Resignation
To amend **Article III: Divisions/Members**, by striking **Section 5. Resignation**, and renumbering the subsequent section.
- Update “Chairman” to “Chair” and “Chairmen” to “Chairs”
To amend the OAP bylaws by striking all occurrences of the word “chairman” and inserting “chair,” and by striking all occurrences of the word “chairmen” and inserting “chairs.”

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WANDA SIMS, PRP, FOR NAP PRESIDENT

Whereas, Wanda Sims, PRP, has been a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) since 2008; and

Whereas, Wanda served as NAP Treasurer for two terms, 2015-2017 and 2017-2019; and

Whereas, Wanda was elected as NAP Vice-President at the 2019 NAP Convention and continues to serve admirably in that position; and

Whereas, Wanda is a primary member of the Florida State Association of Parliamentarians and a Past President of the McCaskill Unit; and

Whereas, Wanda also is a member of the District of Columbia Association of Parliamentarians, the Maryland Association of Parliamentarians, the Green Gavel Electronic Unit, and the American Institute of Parliamentarians; and

Whereas, Wanda served as the Assistant Workshop Coordinator for the 2015 NAP Biennial Convention and as the 2012 and 2014 NAP District 2 Conference Coordinator; and

Whereas, Wanda has experience serving as a parliamentarian and providing advice on parliamentary procedure, including meeting strategy, developing, revising, and amending bylaws, conducting parliamentary procedure workshops for local governments, civic organizations, and churches, overseeing elections, training presiding

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officers, boards, and committees, preparing meeting scripts, and analyzing unique and complex matters; and Whereas, Wanda has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, and a master's degree in organization development and human resources from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; and Whereas, Wanda is the Connectional Parliamentarian for the Women's Missionary Society and Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a legacy life member of the National Council of Negro Women, and a life member of the National League of American Pen Women; and

Whereas, Wanda meets all criteria for election to the office of NAP President, and is eminently qualified to serve in that position;

Resolved, That the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians endorses and enthusiastically supports Wanda Sims, PRP, for election to the office of President of the National Association of Parliamentarians;

Resolved, That the OAP secretary provide Wanda with a copy of this resolution; and

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be published in the next issue of *The Oregon Agenda*.

Adopted March 13, 2021

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KEVIN CONNELLY, PRP, CP, FOR NAP VICE-PRESIDENT

Whereas, Kevin Connelly, PRP, CP, has been a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) and the Washington State Association of Parliamentarians (WSAP) since July 31, 2000; and

Whereas, Kevin is a member of the EastSide Parliamentary Law Unit, the Evergreen Research Parliamentary Law Unit, and the Point of Order Parliamentary Law Unit; and

Whereas, Kevin is an affiliate member of the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians and the Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians; and

Whereas, Kevin is a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians and is credentialed by that organization as a Certified Parliamentarian; and

Whereas, Kevin served as WSAP President for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 terms; and

Whereas, Kevin served as NAP District 7 Director for the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 biennia; and

Whereas, Kevin served as a District Director representative to the NAP Board of Directors for the 2015-2017 biennium; and

Whereas, Kevin served as NAP Secretary for the 2015-2017 biennium and continues to serve in that position for the current biennium; and

Whereas, Kevin has served as WSAP Youth Committee Chairman since 2008; and

Whereas, Kevin has served in numerous other positions in NAP and WSAP; and

Whereas, Kevin was designated as the 2020 Businessperson of the Year by the Washington Future Business Leaders of America; and

Whereas, Kevin meets all criteria for election to the office of NAP Vice-President, and is eminently qualified to serve in that position;

Resolved, That the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians endorses and enthusiastically supports Kevin Connelly, PRP, CP, for election to the office of Vice-President of the National Association of Parliamentarians;

Resolved, That the OAP secretary provide Kevin with a copy of this resolution; and

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be published in the next issue of *The Oregon Agenda*.

Adopted March 13, 2021