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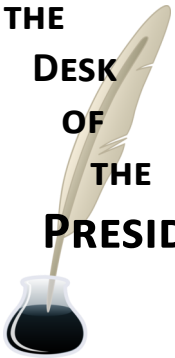
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FROM

**THE
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Since the last newsletter, OAP has gained four new members and one reinstatement. Jasmine White joined the Rose City Unit in April; Jayme Hafner joined as a member-at-large (MAL) in May; and Sherrie James and Kelly MacIntyre both joined as MALs in July. Welcome to you all! To our new MAL members, please consider joining a unit where you will find more educational opportunities. Contact information can be found on our website, listed below. We also welcome back to the Rose City Unit, Tina Penman, RP. Although Tina now lives in Sacramento, she has been attending our Zoom meetings. We now have 38 OAP members and two affiliate members.

Some of us attended the district meeting on the 21st. Although I was traveling, I signed up, figuring there shouldn't be any trouble attending on-line. But the Wi-Fi went out two days before the meeting and it didn't get reconnected until Saturday night. I couldn't believe my bad luck. I saw VP Alice Bartelt on the agenda and the district director told me that two other OAP members had registered. Afterwards, I saw an email from Director Keese which implied that she was re-elected. Congratulations to Yvette!! I will ask one or more of our OAP attendees to give a brief report on the district meeting at the OAP board meeting in October and possibly a brief article for the next *The Oregon Agenda*.

To all our members, including our new and returned members, please consider helping OAP on any of our committees. We are especially in need of a chair for Publicity/Public Relations and a webmaster. If you can help, please reach out to me. My email address is above.

As you know by now, Larry Taylor is no longer a member of NAP and with his departure we have lost the educational classes momentum. Education is coordinated by the OAP vice president, but it is the work of a committee. Offering parliamentary classes is an excellent way to gain members. Please help us.

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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

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As the summer winds down and fall approaches, I look forward to attending the NAP biennial meeting next month and electing new officers. I hope you will join me in support of Kevin Connelly who is running for the office of NAP vice president. Among his many accomplishments, Kevin is an affiliate member of OAP, he is currently serving his second term as NAP Secretary, and served as our district director a few years ago.

I also look forward to making another official visit to all the units this fall and winter. I'll be reaching out to the presidents soon to schedule that.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to see you soon at the NAP biennial meeting or at another parliamentary event.

Beverly Przybylski, OAP President

AN OPPORTUNITY TO RUN FOR A POSITION ON THE OAP BOARD ALICE BARTELT, PRP – NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

It is hard to believe that OAP members will be electing officers at our March 2022 Annual Meeting. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are open.

Briefly, the President serves as the chief administrative officer of the association. The Vice President's main role is to serve as the chair of both the Education and the Membership Committees. The Secretary is the chief recorder of the business of OAP. Finally, the Treasurer maintains accurate records of OAP funds. More duties for each of the offices are contained in the OAP Procedure Manual, which can be found on the [OAP web page](#).

The following prerequisites exist for the offices of President and the Vice-President. They each shall have served as an elected officer for one term or have served on the Board of Directors not less than one term or two years with an attendance record of not less than 50%. The requirement for the other two positions is that the person is a member of OAP.

If you are interested in serving in any of the offices, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: [Alice Bartelt, Chair](#); [Paul Belz-Templeman](#), or [Jeff Weston](#).

UNIT REPORT

The Tualatin Valley Unit has not been meeting this summer. We are looking forward to getting meeting again.

Wyn Bowler, President

Deadline for articles in the next issue of *The Oregon Agenda* is October 3, 2021.

Email articles to [OAP Editor](#)

**OAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
Monday, October 18, 2021,
4:00 p.m.**

ALL OAP members welcome. Registration information will be emailed later.

DON'T GET HUNG UP FOR A SECOND

RON HERBISON, PRP, OAP PARLIAMENTARIAN

One of the more direct and succinct answers in *Parliamentary Law* is No. 280 in the Question and Answer section which states:

Ques. If the chair puts a question to vote without its being seconded, and no objection is made at the time, does his failure to call for a second affect the legality of the action taken?

Ans. No.

Often we see presiding officers get hung up when a member raises the fact that a motion was not seconded after debate has begun on a motion or, worse yet, after a vote has been taken. Maybe the member is just a stickler for the rules and knows enough to be dangerous, or maybe the member is opposed to the matter and wants to derail its consideration. Regardless of the member's motivation we need to be able to advise our presiding officers on how to deal with this situation, and better yet, understand the meaning behind the advice we are giving.

The purpose of a second is "to prevent time from being consumed by the assembly's having to dispose of a motion that only one person wants to see introduced." (RONR 4:12). I am reminded of the jeers Sen. Peter Courtney received in 2001 (when I worked as staff in the Oregon legislative assembly) as he introduced bills to end self-service gas stations and increase the speed limit on the interstates in Oregon; bills he had introduced in each of the nine previous legislative sessions he served in prior.

RONR further states that "the requirement of a second is for the chair's guidance whether to state the question on the motion." (Id.) The chair, by stating the question places a question before the assembly; not the mere fact that a motion is made and seconded.

The reverse is true as well. The mere fact that a second is not provided does not preclude the chair from stating a question. There are several examples of where the requirement of a second is ignored such as

for routine motions, after debate has already begun, or a member has already voted. (Id. 4:13) A chair may even assume a motion when it is required to implement a committee recommendation when the matter is clear-cut, negating the first two steps of bringing a motion before the assembly. (Id. 51:12).

A chair may even dispose of a point of order that a second was not provided if it is clear that more than one member wishes to take up the motion. (Id. 4:13) I would posit that the chair, if a member of the assembly, could be that second member without affecting their impartiality as a "second merely implies that the seconder agrees that the motion should come before the meeting and not that [they] necessarily [favor] the motion." (Original emphasis) (Id. 4:10).

Seconds are also not required in small assemblies, boards, or committees (Id. 49:12, 50:25); or when a motion is made upon the recommendation of a committee of at least two members. (Id. 51:11).

Despite the protections provided by the second, RONR provides situations where a second is not required even though only one person may want to consider the question. Specifically suggestions for filling a blank and nominations do not require a second (Id. 12:96, 46:1, 6). However, if this special mechanism was not used, a second would be required to consider the proposed variables through a motion to amend.

My advice is to not seek out the second unless you hear the jeers. Use the tools above if a member insists on a second. If an assembly truly does not want to consider a question that is stated it can act swiftly enough through an Objection to the Consideration of the Question or non-dilatory motions to Limit Debate or the Previous Question to not waste the assembly's time. If these motions cannot be adopted swiftly, then perhaps more than one member wanted to consider the pending question after all.