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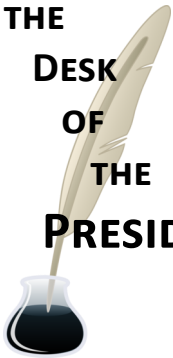
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**FROM
THE
DESK
OF
THE
PRESIDENT**



Here it is Fall and summer and the NAP biennial meeting are behind us and those units that break during the summer have started meeting again.

Our membership hasn't changed since our last newsletter—we're holding at 38. When your dues notice arrives, please renew your membership right away—don't let it lapse. You are a valuable member to NAP and OAP, but just as important, you are a valuable asset to the organizations where you share your skills and knowledge. They need you and we need you. Also, for those of you who are MAL, please consider transferring to a unit. It won't cost you more in dues, and actually may cost you less.

Speaking of needs, OAP is still looking for a volunteer to chair the Publicity/Public Relations Committee and to serve as webmaster. Two different positions. We also need a volunteer to work with our vice president to restart our series of on-line education. I don't know what your talents are, so I can't reach out directly to you. But you know if you can help us, so if you can, please reach out to me. My email address is above.

At our last OAP board meeting the directors approved an ad hoc committee to investigate directors and officers (D&O) insurance. Alice Bartelt, PRP (chair) and Patty Getchell, PRP-R serve on the committee. We look forward to their report at the board meeting this month.

During the upcoming OAP board meeting, directors will begin preliminary discussion of the next OAP annual meeting, which is only five months away! It is my hope that we can hold it in person. We generally have two-four educational topics presented, so if there is something specific you would like to see, please let me know.

Youth Committee Chair Beth McQueston and I are

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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

Deadline for articles in the next issue of *The Oregon Agenda* is January 30, 2022.

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.

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](#).

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

During our 2021 annual meeting our members authorized the Bylaws/Procedure Manual Committee to prepare a revision of our bylaws for our 2022 annual meeting.

We are looking for feedback from our members on this revision. You are welcome to provide feedback during our next committee meeting, which will be held via Zoom on October 13th at 6:00 PM. Email me to receive the details for joining our meeting. You may also send me your feedback via email. The deadline for feedback is November 30th.

My email address: jjweston@gmail.com

BYLAW REVISION

RON HERBISON, PRP, OAP PARLIAMENTARIAN

A favorite activity of a group of parliamentarians is to consider bylaw amendments. Considering a revision of the bylaws is like adding gold leaf to that already decadent dessert. OAP will be considering a revision to the bylaws at the next annual meeting. This article will explore the characteristics of a revision and the process used for its consideration.

A revision is a distinct form of bylaw amendment that seeks to replace the existing bylaws in its entirety and is primarily used when changes are “so extensive and general that they are scattered throughout.” (RONR 57:5). The question presented is, “to substitute these [proposed bylaws] for the existing bylaws. (PL, p. 371). The effect is to adopt entirely new bylaws.

A committee is tasked with drafting new bylaws and should review the existing bylaws, those of similar organizations, and related provisions of a superior authority. The committee should report their recommendations which is considered seriatim. The proposed bylaws may be adopted by the same vote required to amend the current bylaws. (RONR 57:3, 5-6).

When a committee is authorized to submit a revision, such authorization is sufficient notice that the committee may submit an entirely new set of bylaws. Members should be prepared for any kind of change. (PL, p. 371). The revision may be perfected by primary and secondary amendments without regard to the scope of the proposed changes presented as it would be with other bylaw amendments. (RONR 57:5). The entire nature or structure of the organization may be changed, notwithstanding applicable provisions of a superior authority.

While the revision is being perfected the current bylaws are not under consideration and may not be altered. A member who wishes to make an amendment to the existing bylaws while a revision is being proposed should be prepared to submit proposed amendments to the existing bylaws and to perfect the revision

while it is under consideration. Proposed amendments to make an isolated change or substitute portions of the current bylaws would be considered prior to the revision and would be subject to the scope of the changes contained therein. (RONR 57:3-4, 10-13).

All amendments which notice is given are entitled to be considered, even if a subsequent amendment seeks to alter or conflict with an amendment previously adopted. (PL, p. 371; RONR 57:6). This procedure does not violate normal parliamentary rules as it may appear as the revision presents an entirely new question and the proposed amendments would become effective immediately, thus becoming the new language to be amended. (RONR 57:7). If such an exception were not included, the organization could be prevented from considering more desirous language which may be outside the scope of the previously adopted bylaw amendment.

The revision becomes adopted immediately. However, as a revision may substantially alter the structure of the organization, provisos relating to transition, especially as related to officers, are frequently included. (RONR 56:15, 57:15-17).

A revision of the bylaws may be a wild ride as they are not subject to the scope of the changes proposed. Anything is on the table provided they do not conflict with provisions of a superior authority. If you have any questions or suggestions to the content of OAP’s upcoming revision please contact the chair of the Bylaws/Procedure Manual Committee, Jeff Weston, at jjweston@gmail.com. If you have any questions related to the consideration of a revision please feel free to contact me at ronald.herbison@gmail.com.

OAP HISTORY

BY TERESA STONE PRP CP-T, OAP HISTORIAN

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

The following is an excerpt from the OAP History, 1968, with the exception of listing the five units:

Over the past several years all of the five organizing units of the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians have been dissolved - the Barlow Unit, the Lewelling Unit, the Oregon City Unit, the Salem Unit and the Spencer Butte Unit. Yet, as we take note of the names of the units represented here today, we must not overlook the fact only one of the early units is still in existence. Although not a charter unit of OSAP, the Rose City Unit, organized in 1961, has stood like a rock in the ever-changing time and membership of the OAP.

Indeed, 2021 is a special year for the Rose City Unit,

celebrating 60 years of existence – 60 years! The charter was presented to Rose City Unit President Irene Taylor at a banquet held at the Benson Hotel on September 11, 1961. President Taylor was further honored to be designated one of five Registered Parliamentarians in the state, and was again honored to be named the second chairman by NAP of the Oregon State Association of Parliamentarians. Yes—the OAP was first known as OSAP, but in 1976 at the eighth Convention, to distinguish it from Oklahoma and Ohio, it was voted on to change the name to the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians.

So join me in honoring the Rose City Unit and their current president, Elaine Carlson. Who, by the way, is celebrating her OAP membership of 40 years—having become a member in 1981... longer than any other living OAP member.

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working with a Sunset High School student who is interested in forming a parliamentary club at his school. If you would like to help get this off the ground, please contact Beth at bethmcqueston@gmail.com.

I've begun scheduling "official visits" to all the units this year. I look forward to being a guest education presenter at an upcoming unit meeting.

Look for articles elsewhere in this newsletter about upcoming elections, the next meeting of the board of directors, and the proposed bylaws revision.

Beverly Przybylski, OAP President