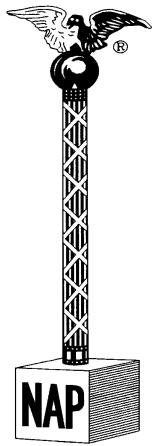


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CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION June 20, 2009 — 8:30 AM (registration)

The Object of OSAP shall be to promote and pursue the purposes and the educational programs of NAP; to study, teach, promote, and disseminate the fundamental principles and the philosophies of parliamentary law in the State of Oklahoma; and to bring into closer cooperation all parliamentarians in the State of Oklahoma.

OSAP Board meeting June 19, 7:00 PM — Wyndham Garden Hotel — All OSAP members are invited to attend.

Theme for 2008-2009: "Bridging the Divide—Your Oklahoma Connection to Better Meetings"

Visit the OSAP website at: www.OKparliamentarians.org

President's Message

Rod Davidson, PRP, OSAP President

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President this year. I appreciate the work of all of our officers and standing committee chairmen.

The annual convention this year will be held on Saturday, June 20 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel located at 2101 S. Meridian Avenue. A Board meeting will be held on June 19, same location, with dinner at a local restaurant following the meeting.

The Educational Workshop "**WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS**" will be held on Friday, June 19. The sessions on Friday cover interesting basic parliamentary topics that we all use at most of the meetings we attend. The Saturday afternoon workshops cover more advanced parliamentary topics. Ron Stinson, PRP, NAP Vice-President, will be presenting a workshop on "**Substitute for the Substitute.**" Craig Henry, PRP, will be presenting a workshop on "**Bring Back Motions,**" and Dr. Janet Wilson, PRP, will be presenting a workshop on "**Lay on the Table.**"

We are planning a great convention and great educational workshops, so mark your calendars for Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20.

ATTENTION: Unit Presidents

Last year we received a great response from the Board's recommendation that **each unit donate \$25 to help support the annual convention.** We hope each Unit will respond favorably again this year. You may send your checks made payable to "OSAP" to:

Jim Lawson, OSAP Treasurer
Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians
P.O. Box 60039
Oklahoma City, OK 73146-0039

Report of the Nominating Committee

by Barbara Benton, Chairman

The OSAP Nominating Committee presents the following list of nominees for 2009-2010.

President..... Rod Davidson, PRP, Sooner Unit
Vice-President... Jason Fields, Esq., Oil Capitol Unit
Secretary..... Gloria Counselman, Sooner Unit
Treasurer Jim Lawson, Will Rogers Unit

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at State Convention, June 20, 2009.

ATTENTION:

Unit Presidents, OSAP Officers, and
Standing Committee Chairmen

Please make copies of the workshop flyer and convention registration for your Provisional Members.

Members of the Convention Committee will be printing the materials for the convention notebooks. Please e-mail your written report to mdavidsonrp@msn.com no later than **June 10, 2009.**

HELP PROMOTE OSAP:

To generate interest in membership, the OSAP Board of Directors authorized the printing of 5,000 full-color brochures to highlight the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians, who we are and what we do, as well as unit meeting locations and times. A supply of these brochures has been distributed to each unit for distribution. If you need additional copies, please contact:

president@okparliamentarians.org

Chisholm Trail Unit

The Chisholm Trail Unit meets on the third Monday of the month, September through May at 7:00 p.m. at the Mabel C. Fry Library, 1200 Lakeshore Dr, Yukon. (405) 324-5481

Oklahoma City Unit

The Oklahoma City Unit meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Liberal Arts Building. (405) 384-1322

Great Plains Unit

The Great Plains Unit meets the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Southwest Oklahoma Blood Institute 211 S.W. A Ave, Lawton. (580) 353-6451

Sooner Unit

The Sooner Unit meets on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Belle Isle Library (downstairs meeting room), NW Expressway & Villa, Oklahoma City. The November/December, January, and April meetings are held at a local restaurant. (405) 524-8953

Green Country Unit

The Green Country Unit meets on the first Monday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Hardesty Library, 8316 E 93rd St, Tulsa. (918) 492-3424

Will Rogers Unit

The Will Rogers Unit meets on the fourth Monday of the month, November through May, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Meeting location in Oklahoma City varies. Call for time and place. (405) 524-1261

Oil Capital Unit

The Oil Capital Unit meets on the third Friday of the month, January through May and September through November from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa. (918) 746-5125

Education Committee

The **OSAP Education Committee** will have materials from NAP for sale at the workshop on June 19 and at the annual convention on June 20. Plan to stock up and save shipping costs on educational materials.

Gloria Counselman
Education Committee Chairman



Oklahoma State
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The Oklahoma Parliamentarian
Communications Committee
Mary Davidson, Chairman
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Report of the Bylaws committee:

After consideration of recommendations from the Board of Directors, Officers and members, the Bylaws Committee proposes the following Bylaw amendments:

ARTICLE V – DUES

SECTION 1 – DUES:

Amend by striking out the entire section and inserting a new section: “OSAP Annual dues shall be \$10.00.”

Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Wording, if adopted
The annual dues shall be paid as follows: A. Regular members.....\$6.00 B. Member-at-large\$8.00	The annual dues shall be paid as follows:— A. Regular members.....\$6.00 B. Member-at-large.....\$8.00 OSAP Annual dues shall be \$10.00.	OSAP Annual dues shall be \$10.00.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 – NOMINATIONS:

Amend by inserting the words: “videoconference, teleconference (phone), or” after the word “by”

Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Wording, if adopted
E. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate at least one candidate for each elective office to be filled at the next annual meeting. A majority vote by ballot shall constitute the ticket. The Nominating Committee may vote by mail (defined as surface mail, e-mail or fax).	E. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate at least one candidate for each elective office to be filled at the next annual meeting. A majority vote by ballot shall constitute the ticket. The Nominating Committee may vote by videoconference, teleconference (phone), or mail (defined as surface mail, e-mail or fax).	E. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate at least one candidate for each elective office to be filled at the next annual meeting. A majority vote by ballot shall constitute the ticket. The Nominating Committee may vote by videoconference, teleconference (phone), or mail (defined as surface mail, e-mail or fax).

ARTICLE IX – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 – COMPOSITION:

Amend by striking the words: “the Immediate Past President,”

Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Wording, if adopted
The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers, the Immediate Past President, and the chairmen of standing committees of OSAP.	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers, the Immediate Past President, and the chairmen of standing committees of OSAP.	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers, and the chairmen of standing committees of OSAP.

ARTICLE X – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 – COMPOSITION:

Amend by striking the words: “and the Immediate Past President”

Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Wording, if adopted
The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected and the appointed officers and the Immediate Past President of OSAP.	The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected and the appointed officers and the Immediate Past President of OSAP.	The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected and the appointed officers of OSAP.

ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 2 – DUTIES, Subsection H. Yearbook Committee:

Amend by striking out paragraph 4 and renumbering subsequent paragraph:

Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Wording, if adopted
<p>H. The Yearbook Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a narrative account for the annual convention of OSAP activities during the current administration, subject to the approval of the Board of directors, as the official history of OSAP; 2. Prepare a book of press releases and photographs; 3. Compile an annual yearbook for display at the OSAP convention; 4. Distribute a membership directory to each members no later than May 30th; and 5. Distribute updated bylaws pages to members annually. 	<p>H. The Yearbook Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a narrative account for the annual convention of OSAP activities during the current administration, subject to the approval of the Board of directors, as the official history of OSAP; 2. Prepare a book of press releases and photographs; 3. Compile an annual yearbook for display at the OSAP convention; 4. Distribute a membership directory to each members no later than May 30th; and 5.4. Distribute updated bylaws pages to members annually. 	<p>H. The Yearbook Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a narrative account for the annual convention of OSAP activities during the current administration, subject to the approval of the Board of directors, as the official history of OSAP; 2. Prepare a book of press releases and photographs; 3. Compile an annual yearbook for display at the OSAP convention; and 4. Distribute updated bylaws pages to members annually.

W. Craig Henry PRP
Chairman Bylaws Committee

BIOGRAPHIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICE

NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT

Rod G. Davidson is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) and a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, and the American Institute of Parliamentarians. He served as Vice-President of OSAP in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 and as the Parliamentarian in 2005-2006. He is currently serving as the OSAP President. He has served in the past as an OSAP board member in the capacity of Communications Committee Chairman, Nominations Committee Chairman, Convention Committee Chairman, and is a member of the Education Committee. He has served as Treasurer and Vice-President of the Sooner Unit and is the immediate past President of the Sooner Unit.

Rod received his B.S. degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Oklahoma, graduating with Highest Honors from the OU Honors Program. He owns and maintains several websites devoted to *Robert's Rules of Order* and parliamentary procedure, including www.rulesonline.com and www.parlpro.org

NOMINEE FOR TREASURER

James K. (Jim) Lawson was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated from Nathan Hale High School in 1964. After four years at the University of Oklahoma, Jim entered the Navy in 1969 and served two years of sea duty aboard USS Juneau and USS Midway. Jim married Linda while serving two years of shore duty at Moffett Field in Mountain View, California.

Jim and Linda returned to Oklahoma and OU where he was awarded a B.S. in Mathematics and entered Graduate School in Business Administration. After years of study in Finance, Business Statistics, Management Science, and Operations Research, Jim passed oral exams and began work on his dissertation. During Graduate School, he worked as a computer and statistical analyst and taught Finance, Investments, and Statistics at OU.

Jim has worked for the Department of Human Services since September 1984 in the Data Services Division, and is currently a Network Performance Analyst in Enterprise Production Analysis.

NOMINEE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Jason joined the National Association of Parliamentarians in 1994 while a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). During his senior year of high school, he served as President of the local FBLA unit, as Oklahoma FBLA State Parliamentarian, and as FBLA Mountain Plains Regional Parliamentarian. He joined the Oil Capital Unit of NAP while in college and has served as its Vice-President and President. He has also served as a Vice-President of OSAP on two separate occasions, one term as Year Book Committee Chairman, two terms as Secretary, and two terms as Treasurer.

Jason attended The University of Tulsa where he earned his Bachelor of Science in 1999 and Juris Doctor in 2003. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Oklahoma in September 2003. He is also licensed to practice law before both the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court and the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court. Jason is employed as an attorney with the law firm of Riseling & Rhodes, PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His law practice focuses primarily on estate planning, estate taxes, probate, and guardianship issues.

He is a member of the Tulsa Title and Probate Lawyers Association and currently serves as the association's Vice-President. In 2008 he served as the association's secretary. Jason is a member of the Tulsa County Bar Association's Estate Planning, Probate, and Elder Law Section and serves on the Board of Directors of a local not-for-profit organization, Health Outreach Prevention Education (HOPE), where he previously served as secretary of the Board of Directors for two years.

NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY

Gloria Counselman is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and current Education Committee Chairman of the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians. She is a member of the Sooner Unit and is currently serving as Treasurer. She is the immediate past Secretary of the Sooner Unit.

Gloria graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a major in Spanish and French education. Her current training has involved Interpretation and Translation of the Spanish language.

She has worked 20+ years in the insurance, banking and tax preparation industries, at various times being licensed in property, casualty, surety, health and life insurance.

She has been active in homeowner associations, serving as secretary for 5+ years.

**2008 — 2009 OSAP Officers
and Committees**

Rod G. Davidson, PRP	President
Jason Fields, Esq.	Vice-President
Linda Lawson	Secretary
Jim Lawson	Treasurer
Dr. Janet Wilson, PRP	Parliamentarian
Virginia McComas	Past President
Cheryle Sherman	Audit
W. Craig Henry, PRP	Bylaws
Mary Davidson, RP	Communications
George Counselman	State Convention
Gloria Counselman	Education
Jason Fields, Esq.	Membership
Barbara Benton	Nominating
Jacquelyn Achong	Yearbook
Dr. Janet Wilson, PRP	Youth

Please help promote the 2009 OSAP Convention and workshops. Feel free to make copies of the Friday workshop flyer and distribute in your community to those who may be interested. Also make copies of the convention registration and workshop flyer for each of the Provisional Members of your Unit.

**TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA
FOR JUNE 20, 2009**

1. Registration: 8:30 - 8:55 a.m.
2. Call to Order 9:00 a.m.
3. Opening Ceremonies
4. Introductions
5. Recognition of OSAP Leadership
6. Reports of Convention Committees
7. Minutes of 2008 OSAP Convention
8. Reports of Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen
9. NAP Update
10. Nominations and Elections
11. Election of 2010 Nominating Committee
12. Reports of Unit Presidents
13. New Business
14. Installation of Officers
15. Awards and Announcements
16. Lunch: 12:00 — 1:00 p.m.
Luncheon Speaker — To be announced
17. Registration for afternoon workshops open to public: 12:45 — 1:00 p.m.
18. Educational Workshops (beginning at 1:00 PM)
 - A. "Substitute for the Substitute" — Ron Stinson, PRP, NAP Vice-President
 - B. "Lay on the Table" — Dr. Janet Wilson, PRP, OSAP Parliamentarian and Youth Committee Chairman
 - C. "Bring Back Motions" — Craig Henry, PRP, OSAP Bylaws Chairman
19. Adjourn: 4:00 p.m.

(Executive Committee meeting to follow the convention.)

REGISTRATION FORM

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS ANNUAL CONVENTION June 19-20, 2009

Wyndham Garden Hotel, 2101 S. Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Call (405) 685-4000 and ask for Group Rate Code: 06186704ok
OSAP Group Rate for Hotel Accommodations (Block) — \$99 first-come first-served — call early!

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MAILING ADDRESS

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OSAP MEMBERS (Check all that apply)	MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians" Mail Registration Form and Check to: Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians P.O. Box 60039 Oklahoma City, OK 73146-0039 For information contact: George Counselman at (405) 330-9273	
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Parliamentarian (RP)		<input type="checkbox"/> Chisholm Trail Unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Parliamentarian (PRP)		<input type="checkbox"/> Great Plains Unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Not a member of any Unit		<input type="checkbox"/> Green Country Unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Student		<input type="checkbox"/> Oil Capitol Unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member		<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma City Unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member		<input type="checkbox"/> Sooner Unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Member		<input type="checkbox"/> Will Rogers Unit

2009 OSAP FRIDAY WORKSHOP & SATURDAY CONVENTION	Registration Fee Per Person	Amount
Friday, June 19 — All Day Workshop (9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.) <i>"WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS"</i> Includes Educational Materials, and Lunch	\$ 45.00	
Friday, June 19 — Optional NAP Membership Exam (4:10 p.m.) Includes NAP Examination, 2009 Membership dues in the National Association of Parliamentarians, and Oklahoma State Association dues.	\$ 71.00	
Friday, June 19 — NAP Membership Exam for FULL-TIME STUDENT (4:10 p.m.) Includes NAP Examination, 2009 Membership dues in the National Association of Parliamentarians, and Oklahoma State Association dues.	\$ 38.50	
Saturday, June 20 — OSAP 2000 Annual Convention (9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.) Includes Morning Business Meeting, Lunch, and Afternoon Workshops	\$ 45.00	
Saturday June 20 — Afternoon Workshops Only (1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.) (Does not include lunch.)	\$ 25.00	

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2009. After June 10, please call (405) 330-9273 for availability. Make check to: "Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians"	TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$
MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK, MONEY ORDER, OR PURCHASE ORDER TO: Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians P.O. Box 60039 Oklahoma City, OK 73146-0039	