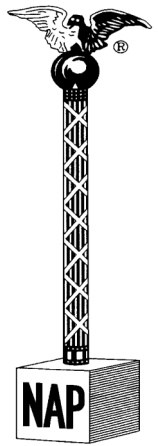


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## **CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION June 23, 2012— 8:30 AM (registration)**

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 22, 2012, 7:00 PM — Wyndham Garden Hotel**

**Visit the OSAP website at: [www.OKparliamentarians.org](http://www.OKparliamentarians.org)**

Congratulations to the officers and Standing Committee chairmen for providing outstanding support and enthusiasm to OSAP this year!

We are looking forward to seeing each of you at the 2012 annual workshop and convention to be held on Friday-Saturday, June 22-23, 2012, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on South Meridian Avenue in Oklahoma City. Ann Guiberson, PRP, NAP Vice-President, will be the NAP national representative. Ann will be updating us on NAP activities and initiatives and will be presenting a session at the Friday Workshop. Ann is from St. Petersburg, Florida.

Our educational sessions this year promise to be every bit as informative as last year, and we think you will be surprised at how much you will benefit from attending the sessions on Friday & Saturday.

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23, and join us for a fun and educational workshop and convention!

*“Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of real liberty.”*

*-- Henry M. Robert*

### **ATTENTION: Unit Presidents**

Thank you for your donations last year of **\$25 to help support the OSAP annual convention**. We hope each Unit will respond favorably again this year. You may send your checks made payable to “OSAP” to:

**Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians  
P.O. Box 60039  
Oklahoma City, OK 73146-0039**

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

*by Virginia McComas, Chairman*

The OSAP Nominating Committee presents the following list of nominees for 2012-2013.

**President.....** George Counselman, Sooner Unit  
**Vice-President...** Rod Davidson, Sooner Unit  
**Secretary.....** Cheryle Sherman, Great Plains Unit  
**Treasurer .....** Bob Fink, Sooner Unit

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at State Convention, June 23, 2012.

### **HELP PROMOTE THE 2012 OSAP CONVENTION & WORKSHOP**

Be sure to make copies of the workshop flyer and distribute in your community to those who may be interested. We need you to help OSAP make this year's workshop and convention a success. Your local library is a good place to ask permission to post a workshop flyer. Make a copy for your neighborhood association. If you belong to a club, board, or professional association, please make a copy of the flyer and send it to your members. You can go to the OSAP website and download a PDF copy to attach to an e-mail and send to the members of your group. Also, make sure each of the Provisional Members of your Unit receives a copy of this newsletter and the Convention Registration Form as well as a workshop flyer. Have your Unit consider offering incentives to attend.

Members of the Convention Committee will be printing the materials for the convention notebooks. Please e-mail the report of your Unit activities to [mdavidsonrp@msn.com](mailto:mdavidsonrp@msn.com) no later than **June 11, 2012**.

**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, Liberal Arts Building, Edmond. (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, or during summer months at the OKC Neighborhood Alliance, 1236 NW 36th. The November/December, January, and April meetings are held at a local restaurant. Call to verify meeting location. (405) 524-8953

**Green Country Unit**

The Green Country Unit meets on the first Monday of the month (except for July, Aug, and Sept) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E 93rd St, Tulsa. (918) 492-3424

**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

**Will Rogers Unit**

The Will Rogers Unit meets on the third Monday of the month at 3 p.m. at the Will Rogers Expo Center (N.W. 36th & Portland, Oklahoma City) Call to verify time and place. (405) 524-1261

**Registered Parliamentarian Membership Exam Study Group**

The Sooner Unit is conducting study sessions for anyone who is interested in preparing for the NAP Registered Parliamentarian exam. This is not just for Sooner Unit members. Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at either the Belle Isle Library or the OKC Neighborhood Alliance. Call to verify meeting location. (405) 524-8953

**2011 — 2012 OSAP Officers and Standing Committees**

George Counselman	President
Rod G. Davidson, PRP	Vice-President
Mary Davidson, RP	Secretary
Cheryle Sherman	Treasurer
Joan Blankenship, ret PRP	Parliamentarian
W. Craig Henry, PRP	Audit
Bob Fink	Bylaws
Jim Lawson	Communications
Gloria Counselman	Convention
Jacquelyn Achong	Education
Rod G. Davidson, PRP	Membership
Virginia McComas	Nominating
Linda Lawson	Yearbook
Cody McPherson	Youth



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**Save Shipping Costs on Educational Materials!**

The **OSAP Education Committee** will have materials from NAP for sale at the workshop on June 22 and at the annual convention on June 23. Bring cash or checks as credit cards cannot be processed.

Jacqueline Achong  
Education Committee Chairman

**NAP TRAINING CONFERENCE**

The NAP 2012 Training Conference is scheduled for August 24-26, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona.

This should be an exciting, fun-filled training conference, so we are hoping many of our members will be able to attend.

**TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA  
FOR JUNE 23, 2012**

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 2011 OSAP Convention
8. Reports of Elected Officers and Standing Committees
9. NAP Report
10. District Six Report
11. Nominations and Elections
12. Election of 2013 Nominating Committee
13. Reports of Unit Presidents
14. New Business
15. Installation of Officers
16. Awards and Announcements
  
17. Lunch: 12:00 — 1:00 p.m.  
Luncheon Speaker — To be announced
  
18. Registration for afternoon workshops open to public: 12:45 — 1:00 p.m.
19. Educational Workshops (beginning at 1:00 PM)
20. Adjourn: 4:00 p.m.

A regular post-convention Executive Committee meeting of the newly elected officers will be held immediately following the convention for the purpose of acting on appointments by the President, approving the annual budget, and transacting any other business to come before the meeting.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES**

The Bylaws Committee reports proposed bylaws changes on the following page. The first column shows bylaw text as it currently exists. The second column describes the proposed change. The third column explains the reason the change should be adopted.

**Bob Fink, Bylaws Committee Chairman**

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AS READS (CURRENTLY)	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	REASON FOR AMENDMENT
<p><b>ARTICLE V – DUES</b>  <b>SECTION 3 - NEW MEMBERS:</b> Annual dues accepted for the first time from July through December shall extend through the next calendar year.</p>	<p>Strike out (delete) the section. If adopted the amendment necessitates an administrative amendment to Section 4, amending it to read Section 3.</p>	<p>Article III, Section 3 F of the NAP Bylaws no longer allow for partial year dues to be extended into the following year and OSAP dues are paid through the NAP; this amendment is necessary to comply with NAP Bylaws and for the OSAP not to have to keep track of, and refund dues.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE V – DUES</b>  <b>SECTION 4 - FISCAL YEAR:</b> The fiscal year of OSAP shall be from January 1 through December 31.</p>	<p>Strike out “January 1 through December 31” and insert “December 1 through November 30”.</p>	<p>NAP Bylaws require divisions to adopt NAP fiscal year. See Article IV, Section 3 of the NAP Bylaws.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE VII -NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</b>  <b>SECTION 1 - NOMINATIONS: paragraph C.</b> A vacancy occurring on this committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Following the words “shall be filled” and before the words “by the Board...”, insert the words “with an appointment to fill the vacancy”.</p>	<p>To clarify that the Board does not fill the vacancy but appoints someone to fill the vacancy.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE XI -DELEGATES TO NAP CONVENTION SECTION 3 - VACANCIES:</b> Vacancies in delegate positions shall be filled by the President.</p>	<p>Between the words “shall” and “be” insert the words “with appointments to the vacancies”</p>	<p>To clarify that the President doesn’t fill the vacancies but appoints persons/delegates to fill those vacancies.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE XIV -AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS SECTION 1 - AMENDMENTS:</b> These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the OSAP convention, provided the proposed amendments(s) has been presented by the Bylaws Committee with the official call of the OSAP convention.</p>	<p>Following the paragraph:             Insert paragraph B. Amendments to these bylaws necessitated by amendments to the NAP Bylaws shall be effected by the Board of Directors and published on the OSAP website and in the next issue of the Oklahoma Parliamentarian.</p>	<p>Allows the OSAP Bylaws to be amended by the Executive Board when necessitated by NAP Bylaw adopted amendments without waiting for an OSAP Convention, therefore keeping OSAP in compliance with the NAP.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Bylaw Committee Report is being posted to the OSAP web site.</p>