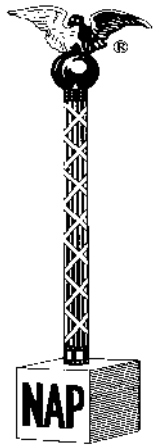


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The Object of OSAP shall be to promote and pursue the purposes and the educational programs of NAP; to study, teach, promote, and disseminate the fundamental principles and the philosophies of parliamentary law in the State of Oklahoma; and to bring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

Visit the OSAP website at: www.OKparliamentarians.org

Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians

The OSAP President and board members have been busy planning the year's events. The dates of our annual convention and workshop are July 15-16, 2011, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Oklahoma City.

"Effective Meeting Management for Oklahoma" is this year's theme, which follows the national theme of *"Effective Meeting Management to the World."* The OSAP board will meet four times this year in accordance with the bylaws; the final board meeting will be held the Friday evening before state convention.

Everyone seemed to have fun with the Hawaiian theme at the 2010 convention last June, and most of us showed up wearing our colorful, flowered Hawaiian shirts. The evaluations from both the convention and educational workshop were very complimentary. The educational sessions were well received, especially the presentations on Homeowners Associations given by our National Representative, Steve Glanstein, PRP, and a local Oklahoma City attorney, Matthew Winton.

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. We are also sending out a request this year to each of our members to attend and support the annual convention on Saturday. This is the one time during the year that you can voice your opinion and vote for the candidates of your choice.

It would be a great boost to our Oklahoma Association if each of the units could draw in new members; therefore, the board would like to challenge each unit by asking that they entice at least two Provisional Members into taking the NAP membership exam before our annual convention, and a prize will be given to those units that meet this challenge. **MEET THE CHALLENGE—win the prize!**

Let's not forget that retention of our current members is also important, so we hope you are giving enlightening programs at your unit meetings and encouraging members in other ways. The future of OSAP and NAP

depend on our members, so spread the word about parliamentary procedure because it is an interesting topic!

The 2011 District Six Conference will be held on June 17-19, 2011, in New Orleans.

The NAP 2011 Annual Meeting and Biennial Convention is scheduled for September 23-26, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Florida. This should be an exciting, fun-filled convention (with lots of bylaw changes), so we are hoping many of our members are able to attend.

The 2011 OSAP annual convention and workshop will be held on Friday-Saturday, July 15-16, 2011, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Oklahoma City. NAP Bylaws Committee Chairman, Kirk Overbey, PRP, will be the NAP national representative. Kirk will be updating us on NAP activities and initiatives and will be presenting a session at the Friday workshop and another session on Saturday afternoon. Kirk is from Austin, TX.

According to the OSAP bylaws as amended on June 19, 2010, the Communications Committee shall:

"Upon receipt of amended bylaws from the Bylaws Committee Chairman, make changes to the bylaws on the OSAP website and publish in the Oklahoma Parliamentarian that the revised Bylaws are available online and will be mailed to members only upon request."

—IMPORTANT NOTICE—

Don't forget that each Unit of NAP is required and responsible for filling out an electronic e-Postcard form 990-N with the IRS, providing the name and address of a principal officer. If you need help with this, contact the OSAP President.

Chisholm Trail Unit

The Chisholm Trail Unit meets on the 3rd Monday, September through May, at the Mabel C. Fry Library, 1200 Lakeshore Dr., Yukon.

Officers

Dr. Delores Meyer, President
Quembe Walkingstick, Vice-President
Kathleen Smith, Secretary
Mary Schneider, Treasurer

This year, the Unit will be contacting nonprofit organizations in Canadian County to inform them of the services provided by the Chisholm Trail Unit.

Two members of the unit serve as parliamentarians for lineage organizations and are members of by-laws committees. As student organizations are preparing for and holding their district competitions, members are serving as coaches and judges for the parliamentary/business procedures contest.

Green Country Unit

The Green Country Unit meets at the Hardesty Regional Library on the first Monday of the month (except for July, August & September) from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Officers

Sharon Ruston, President
Rosalie Griffith, Vice President
Orpha Harnish, Secretary

Members are studying from the *Cat Fancier's* brochure, and several members are continuing their study for the RP exam.

Two members are serving on the OSAP Board of Directors this year.

Oklahoma City Unit

The Oklahoma City Unit meets on the Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Liberal Arts Building.

Officers

Craig Henry, CPP-T, PRP, President
Dr. James Mock, V. President
Krista Jones, DDS, Secretary
Mildred Keso, RP, Treasurer

Craig Henry, PRP is Chairman of the Bylaws Committee for OSAP.

Great Plains Unit

The Great Plains Unit meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Oklahoma Blood Institute, 211 S.W. A Ave, Lawton, OK 73501 (580)353-6451.

Officers

Arlie Hampton, President
Virginia McComas, Vice-President
Melva Levielle, Secretary
Cheryle Sherman, Treasurer

The Unit held their annual workshop November 13, 2010, with 28 attending, which included eight students. The workshop was open to the public.

Unit members continue to judge and mentor students from surrounding towns. Virginia McComas and Edna Dean judged for the FCCLA Regional Competitive events in Duncan on February 15, 2011. Virginia McComas traveled to Guymon, Oklahoma and gave a six hour workshop on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Virginia McComas, Jacqueline Achong, and Cheryle Sherman serve on the OSAP Board of Directors.

The Unit brought non perishable items to their Christmas party to be donated to St. Johns Church, which provides meals every day to those in need.

Sooner Unit

The Sooner Unit meets on the Third Thursday of each month from 6:00 — 7:30 p.m. at the Belle Isle Library (NW Expressway & Villa). During November/December, January, and April, the meetings are held at a local restaurant. At each meeting, a 30-minute business meeting is followed by a program or study session that lasts an hour. The November/December (Christmas party/membership drive) was held in December at the Home Town Buffet. Elections were held during the business meeting.

Officers

Dr. Dan Tylka, President
Jim Lawson, Vice-President
Mary Davidson, RP, Secretary
George Counselman, Treasurer

Sooner Unit members continue to judge and mentor students enrolled in FCCLA and HOSA, and members are encouraged to assist with teaching workshops held during the year. Four members of the Sooner Unit serve on the OSAP Board of Directors this year.

"It is difficult to find another branch of knowledge where a small amount of study produces such great results in increased efficiency in a country where the people rule, as in parliamentary law."

—Henry M. Robert

Oil Capital Unit

The Oil Capital Unit meets on the third Friday of each month, January through May and September through November at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa, 74114 - (918) 746-5125, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Officers

Jason Fields, JD, President
Nancy Vaughn, Vice-President
Mary Jo Neal, Secretary/Treasurer

Jason Fields, JD, currently serves as President of OSAP, and Karen Griffin is Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Will Rogers Unit

The Will Rogers Unit meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Will Rogers Expo Center (N.W. 36th & Portland, Oklahoma City)

Officers

Linda Lawson, President
Clara Bishop, Vice-President
Jim Lawson, Secretary
Judy Grotts, Treasurer

Linda Lawson is Chairman of the OSAP Nominating Committee.

Report of the Bylaws Committee

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians should be sent to:

W. Craig Henry, CPP-T, PRP
Bylaws Committee Chairman
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henrywc@prodigy.net

Member or members recommending the proposed amendment should include the rationale and should submit his or her name.

Call for Newsletter Articles

If you have news in your unit, please send an e-mail to:

Rod Davidson
Communications Committee Chairman
rodavidson@msn.com

Changes in your mailing address or e-mail address should be sent to the Communications Committee at rodavidson@msn.com and to the Membership Committee at gandgonthelake@sbcglobal.net

The next OSAP newsletter will serve as the official call to 2011 OSAP convention on July 16.

Call for Officer Nominations

The OSAP bylaws provide that Units or members of OSAP may present to the Nominating Committee names of proposed candidates for office, together with qualifications and consent form. The committee will consider all recommendations.

Elections will be held at the 2011 annual OSAP convention on July 16 for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible, along with qualifications and consent form via e-mail to:

Linda Lawson
e-mail: linda_lawson@cox.net

In Memory of Bill Stemmons, PRP

We will miss our friend, Bill R. Stemmons, PRP, who passed away Dec. 15, 2010. Bill was a Pastor and a longtime volunteer for the Republican Party. He was also a United States Air Force veteran and served in Vietnam.

Bill was interested in all aspects of parliamentary procedure and achieved the status of Professional Registered Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians. He wrote parliamentary opinions and served as a parliamentarian to numerous organizations over the years. He was a longtime member of the Oklahoma City Unit Parliamentarians and the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians. Over the years, he served in several positions on the Board of Directors of the OSAP and served as President during 1997-1998 and Parliamentarian during 2007-2008. Bill attended the National Convention of Parliamentarians in Omaha, Nebraska in 2007; and even though he was in ill health, he made an effort to attend part of the OSAP annual convention in 2010 where he was able to reconnect and visit with many of his friends in the association. Thanks, Bill, for your involvement in the Oklahoma City Unit Parliamentarians, the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians, and the National Association of Parliamentarians.

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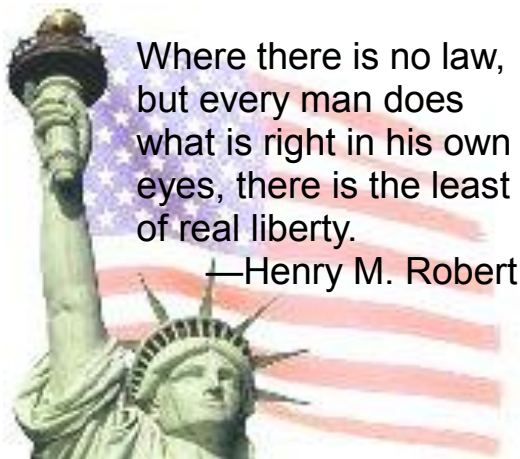
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Where there is no law,
but every man does
what is right in his own
eyes, there is the least
of real liberty.

—Henry M. Robert



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