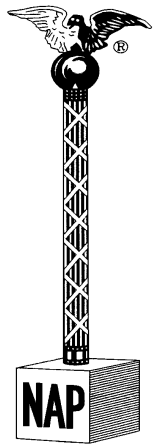


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CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION June 27, 2015— 8:30 AM (registration)

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 pre-convention Board meeting June 27, 2015, 7:30 AM — Embassy Suites Hotel

Visit the OSAP website at: 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 2015 annual workshop and convention to be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the Embassy Suites Hotel on South Meridian Avenue in Oklahoma City. Ann Rempel, PRP, NAP Secretary, will be the NAP national representative. Ann will be updating us on NAP activities and initiatives and will be presenting a session at the Workshop. Ann is from Wichita, Kansas.

We are changing the format of our educational sessions this year, but we promise that they will be every bit as informative as many previous years. The basic public workshops will be on Saturday AM; we will break for lunch and then return for the advanced workshop. The convention will follow.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27, 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
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Report of the Nominating Committee

by Patty Whitecotton, Chairman

The OSAP Nominating Committee presents the following list of nominees for 2015-2016.

President..... Bob Fink, Sooner Unit
Vice-President... Russell Guthrie, At-Large
Secretary..... Virginia McComas, Great Plains Unit
Treasurer Cheryle Sherman, Great Plains Unit

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at State Convention, June 27, 2012.

HELP PROMOTE THE 2015 OSAP WORKSHOP & CONVENTION

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 henrywc@dbameeting.com no later than **June 11, 2015**.

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 OKC Neighborhood Alliance, 1236 NW 36th. The November/December meetings are held at a local restaurant. Call to verify meeting location. (405) 524-8953

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

Members Attend District 6 Conference

Russell & Jane Guthrie and James & Linda Lawson attended the NAP District 6 Conference held in Albuquerque, NM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on the weekend of April 17. The New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians hosted the event, coupled with the 50th anniversary celebration of NMSAP on that Friday night.

NAP President Ann Guiberson, PRP presented a workshop, *Preparing For Success*, and former NAP President/current TSAP President Dennis Clark, PRP talked on *Preparing For A Meeting*. Other presenters were AIP President Alison Wallis, JD PRP; RONR co-author Daniel Seabold, PRP; Kay Allison Crews, PRP; and Sandy Olson, PRP. After the workshops and a tram ride up the spectacular Sandia Peak, the day concluded with cocktails and a sumptuous Mexican dinner at the base of the tram. Sunday morning saw the business meeting led by District 6 Director and NM State Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto. The conference concluded with a presentation by Adam Hathaway, PRP on *Preparing For The Future*.

2014 — 2015 OSAP Officers and Standing Committees

W. Craig Henry, PRP	President
Bob Fink, RP	Vice-President
Patricia Hudson	Secretary
Cheryle Sherman	Treasurer
Mildred Keso, RP	Parliamentarian
Shirley Finney	Audit
Jim Lawson	Bylaws
Russell Guthrie, PRP	Communications
Virginia McComas	Convention
Linda Lawson	Education
Bob Fink, RP	Membership
Patty Whitecotten	Nominating
Deborah Burroughs	Yearbook
C J Cavin	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 and the annual convention on June 27. Bring cash or checks as credit cards cannot be processed.

Linda Lawson
Education Committee Chairman

NAP Convention

The 40th Biennial NAP Convention is scheduled for September 4-7, 2015, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington Virginia.

Units, be sure to select your delegates during your May or June meeting and send in your report to headquarters by July 1, 2015.

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

**TENTATIVE WORKSHOP & CONVENTION AGENDA
JUNE 27, 2012**

1. Registration: 8:30 - 8:55 a.m.
2. Morning Workshops 9:00 a.m.—11:55 a.m
3. Lunch, on your own 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.
4. Afternoon Workshop 1:15 - 2:05 p.m.
5. Convention Call to Order 2:15 a.m.
6. Opening Ceremonies
7. Introductions
8. Recognition of OSAP Leadership
9. Reports of Convention Committees
10. Minutes of 2011 OSAP Convention
11. Reports of Elected Officers and Standing Committees
12. NAP Report
13. District Six Report
14. Nominations and Elections
15. Election of 2015 Nominating Committee
16. Election of NAP Convention Delegates from OSAP
17. Reports of Unit Presidents
18. New Business
19. Installation of Officers
20. Announcements
21. Adjournment: 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 no proposed bylaws changes for this year.

Jim Lawson, Bylaws Committee Chairman

Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians

NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT: Robert Fink, RP

Robert Fink is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, American Institute of Parliamentarians, Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians (OSAP), and the Sooner Unit. He has served as the OSAP's Bylaws Committee Chair and also served on the Nominating Committee. He is currently OSAP's Vice-President. Robert also served as the Sooner Unit's Bylaws Committee Chair and is the current President of that Unit.

Robert currently serves as the Treasurer for his neighborhood association and the Double Nickle Square Dance Club, where he also serves as President. Robert served as the Parliamentarian for the Central District Square Dance Association, Inc. in 2012 and is currently serving in that capacity.

Robert has been a judge for youth organizations parliamentary procedure competitions for the past three years.

Robert served his country in the U.S. Army where he achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer before retiring in 1980. Following his military service he graduated from Davis College, Toledo Ohio with an associate degree in Business Administration. Robert retired from Alro Specialty Metals, Toledo, Ohio plant where he was the Maintenance Manager. He recently earned the Registered Parliamentarian credential.

NOMINEE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: Russell A. Guthrie, PRP

Russell A. Guthrie obtained his B.A. in communication arts from Spring Hill College in 1976. He completed his M.A. in speech communication at Auburn University in 1978, and has almost 60 hours of doctoral work from University of Southern Maine and Oklahoma State University. Guthrie joined the faculty of Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OSPU, Goodwell) in August, 1978, as an instructor of radio/tv/speech. He is currently a tenured Associate Professor of Communication. Married to an elementary school teacher, Russell and Jane have two adult offspring.

Over 20 years ago, as a Boy Scout leader, Guthrie began teaching elements of parliamentary procedure to the Order of the Arrow. He has also taught elements in small group discussion, annually teaches a "quick, down-and-dirty" workshop for new student government association (SGA) members at OPSU, has aided in two revisions of the OPSU SGA constitution and bylaws, and has been a 15 year member of the National Communication Association's Commission on American Parliamentary Practice. He joined the National Association of Parliamentarians in 2010, became a Registered Parliamentarian in 2013, and a Professional Registered Parliamentarian in 2014. This past year, Guthrie served as the OSAP Bylaws Committee Chair and is currently the Communication Committee Chair.

Guthrie has served for 20 years on the board of directors of the Oaks of Mamre [a homeless shelter in Guymon]. For five years he was executive secretary of the Panhandle State Association of Alumni & Friends, later serving four consecutive one-year terms as its president. He is currently the treasurer and parliamentarian for the Goodwell HillToppers, and parliamentarian for the Hefley Educational Foundation, and the Moylene Bridgewater Davis Scouting Center, Inc.

NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY: Virginia McComas

Virginia McComas lives in Lawton with her husband Richard. They have three sons and one granddaughter. She attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha for two years before transferring to Oklahoma State University.

Virginia joined the Oklahoma City Unit and was a member for three years where she served as Secretary and Vice-President. She formed the Great Plains Unit in Lawton twelve years ago and served as their first President. She has also served as their Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President. She has served on the OSAP Board as President and other officers and Chairman.

Virginia is also involved in other civic organizations in her community. She is the Past President of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, Past President of the J. Roy Dunning Children's Shelter, Past President of the Comanche County Home, Community, and Education. She has been a volunteer for the Arts For All Festival for over 27 years and delivered Mobile for over 20 years. She does find time for some of her hobbies which include bridge and the arts.

NOMINEE FOR TREASURER: Cheryle Sherman

Cheryle Sherman is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians. She has served OSAP as Secretary, Treasurer, Bylaws Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, and Audit Committee Chair and is currently serving again as Treasurer.

Cheryle graduated from Cameron University with a degree in Buasiness Administration. She was employed for 27 years with the federal government, retiring in 2014 from the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Department at Fort Sill.

She is active in the Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and has served as Vice President. She also belongs to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, and is active in the Lawton League of Women Voters and National Pan Hellenic Council of Lawton-Ft. Sill.

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Registration Form for OSAP and Provisional Members
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June 27, 2015

Embassy Suites Hotel—Airport, 1815 S Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73108

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Call (405) 685-4000

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2015 OSAP WORKSHOP & CONVENTION		Registration Fee Per Person	Amount
Saturday, June 27— OSAP 2015 Annual Convention (9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.) Includes Morning Basic Workshops, Afternoon Advanced Workshops and Convention (Registration 8:30—8:55 a.m.)	\$ 50.00		
Lunch on your own. Many restaurants within a short walk or drive.			
Onsite registration	\$ 60.00		

Registration Deadline: Postmarked by June 15, 2015.

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