Dear AIP members,

Getting “Above it All!” in Albuquerque was a fun and unforgettable experience for many of us!

Your President, along with Vice President Daniel Ivey-Soto, JD, CP-T, PRP, taught a fun and informative public workshop on Tuesday morning in partnership with the New Mexico Society of Association Executives. This was a GREAT model for future public workshops: AIP provided teaching and materials, and NMSAE handled promotion and publicity. Even with a late start and limited promotion, AIP netted almost $1000 from the event! Plans are already underway for a similar event next year in Tampa. (More on Tampa below!)

An informative and interesting Business Development Institute was held the next day under the capable direction of Craig Henry, CPP-T, PRP. Featuring the results of the AIP Professional Services Survey, the BDI was well-received! Watch future issues of the Communicator and the Parliamentary Journal for more information on the survey and results!

The Annual Session itself was a fun and lively event, as well. Passionate discussion of various bylaws proposals, as well as a rousing discussion of the audit committee report, were highlights. Officers and Directors were elected and are listed, along with the Department Directors and Standing Committee Chairs, elsewhere in this issue.

Two particularly important changes to the Bylaws and Standing Orders were adopted which will have lasting impacts:

• A Communications Department was created to coordinate communications for AIP; the first task of this new Department is the design and development of an updated website. Contact Larry Cisar, PhD, CPP-T, RP, for more information.

• The Youth Activities Committee was given approval to grant scholarships in the form of membership dues waivers to participants in national level youth parliamentary procedure contests of organizations approved by the board of directors. The first of these organizations approved by the board was the National FFA Organization. Contact Al Gage, CP, PRP, for more information.

Other key highlights were fundraisers for the AIPEF: Dick Weber, CPP-T (Ret.), donated his personal library to AIP, and items from that library were shared with members through silent auctions, live auctions, and a “grab box” of items available to members.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Additional information regarding dates and registration will be available on the AIP website at http://www.aipparl.org as they become available.

West Coast Practicum
*Becoming a Master Presider*
February 2-4, 2017
Ontario, California

Board Meeting
February 5, 2017
Ontario, California

East Coast Practicum
*TBD*

2017 Annual Session
July 20-22, 2017
Tampa, Florida

Deadline Dates for the “Communicator”

- November 15, 2016: December Issue
- February 1, 2017: March Issue

In the previous issue of the Communicator, the President thanked Board members Mary Remson, Ann Guiberson, and Lucy Anderson for their efforts in locating a site for the 2017 Annual Session. (And she still thanks them!) However, Board member Jeanette Williams was a member of the committee, and her name was inadvertently omitted. regrets the error and thanks Ms. Williams for her service.
at the Annual Session. Many, many thanks to Dick for his generous donation to the AIPEF!

Eli Mina, CPP-T, PRP, also donated autographed copies of his works to the AIPEF, and Helen McCadden, PRP, donated a print, which were also auctioned off during various lunch meetings. Jim Lochrie served as auctioneer for all of the live auctions, and his charm and wit separated many members from their wallets for the benefit of the Foundation.

Altogether, AIPEF netted over $700 in donations from these generous gifts!

The Board was also busy, meeting both before and after the Annual Session, and taking the following actions which have not already been mentioned:

- Approved the site and date for the 2017 Annual Session hotel for July 20-22, 2017, Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore Airport Hotel
- Approved that Ann Guiberson, PRP, be appointed as Coordinator for the 2017 Annual Session
- Approved the 2017 West Coast Practicum Budget
- Approved the 990 EZ for tax year 2015
- Approved the 2016-2017 budget
- Approved banking resolutions for the Gerald “Bummy” Burstein endowment account at UBS Financial Services and Renasant Bank, Nashville, TN, for the AIP checking account
- Adopted the 2016-2018 AIP Strategic Plan (available on the member’s only section of the website)
- Determined that the site selection procedure for the annual session be referred to a committee of three (3) to be appointed by the President, with a report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Directors, and referred a request to consider the area of Spokane, Washington for the site of the 2018 Annual Session to that same committee
- Approved a motion to publish an electronic membership manual
- Deemed Valoree Althoff, PRP, Annual Session Coordinator, and Daniel Ivey-Soto, JD, CP-T, PRP, Annual Session Co-Coordinator, were members of the Order of the Blue Dot
- Created a special committee to review BOD policies and procedures, with Joe Theobald, Jeanette Williams, and Weldon Merritt appointed to serve, with Ann Rempel as a non-voting advisor

Following the Annual Session, AIP member Craig Henry was injured in a serious car accident while still in Albuquerque. After spending a couple of weeks in the hospital in Albuquerque, Craig is back home now, and expects to return to work sometime mid-month.

If you didn’t make it to Albuquerque, put the 2017 Annual Session in Tampa on your calendar for July 20-22, 2017. And don’t forget the West Coast Practicum “Becoming a Master Presider” scheduled for February 2-4, 2017. A CPP exam will be given – I will be the candidate, and I welcome you to come and cheer me on!

In the meantime, consider expanding your credentials, or looking for other ways to help advance the cause of AIP!

The quote for this issue of the Communicator is on leadership, from one of America’s great leaders, sixth President of the United States of America, John Quincy Adams. Adams said: “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” The actions of each member of AIP have inspired me and all of the officers of AIP. Thank you each for your leadership!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

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Welcome to New Members of AIP. The following individuals joined AIP from June – August 2016. Be a supportive member and contact any that live near you.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF AIP**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

AIP’s generous members have made contributions to the funds of their choice. We invite you to consider making one or more of these funds the recipient of your generosity.

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In Memoriam - Silent Gavels

Rhonda DeVonne Clark-Randle  
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AIP BOOK FEATURE

Did you know that Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure is now available at Amazon.com? Fundamentals is a comprehensive textbook designed to teach the Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure.


Pick up your copy on Amazon for $40! A portion of the proceeds goes to support AIP.

DAHMS-BIERBAUM WORKSHOP

The annual Dahms-Bierbaum workshop will be held Nov. 4-6, 2016 at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul airport Mall of America, MN. This year’s topic is “Protecting Rights and Preventing Abuse of Power”. Participants will explore the rights of members and organizations and will have opportunities to examine examples of abuse of power by officers, directors, and members. For more information go to dahmsfoundation.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON A BOARD MEMBER

Al Gage

Al is a professional practicing parliamentarian with a wide variety of National, State and Local clients to include many non-profits, corporations, boards, political parties at all levels and agriculture organizations. He is one of the two primary parliamentarians for one of the two major political parties and has worked extensively this year with state political conventions.

He is also a high school parliamentary procedure coach having coached National Championship CTSO teams in both the FFA (Future Farmers of America) and HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Contests as well as ten state champion teams since 2008 in the various organizations. His obvious passion is in educating the future board members, educators and parliamentarians in parliamentary law from the very beginning level. His efforts have resulted in 2 of the approximately 7 student credentialed members nationwide being former members of his teams with more on the way. Being a direct product of the FFA myself having competed in parliamentary procedure contests and serving as State President from Arizona, the organizations has greatly influenced my personal life.

Al currently serves as the National President of the Society of Agriculture Education Parliamentarian, the Superintendent of the National FFA Conduct of Meetings Contest and is on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee as well as the Youth Activities and Scholarship Chairman for AIP.
AIP members gathered for several days of fun “Above it All!” in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Officers elected were:
President: Kay Allison Crews, CP, PRP
Vice President: The Honorable Daniel Ivey-Soto, JD, CP-T, PRP
Secretary: Robert M. Peskin, DDS
Treasurer: Barbara J. Rosi, PRP

Elected to the Board of Directors were:
Lucy Hicks Anderson, JD, PRP
Carolyn Hoxie
Weldon Merritt, CPP, PRP
Joe Theobald, Ph.D., CP-T, PRP

Remaining on the Board of Directors:
Al Gage, CP-T, PRP
Ann Guiberson, PRP
Mary Remson, CPP-T, PRP
Jeanette Williams, CP-T, PRP
Ruth Ryan, CP-T, PRP, remains on the Board as Education Director.

the Post-Annual Session Board meeting, the following elections were held:

Members of the Board elected to serve on the Executive Committee:
Al Gage, CP-T, PRP
Ann Guiberson, PRP

Accrediting Director:
E. Marie Wilson, CPP-T, PRP

Communications Director:
Larry Cisar, Ph.D., CPP-T, RP

The following Standing Committee Chairmen were appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors:

• Audit: Joe Theobald, Ph.D., CP-T, PRP
• Budget and Finance: Barbara Rosi, PRP
• Bylaws and Standing Orders: Colette Collier Trohan, CPP-T, PRP
• Member Services: Ann Guiberson, PRP
• Opinions: Michael Malamut, JD, CPP-T, PRP
• Youth and Scholarship Activities: Al Gage, CP, PRP
• Ethics Committee: Sarah E. Merkle, JD, CPP-T, PRP

Betty Green, CPP-T, PRP, was elected by the Board to the Ethics Committee.

Thanks to all those members who are willing to continue to serve AIP!
THE PRESIDENT’S WRITING AWARD

The President’s Writing Award was established by the AIP Board of Directors in 2000 to recognize “excellence in parliamentary writings” and is to be presented each year at the AIP Annual Session. The recipient is that person judged to have written an excellent article on parliamentary procedure in the two years prior to the year of the Annual Session.

The person so honored shall receive a certificate with a declaration as to the excellent writing and this shall be noted in the Parliamentary Journal and Communicator.

A committee of three, appointed annually by the AIP President, selects the award recipient based on their own judgment as to excellence.

Following the guidelines, the committee members reviewed the articles contained in the AIP Parliamentary Journal for the years 2014 and 2015, and individually applied the established scoring system.

The 2016 AIP President’s Writing Award Committee is pleased to recognize John D. Stackpole, CPP, PRP, as the recipient of the 2016 Award for his two-part series, “E-Meeting Rules and Procedures Updated for the Real World” that appeared in the January 2014 and April 2014 issues of the Parliamentary Journal.

Now Available on Amazon.com
AIP has two separate ways that we earn money from Amazon: through the Amazon Smile program and through items in the AIP bookstore at our website.

Items purchased through the bookstore pay us a higher rebate, but only if the item is actually listed in the bookstore. For that reason, some “gavel” items (jewelry, clothes, and um, gavels) are going into the AIP bookstore.

Put higher priced purchases and gifts into the AIP bookstore and purchase them through the bookstore for a higher donation to AIP. Anyone who would like to coordinate that type of activity need only contact President Kay Crews for help!

This is “free money” for AIP, and anyone who supports these programs is also supporting our professional organization!!!