

AIP Communicator

March 2010



TABLE OF CONTENTS

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY	6
BOOKSTORE	2
CALENDAR OF EVENTS	12
CALIFORNIA PRACTICUM	8
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	9
CE REQUIREMENT	7
CHAPTER PROFILE	9
CONTACTS	2
CONTRIBUTIONS	10
DAHMS' WORKSHOP	4
DEADLINES	9
FACEBOOK	9
NEW MEMBERS	10
NEWSLETTER DEADLINES	2
PJ HISTORICAL ARTICLE	11
PJ PREVIEW	4
PRESIDENT'S LETTER	1
PUBLIC SEMINAR	4
REGION II CONFERENCE	5
RIDDICK PRACTICUM	1
ROAD SHOW REPORT	5
SILENT GAVELS	10
TEACHER CERTIFICATION	6
TEACHER CERTIFICATION COURSE	7
UPCOMING EVENTS	3

Riddick Practicum Slated for June

How are your communication skills—especially the skills you need in your parliamentary work?

Communications 101 is the epicenter of the educational sessions at the Riddick Practicum this June. This “total immersion” event offers you the very best of parliamentary education in a setting designed for teaching and learning. Whether you need to hone your skills in presiding, writing

opinions, scripting, or motions that change the way members communicate, it will all be here for you. There's also a two-hour introductory session on Friday evening for those who would like to get a review of the basics.

The primary instructors for **Communications 101** will be Mary Randolph, CPP-T, and Jim Lochrie,

(CONTINUED TO PAGE 4)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Getting Back to our Roots

Have you noticed how many commercial brands are bringing back ads from the past? Everything from football teams to soda companies are featuring “throwback” versions of their product. AIP is also taking a look back. Even as we move aggressively into the future – we are looking back to ensure that we remain true to our roots.

The dawning of a new decade is a perfect time to renew the educational commitment that spawned this organization over fifty years ago. Maintaining the creative, intellectual, and organizational focus of our founders is important as we continue to transform AIP into a professional association capable of meeting the needs of the public and our membership. Now seems the right time to reclaim that heritage and, in so doing, to recommit to the goals of such pioneers as Bob English and Lester Dahms. These leaders believed that AIP could serve a broader purpose within the parliamentary community by promoting the use of effective democratic practices.

The board of directors has worked to return to our roots by making AIP once more the transformational organization these leaders envisioned. Clearly today, the promise and potential of solid parliamentary and governance education is still relevant in a new era where good decision-making techniques are more important than ever. By reorganizing our structure to focus on providing direct support to the public and our chapters, AIP is renewing its commitment to

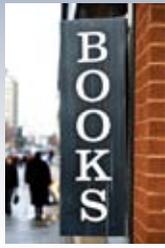
by JAMES “Jim” JONES, CPP-T



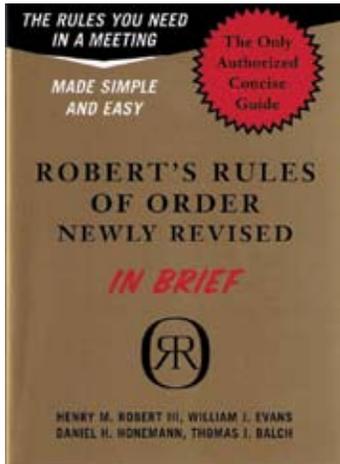
be an engaged institution, a learning society, and a clearing house for democratic practices and ideas.

These efforts have led to new partnerships between AIP and the public such as our recent work with the National Bar Association, Alabama State University, and the American Society of Association Executives. Also, through our new chapter grants program AIP is opening more learning opportunities at the grassroots level. All of these changes bring us closer to carrying out our founder's action plan.

As good governance has become more of a public issue, AIP finds new publics appearing at our doors — a more diverse pool of individuals in need of knowledge and tools to serve their constituencies as well as more and more adults seeking continued learning opportunities in their lives. AIP remains committed to helping all of these publics. This is why we exist. Just like those throwback commercials reflect – looking back allows us to hold onto those things that are foundational while creating new markets to meet current challenges.



in the BOOKSTORE



Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief

A step-by-step guide to the rules for meetings of your club, civic, or charitable organization. Included are:

- Sample dialogues to help the chairman get through motions and nominations.
- Tips for keeping meetings orderly and on track.
- Answers to parliamentary procedure's most frequently-asked-questions.
- Reference tables to guide the chairman and members with appropriate language.
- Information for officers, board members and convention delegates.

Authors: Henry M. Robert III, William J. Evans, Daniel H. Honemann, Thomas J. Balch

Publication Date: 2004

Format: Paperback

Price: \$5.95

Visit the AIP Bookstore at

www.aipparl.org/bookstore.html

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Deadline for submissions for the newsletter are the first day of February, May, August, November. Items should be sent to communicator@aipparl.org.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

550M Ritchie Highway, #271 • Severna Park, MD 21146

Tel: 888-664-0428 • Fax: 410-544-4640

President

James "Jim" Jones, CPP-T

president@aipparl.org

Secretary

Alison Wallis

secretary@aipparl.org

Accrediting Director

Eugene Bierbaum, CPP-T

accrediting@aipparl.org

Vice President

Mary Remson, CP

vpresident@aipparl.org

Treasurer

Rob James

treasurer@aipparl.org

Education Director

Jeanette Williams, CP-T

education@aipparl.org

Parliamentarian

Jim Lochrie, CPP-T

parliamentarian@aipparl.org

Directors

Joseph H. Hairston Esq.

Director01@aipparl.org

Dollie McPartlin, CP-T

Director14@aipparl.org

Weldon Merritt, CP

Director15@aipparl.org

Mary Randolph, CPP-T

Director03@aipparl.org

Mark Schilansky CPP-T

Director08@aipparl.org

S. David Shapiro, CPP

Director02@aipparl.org

Mary D. Smith, CP

Director13@aipparl.org

John D. Stackpole, CPP

Director11@aipparl.org

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Bylaws

Helen T. McFadden Esq.

Bylaws@aipparl.org

Communications

Lorenzo Cuesta

prelations@aipparl.org

Ethics

James Slaughter, CPP-T

ethics@aipparl.org

Finance

Rob James

Finance@aipparl.org

Member Services

Darlene Allen

member@aipparl.org

Opinions

Michael Malamut, CPP-T

opinions@aipparl.org

Scholarship

Mildred Johnson

scholarship@aipparl.org

Youth Activities

Lissa Knudsen

youth@aipparl.org

Website

Bobby Allen

web@aipparl.org

OTHER COMMITTEES & OFFICIALS

Annual Session

Sadie P. Boles

annualsession@aipparl.org

Business Development Institute

Paul Krohne

presession@aipparl.org

Canadian Workshop

Rob James

parliamentarian@aipparl.org

Lucas Practicum

Dollie McPartlin, CP-T

LucasGC@aipparl.org

Riddick Practicum

Marie Wilson, CPP

RiddickGC@aipparl.org

Communicator Editor

Ann Warner, CPP

communicator@aipparl.org

Parliamentary Journal Editor

Paul Lamb, CP-T

PJ@aipparl.org

Webmaster

Paul McClintock, CP-T

webeditor@aipparl.org

Midwest Workshop

“Effective Boards”

May 15, 2010

AKArama Community Center
Chicago, IL

\$35 (AIP members)
\$45 (non-AIP members)

Registration will be available at
www.aipparl.org/calendar.html
or the AIP office
888.664.0428

“Effective Boards”

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the AKArama Community College Center in Chicago, IL
6620-S Ingleside Avenue.

Faculty Members:

- Darlene Allen, PRP
- Jim Jones, CPP-T

Registration information will be found at www.aipparl.org/calendar/html or through the AIP office at 888.664.0428.

Legal Symposium

“Association Law”

May 19, 2010

Gallaudet University
Washington, DC
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration information will be
available at
www.aipparl.org/calendar.html
or the AIP office
888.664.0428

“Association Law”

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Gallaudet University in Washington, DC

Programs will include the latest legislative and regulatory activities impacting non-for-profit organizations.

Registration information will be found at www.aipparl.org/calendar/html or through the AIP office at 888.664.0428.

Riddick Practicum

“Communications 101”

June 5 - 7, 2010

CCMIT Conference Center
Linthicum, MD

\$495 by May 10
\$595 after May 10

Registration information will be
available at
www.aipparl.org/calendar.html
or the AIP office
888.664.0428

“Communications 101”

Workshop focus on presiding, writing opinions, scripting, and motions that change the way members communicate.

Instructors:

- Mary Randolph, CPP-T
- Jim Lochrie, CPP-T

Registration information will be found at www.aipparl.org/calendar/html or through the AIP office at 888.664.0428.

~Coming Up! 2010 Annual Session, Ontario, CA~
July 15 - 17, 2010 • Ontario Doubletree Hotel

RIDDICK (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

CPP-T. One of the best things about a practicum is that everyone, from novice to expert, attends the same classes and learns with everyone else—the novices bring a fresh perspective and interesting questions, and there's always a cadre of experts to offer opinions on any subject. If we're lucky, everyone will have the opportunity to see a CPP examination on the last day.

The Riddick Practicum will be held June 5 - 7 at the renowned CCMIT Conference Center near Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI). All major airlines fly to BWI, including Southwest, so airfares are very competitive. If you're an East Coaster, you can take the train to the BWI Amtrak station. From either the airport or the train station, CCMIT runs a free shuttle to their facility. Transportation couldn't be easier.

How would you like an "all you can eat" buffet three times a day? At the same time, if you're Weight Watching, how about being able to choose from a very wide array of beautiful foods? This is the lure of the widely varied cafeteria at CCMIT—breakfast and dinner are included with the room fee for those who stay there—at a small additional expense for those who don't. Lunch is included in the practicum fee. You can even request that a meal be held for you if you arrive after 7:30 pm.

Where else can you get a world-class education in parliamentary issues and practice, with a world class faculty, at such a low price? Compare the \$595 registration fee (\$495 early bird before May10) for the Riddick Practicum with any other three day professional seminar registration fee. Then look for the half-hour morning and afternoon breaks with continuous chef-created snacks, movie night for your entertainment, and the Charlie Johnson Memorial Attitude Adjustment Hour. You can't beat the deal.

The Curriculum Director for the Riddick Practicum is Colette Trohan, CPP-T. Registration information and a copy of the schedule can be found at www.aipparl.org/calendar.html. If you have questions, you can call Marie Wilson, CPP, the General Coordinator, at 860.669.4443, EST.

NEXT IN THE PJ

The April issue of the Parliamentary Journal is at the printers and is expected to be mailed around March 23. It includes a look into the future as well as a look at how far we have come; plus an article or two to keep your brain cells active. Nine articles and three opinions for your reading pleasure.

The July issue is taking shape, but there is still room for an article or two. And the October issue is a bunch of blank pages just waiting for your article.

Public Seminar offered before Riddick Practicum

As prologue to the **Riddick Practicum** this year, AIP will offer a one-day introductory seminar on June 4 for those who are new to formal meetings and parliamentary procedures. Jointly sponsored by **A Great Meeting, Inc.**, this session will feature an introduction to motions, meeting problems and solutions, presiding practice, and plenty of time for questions. Each attendee will receive a copy of *A Great Meeting Needs Great Members*, a \$39 value, included with the registration fee of \$135, which also includes lunch and breaks. The session will be held at the Conference Center at the Maryland Institute of Technology, where parking is also free. Be sure to invite your organizational friends and associates to be part of this basic learning experience.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL



**Lester L. Dahms Memorial Foundation
2010 Dahms-Bierbaum Workshop**

“ELECTRONIC MEETINGS”

November 12 - 14, 2010

Hilton-Kansas City Airport • Kansas City, Missouri

Curriculum Director: Dr. M. Eugene Bierbaum, PRP, CPP-T

Visit the website for updates at <http://pages.prodigy.net/rrw/dahms>

REGION II TO HOLD FINAL CONFERENCE

AIP Region II Conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel, adjacent to the airport in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday and Saturday, April 16-17. The Conference will begin with dinner 7:00 p.m. Friday and will adjourn by 4:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon to allow those wishing to drive home to do so.

The Executive Committee has chosen a one-evening-through-next-conference to keep costs moderate at a \$75 Registration Fee. Since most Region II members live within 350 miles of Des Moines, those bringing other members by carpooling will be given a \$10/per carpool-member reduction in Registration Fee. The Radisson (515.285.7777), offers "Sleep Number Beds" at \$100/night which includes taxes. The "Order from the Menu" dinner offers entrees at \$18-30, to be paid by the attendees. Breakfast is provided for those staying at the motel and Saturday's "Box Lunches" will be included in the registration fee.

Following the dinner Friday evening, there will be a one-hour educational session. We anticipate at least 3 more sessions on Saturday along with the Region II Business Meeting. Ann Rempel, CPP-T, annrempel@sbcglobal.net will be contacting speakers and will be open to volunteers. Two speakers already scheduled for one-hour sessions are:

- Teresa Dean, CPP-T, "Motions Requiring a 2/3 Vote."
- Jim Lohr, CPP, "**Using the CD, Building Confidence for Chairing Meetings!** for Your Workshops."

The "Call for the Meeting" will be mailed soon, with more complete details and a registration form. For more information, contact Jim Lohr, Governor, AIP Region II, at jlohr10@mchsi.com.

Region II Conference

April 16 - 17, 2010
Radisson Hotel
Des Moines Airport

\$75 registration

Registration is being sent to all
Region II members

For more information, contact
Jim Lohr at jlohr10@mchsi.com

ROAD SHOW OFF TO GOOD START

Over 70 participants gathered at the historic campus of Alabama State University in February to kick off AIP's first educational road show. Vice president Mary Remson, CP, and former board member Jacob Gerber, CPP-T, teamed up to present a full day workshop on Effective Meeting Management. Students and faculty members from the university, founded in 1867, joined with members from the local Alabama parliamentary groups to increase their knowledge of officer roles and presiding skills. This exciting learning experience was coordinated by Emma Faulk, a



Jacob Gerber, CPP-T, presents on Effective Meeting Management.

member of AIP and an associate professor at the university.

The AIP road shows are the result of a membership initiative endorsed at the 2009 annual session. It replaces the old regional system which is being phased out. Through the road shows AIP is fulfilling one of the planks of its strategic plan by taking its educational programs directly to the

membership and reaching out to the public. There are five additional road shows scheduled for the remainder of the year.

A March road show in Chicago will focus on Effective Boards. Deborah Underwood and Sadie Boles are serving as the workshop coordinators. The presenters will include AIP president Jim Jones and Darlene Allen.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE COURSE

CPs and CPPs who have taken the Teacher Education Course and not been approved for the teacher designation have one final opportunity to apply for the teacher “designation” prior to the 2010 annual session. The AIP bylaws revision adopted at the 2009 annual session included the establishment of a Teacher Certification program. Previously this classification was a designation. The AIP Executive Committee approved the following transitional procedures:

Members who have previously taken the Teacher Education Course may continue to submit evidence of teaching experience to the Education Department

At the pre-annual session board meeting, the Education Department will submit the names of those who have met the requirements for the “T” designation to the board for approval. Those approved will be “grandfathered” as Certified Teachers of Parliamentary Procedure.

In 2000, the AIP Board of Directors adopted the requirement of fifteen hours of approved teaching experience in addition to taking the Teacher Education Course. No teaching experience that was performed prior to the candidate attaining CP or CPP status may be counted toward the required hours and no teaching experience that was performed more than ten years prior to the candidate’s application for the “T” designation is counted. The experience must have been performed with a group of at least seven students and only the teaching of parliamentary procedure is counted.

The teaching experience must be thoroughly documented. The following guidelines will assist in file preparation:

- The first page shall include the applicant’s name and contact information, total number of teaching hours submitted, date and place of teacher course
- Use a cover sheet for each teaching experience; this should include the course name, location, dates, number of teaching hours
- Three items of documentation for each teaching experience must be included; items can be letters of appointment, contracts, course syllabus, publicity, printed programs, letters of thanks, testimonial letters, student evaluations, handout materials, other appropriate information; photocopies are acceptable.

The application must be submitted to the AIP Education Director Jeanette Williams postmarked no later than 15 May 2010. No applications or documentation will be returned to the applicant if the application is approved. If the application is rejected, the applicant will receive notification from the education director and the file will be returned for correction.

Those members not “grandfathered” according to the above provisions will not receive credit for any Teacher Education Course taken prior to the 2010 annual session. Contact Education Director Jeanette Williams, CP-T, if you have any questions about this information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

Actions taken by the board of directors at the mid-year board meeting in Ontario, CA, on January 31 – February 1, 2010 were as follows:

- **Authorized the revocation of the charter for the following chapters:**
 - #22 Ex Cathedra
 - #23 Columbia/Williamette
 - #24 Channel Island
 - # 29 Des Moines Parliamentarians
 - # 33 Robert W. Leiman
 - #47 Midwest Gateway Parliamentarians
 - # 55 Gold Reef Chapter Johannesburg
 - # 56 Tri-State
 - # 59 Capitol City
 - # 60 Marguerite Grumme
 - # 66 Rio Grande Valley
 - and the designation “inactive status” for # 75 Alamo Chapter.
- Provided that each board member is to be responsible for recruiting three new members before the annual session
- Approved a new cover for the Parliamentary Journal as part of AIP’s rebranding program
- Approved chapter grant policy which will be placed in the AIP Website manual
- Approved Educational Event Registration Policy which will be placed in the AIP Website manual
- Authorized the annual session committee to compile a souvenir journal of ads and resource information in commemoration of 50th annual session anniversary
- Approved the designation of Ann Rempel, CPP-T, as the Robert English lecturer for the 2010 Annual Session
- Approved the selection of Missauga, Ontario as the site of the 2011 annual session on July 28 - 30, 2011

“ IF YOU’VE ALREADY TAKEN THE
TEACHER EDUCATION COURSE,
THERE IS STILL TIME TO COMPLETE
THE T-DESIGNATION BEFORE THE NEW
REQUIREMENTS GO INTO EFFECT. ”

Accrediting Department

CE REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION APPROVED

All certified members of AIP (either CP or CPP) who previously earned the T designation will be automatically “grandfathered” as Certified Teachers of Parliamentary Procedure, effective upon adjournment of the 2010 AIP Annual Session. The period of certification will extend for five years, to December 31, 2015. Certified Teachers will now be required to meet a Continuing Education requirement every five years. One of the following requirements must be met:

- Make a passing grade in any Teacher Certification course. The first course will be offered during July 18-20, 2010 (immediately following the 2010 Annual Session).
- Teach a workshop (minimum of 30 minutes) at an Annual Session or Practicum. An outline of the workshop must be approved in advance by the Accrediting Department.

- Make a passing grade on a teaching demonstration 30-45 minutes in length (submitted on video tape to the Accrediting Department).
- Make a passing grade in a college or university credit-bearing course in educational theory or educational psychology. Advance approval of the Accrediting Department is required for each course.
- Serve as instructor for a Teacher Certification course.

Certified Teachers who meet any one of the above requirements prior to the 2015 Annual Session will be approved for the certification period commencing January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION COURSE TO BE OFFERED

AIP will offer a Teacher Certification course during July 18-20, 2010, immediately following the 2010 AIP Annual Session. The course will begin with a luncheon at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, and will end with dinner on Tuesday evening, July 20. Any certified member of AIP (CP or CPP) or registered members of NAP (RP or PRP) is eligible to take the course. The course will strive to develop and improve teaching skills at both the beginner and advanced levels. Workshops will include mock meetings, topics pertaining to educational theory, and structured teaching demonstrations. Required readings for the course are:

- *Teaching Parliamentary Procedure*. Darwin Patnode. 3rd ed. 2008.
- *Fundamentals of Parliamentary Law and Procedure*. 3rd ed. AIP, 2005.
- *The Teacher's Guide to Using Fundamentals*. 3rd ed. AIP, 2006.

The course will include two one-hour written tests and two video-taped teaching demonstrations.

The first test will cover the above reading materials, and will be administered at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, July 18th. Special arrangements will be made for any who are required to attend the Sunday morning AIP board meeting. The second written test will cover the above reading materials plus material covered during the course, and this test will be administered on Tuesday, July 20th.

The Teacher Certification course is recommended for:

- Any certified member of AIP who wishes to become Teacher Certified. Following successful completion of the course, it will also be necessary to earn “service points” demonstrating continued teaching in the field.

- Any member of AIP who was previously “grandfathered” as a Certified Teacher who wishes to earn continuing education credit. Successful completion of the Teacher Certification course is one of several ways that a Certified Teacher can extend the period of certification to December 31, 2020.
- Any certified member of AIP or registered member of NAP who, even though not a candidate for Teacher Certification, wishes to improve teaching skills in a controlled nonthreatening environment.

Teacher Certification Course

July 18 - 20, 2010
Ontario Double Tree Hotel
Ontario, California

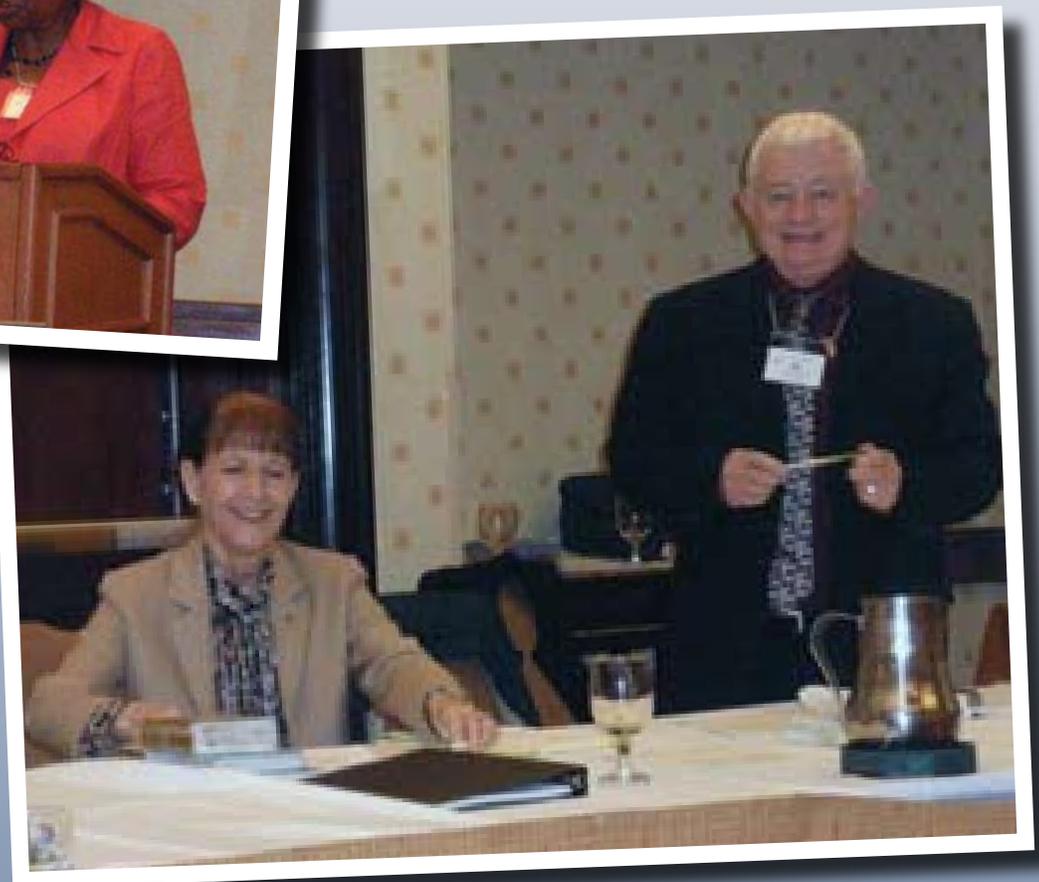
For more information, contact AIP Headquarters
888.664.0428

2010 CALIFORNIA PRACTICUM

The 29th Annual Lucas Memorial Practicum held in Ontario, California, was a wonderful learning experience for the 28 participants. They learned about nominations, elections, and methods of voting through instruction, discussion, and hands-on activities. In addition to the two great instructors, Ann Rempel, CPP-T, and Jeanette Williams, CP-T, five cameo presentations highlighted various other topics relating to the subject. Weldon Merritt, CP, presented information about electronic voting, Jim Stewart gave an overview of elections and voting in community associations, Marie Wilson, CPP, shared an experience and solution to an election problem, Jim Lochrie, CPP-T, explained the Borda method of voting, and Alison Wallis, JD, went through some election and voting issues under the model nonprofit act. The practicum also included a favorite – presiding practice for all participants. Craig Henry, CP, took the Certified Professional Parliamentarian (CPP) exam. You will want to mark your calendar for next year's practicum which will be January 27-29, 2011, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario, California. The 2009 Class President, Lorraine Talbot, opened the practicum with her keynote speech and Corwyn Hopke, 2010 Class President, adjourned the practicum *sine die*.



Top photo: Dollie McPartlin, CP-T; Ann Rempel, CPP-T; Corwyn Hopke; Jeannette Williams, CP-T
Left: Mary Remson
Below: Mary L. Randolph, PRP, CPP-T, and Jim Lochrie, CPP-T



SACRAMENTO

“ IF YOU CANNOT TEACH SOMEONE A PARLIAMENTARY CONCEPT, YOU DO NOT KNOW THE PARLIAMENTARY CONCEPT WELL ENOUGH TO APPLY IT. ”

The Sacramento Chapter of AIP, Chapter #71 meets the third Thursday of every month at a local municipal utility building.

Members sign up for specific topics. These topics often involve two closely related terms that may cause confusion.

No member is exempt from the requirement to present, whether they are experts or novices.

While they select a basic topic, they are free to alter the scope. When possible, both *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th)* and *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* are used as resources.

Presentations involve a limited lecture portion, and extensive interactive portion, which can include discussion, questions and answers, and role playing. Handouts are mandatory.

The chapter typically has 10-15 members at their meetings, including some local NAP members who also attend.

Most of the chapter members are also members of Toastmasters, and there is an expectation of professional presentations.

The chapter focuses on the information in *RONR* and *TSC*. They discourage the use of other academic authorities because they do not apply to realistic situations in the community.

As AIP eliminates the region structure, the Sacramento Chapter is planning an institute to replace the regular Region VII conference.

The chapter philosophy is that you do not learn by listening passively. You learn by preparing and presenting actively. If you cannot teach someone a parliamentary concept, you do not know the parliamentary concept well enough to apply it. If you teach by lecturing alone, you are doing a disservice to the members. If you use the dummies book, you are insulting yourself and your listener.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

▶ ARTICLE VI. Section 1. Notice of Candidacy.

Those persons who declare to the AIP Secretary their candidacy for officer and director positions, and who give notice of intent to run at least thirty days prior to the issuance of the call of the annual session shall have their names, along with the position for which they are candidates, listed in the call.

Notice should be sent to AIP secretary Alison Wallis [alisonwallis@mac.com] by May 1, 2010.

Nominations are accepted for all officer positions, and four board positions.

DEADLINES...

For registering for CP and CPP exams

- March 15, 2010 ~ deadline for June CP and CPP exams
- May 15, 2010 ~ deadline for July CPP exam
- July 15, 2010 ~ for October CP exams

Contact AIP Headquarters, 888.664.0428, for exam applications.



Did you know AIP now has a Facebook page? Are you signed up as a fan? Receive instant notifications of upcoming AIP events and breaking news sent straight to your Facebook page. Share pictures from AIP events with other fans.

Within Facebook, you can search for www.facebook.com/aipparl



NEW MEMBERS TO AIP

The following individuals joined AIP from August 1 through October. Be a supportive member and contact any who live near you.



Paul M Bessel
3700 Marble Arch Way
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Julia C. Boayue
15370 Mansfield
Detroit, MI 48227-1903

Jeff Clark
620 S. Fann Place
Anaheim, CA 92804

Katessa C. Davis
7525 W. 80th St
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Denise C. Jones
P.O. BOX 500
Gladwyne, PA 19035

Elaine M. Kneebone
522 South 9th Street
Arkadelphia, AR 71923

Donald J. Kurth, Jr.
Loma Linda University
10569 Apple Lane
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

Evan A. Lemoine, RP
138 Piedmont Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Louis J. Martin, Jr.
P.O. Box 151814
Lufkin, TX 75915

Vicki L. Mash
Holzer Clinic Inc.
90 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, OH 45631

Daniel McGary
2583 Sycamore Rd #60
DeKalb, IL 60115-2051

Florence L. Rhue
1952 S Westchester Dr.
Petersburg, VA 23805

D. Wes Rist
University of Pittsburgh
304 S. Winebiddle St
Apt. 4
Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Wanda M. Smith
8622 Trumps Hill Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Teresa G. Stone, RN, PRP
8855 S.W. Bridletrail Ave.
Beaverton, OR 97008

Mitchell R. Vieira
P.O. Box 475
Seekonk, MA 02771

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

AIP's generous members have made contributions to the funds of their choice during May-October 2009. We invite you to consider making one or more these funds the recipient of your generosity.

GENERAL FUND

Daniel McGary
Mary Smith

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mary Smith

AIPEF

Solveiga Unger



SILENT GAVELS

We bid farewell the
following AIP members:

Ann W. Pittman, St. Louis, MO
Janet A. Wilson, MD, CP-T,
Tulsa, OK

LET'S MODERNIZE THE PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

by Robert W. English

(ed. Note: This is an edited version of an article first appearing in Vol 2, No. 4 of the Parliamentary Journal)

The most difficult phase of orthodox parliamentary law is its exceedingly complicated precedence of motions. We need a MODERN CODE providing a simpler classification and precedence of motions. It should use modern, intelligible terminology and eliminate inconsistencies and ambiguities.

Most of the problems of precedence could be solved by the application of the following rule:

ANY MOTION MADE WHILE ANOTHER MOTION IS PENDING SHALL BE APPLIED DIRECTLY TO THE IMMEDIATELY PENDING MOTION.

Let's try to apply the above standards to the usual list of seven so-called **SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS**. The **MODERN CODE** would abolish the archaic "Previous Question" and instead use "Close Debate" as a variation of "Limit Debate." It would also drop the misleading and superfluous motion "Postpone Indefinitely." In its place we would use the lucid incidental motion "Dismiss from Consideration" as a variation of "Suspend the Rules," since it would suspend the usual rules permitting further debate.

The above proposals would reduce the number of subsidiary motions from **SEVEN TO FIVE**. Then the **MODERN CODE** would recognize that the three motions "Table," "Postpone Definitely," and "Refer" are variations of "**DEFER**"—put off. Each of the three would be amendable to either of the other two forms. Tabled motions would be subject to call, and hence would not be likely to be used to kill.

The above plan reduces the number of "subsidiary motions" from **SEVEN TO THREE**: Defer; Suspend Debate Rules; Amend. By applying these motions to the immediately pending motions, **THE ENTIRE PROBLEM OF PRECEDENCE AMONG THE "SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS" WOULD DISAPPEAR!** Of course this would remove the need for the label "subsidiary" since all would be considered as incidental motions and would take their precedence from the motions out of which they arise—the same as incidental motions are handled according to our orthodox ritual. (The table on page 40 will help clarify the plan.)

The **MODERN CODE** would remove orthodox precedence complication by the following:

1. The "Previous Question" would be abolished and the simple, intelligible "Close Debate" used instead.

2. The motions "Refer to the Committee of the Whole," "Consider as if in the Committee of the Whole," and "Consider Informally" would be abolished. They are superfluous, misleading, and inconsistent with the rule that debate may not be extended except by a 2/3 vote. Each of these motions suspends the rule that a member may speak but twice on a motion.
3. The same rules that apply to ordinary motions to "Amend" would be applied to motions to "Substitute."
4. All three forms of "**DEFER**" (Table; Postpone Definitely; Refer) would be permitted after debate has been closed.

The **MODERN CODE** would consider "Call for the Orders of the Day" and "Raise a Question of Privilege" as variations of "Point of Order," and hence as incidental motions. The first is a **DEMAND** that the rules governing the agenda be observed. An illustration of the second is "I ask that the windows be opened," which could well be considered as a demand that the rules requiring proper ventilation be enforced.

The above plan would reduce the number of "Privileged Motions" from **FIVE TO THREE**. Then the **MODERN CODE** would recognize that the three remaining motions are all variations of "Terminate or Interrupt the Meeting." "Fix the Time to which to Adjourn" means "Hold another Meeting of this Session" or "Recess at the end of this Meeting." Hence it logically is a variation of "Recess." "Adjourn" may mean terminate the session, but unfortunately often means the same as "Recess." "Recess" may mean terminate the meeting **AND** hold another meeting of the session, or it may mean interrupt the session by a short break (intermission). The **MODERN CODE** would consider all these related motions as variations of "Terminate or Interrupt the Meeting" and hence incidental motions each amendable to any of the other forms. Each could logically be considered as being applied to the immediately pending motion because they would provide for postponement of consideration.

Thus the above plan would consider all the orthodox "privileged motions" as incidental and hence **THE ENTIRE PROBLEM OF PRECEDENCE DISAPPEARS!**

What do **YOU** think of the above plan?

MODERNIZATION OF THE ORTHODOX SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

Rank of the orthodox subsidiary motion	Disposition by proposed MODERN CODE	REVISED LIST: All would be incidental motions ^b
1. TABLE – Supposed to DEFER indefinitely; usually kills. ^a	Kept as a form of DEFER	DEFER: Three main forms: Table; Postpone Definitely; Refer. ^b
2. PREVIOUS QUESTION – Misleading terminology. ^b	Abolished – CLOSE DEBATE used instead.	
3. LIMIT OR EXTEND LIMITS OF DEBATE – Suspend one or more rules of debate. ^b	Kept as a form of SUSPEND THE RULES	
4. POSTPONE DEFINITELY – Defers to specified time. ^a	Kept as a form of DEFER.	
5. REFER – Defers definitely or indefinitely according to instructions to committee. ^a	Kept as a form of DEFER.	
6. AMEND – Modifies immediately pending motions. ^b	Kept.	AMEND – Three main forms: Add; Delete; Substitute
7. POSTPONE INDEFINITELY – misleading terminology	Abolished – DISMISS FROM CONSIDERATION used instead	

a. Applied directly to pending main motions FIRST stated.

b. Applied directly to pending motion LAST stated — the immediately pending motion.



American Institute of Parliamentarians

550M Ritchie Highway, #271 • Severna Park, MD 21146
Tel: 888-664-0428 • www.AIPparl.org • aip@AIPparl.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May 1, 2010

Communicator article submission

May 15, 2010

Midwest Workshop

Chicago, IL

Theme: *Effective Boards*

May 15, 2010

CPP Exam registration deadline for Annual Session exam

May 19, 2010

Legal Symposium

Washington, DC

Theme: *Association Law*

June 3 - 9, 2010

CP exam period (previous registration required)

June 5 - 7, 2010

Riddick Practicum

Linthicum, MD

June 24

Public Seminar

Linthicum, MD

July 13, 2010

AIP Board of Directors meeting

Ontario, CA

July 14, 2010

Business Development Institute

Ontario, CA

Theme: *Business Skills for Parliamentarians*

July 15, 2010

CP Exam registration deadline for October exam period

July 15 - 17, 2010

AIP Annual Session

Ontario, CA

CPP exam

July 18, 2010

AIP Board of Directors meeting

July 18 - 20, 2010

Teacher Certification Course

Ontario, CA

Theme: *Teaching Parliamentary Procedure*

August 1, 2010

Communicator article submission

September/October 2010 (Date TBD)

Canadian Workshop

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

October 4 - 10, 2010

CP Exam period (previous registration required)

November 12 - 14, 2010

Dahms-Bierbaum Workshop

Kansas City, MO

Theme: *Electronic Meetings*

January 27 - 29, 2011

Lucas Practicum

Ontario, CA

July 28 - 30, 2011

AIP Annual Session

Missauga, Ontario, Canada