Lucas Practicum Focuses on Organizations and Officers

Moving into a leadership position in your association? Want to learn more about the role of today’s organizations and officers? AIP will hold the 28th Lucas Practicum in Ontario, California on January 29-31, 2009. Paul Lamb, CPP-T, and Joy Meyer, CPP-T, will lead an outstanding faculty that will provide hands on experience to participants on how to best provide effective leadership within their own organizations.

The Lucas Practicum is designed to expand the knowledge base of all attendees. The 2009 practicum is expected to draw a diverse audience with a wide range of experience and knowledge. Each learner not only learns from the assigned faculty but also gains valuable insights from their fellow students who bring their own perspectives to the learning process.

All practicum courses combine advanced theory with practical application through small group exercises and seminar assignments. Participants receive useful leadership tools that they will be able to immediately put to use back home.

If you want to enhance your organizational leadership skills then this is an event you will not want to miss. Registration and additional information is available on the AIP website at www.aipparl.org or by calling 888-664-0428.

Jim Jones, CPP
President
Surely It Cannot Be …

…That all the parliamentary questions have been answered for all time. The AIP Opinions Committee, Michael Malamut, CPP-T, Chair, is constantly on the lookout for problems to solve. But we don’t hear of very many. Please send us your latest difficulty.

Over the past few years, the committee has generated many of the published questions for itself, based on scenarios presented in committee members’ professional parliamentary practice and theoretical discussions among practicing parliamentarians. Of course, this is convenient because we only ask ourselves questions that we can answer with assurance. But we would like some tougher ones—ones that really push the envelope of parliamentary procedure and parliamentary law.

Unlike the RONR web page, which does get a lot of questions to answer but sticks to those directly related to RONR, we, the AIP Opinions committee, are happy to take on all comers – questions related to tricky bylaws provisions, questions related to applications of the rules in situations not contemplated by RONR (such as Internet based “e-meetings” and “e-voting”), questions arising from inconsistencies in RONR, questions related to other parliamentary authorities such as The Standard Code (Sturgis), Cannon, Demeter, Mason, Lochrie, Keesey, Bourinot, Atwood, and others that only you may have run across, questions arising out of state or federal (procedural) law – just bring them on. The more controversial, the better.

Give us your best shot, mail them to the Chairman, Michael Malamut, CPP-T (his address is in the online directory) or send it via e-mail to michael@michaelmalamut.com and we will put your question in the queue. It may not show up in the Parliamentary Journal right away because of publication schedules and backlogs, but have patience. Questions from AIP members (excepting the Opinions Committee members themselves) get first priority.

John Stackpole, CPP-T
Member, Opinions Committee

Deadline for
Next issue of The Communicator
February 1
REGION I BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

When I first got interested in parliamentary procedure a decade ago, I wanted to join an organization that would provide information on the subject. Using the “Guide to Associations” I discovered that I had a choice—the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) or the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP). They both seemed to offer valuable newsletters. The cost for joining was roughly the same, but to join NAP you had to pass an examination and AIP had no prerequisites. There was no contest as to which association I would join. I became a member of AIP.

Then in May of this year I attended the Northwest Region Conference of AIP. It was great. The business meeting, as usual, provided opportunities to practice parliamentary procedure and learn by doing. Five members of the Alyce Baker Chapter gave a rendition of the “Do Nothing Club,” a script originally written, I believe, by Mary Randolph, CPP-T. Their creative use of different hats, their lively demeanor, and the discussion afterwards made it most interesting. Stan Sturges, CP, presented a quorum issue that had recently arisen in one of his associations, which led to a great exchange of ideas and thoughts on quorum and how to handle difficulties. Weldon Merritt gave a session on unfinished business and general orders.

Ann McCartney, CP-T, Paul McClintock CP-T, and Kevin Connelly, CP, had assembled a treasure trove of materials and presented a varied and useful introduction to how to study for the CP examination. They introduced us to the exam without overwhelming us. We had multiple choice questions to try, we broke into small groups to prepare a tellers’ report, and we even tried our hand at writing a script. It was fun and useful. I had no idea, for instance, that about 75% of the CP examination is based on Robert. I had been afraid that one had to master Demeter, Riddick, Mason and all the rest. I couldn’t even imagine taking that exam. Now it all seems more feasible. Weldon Merritt gave a session on unfinished business and general orders.

The good cheer and discussion continued over dinner and installation of new officers. Finally, outgoing Governor Kevin Connelly, CP, did a superb job of preparing and organizing this conference.

From the President...

The past three months have been busy ones for our profession. In August, AIP celebrated our 50th anniversary in Chicago. The next month NAP held its biennial National Training Conference in Virginia Beach. Last month the Dahms workshop was presented in St. Louis. Additionally, there have been educational meetings and programs sponsored by several local chapters. All of these events are worthy of our support and involvement.

With education being a driving factor in the mission of AIP, we understand the importance of always offering quality learning opportunities to our members and the public. This is why our education department under the leadership of Teresa Dean, CPP-T, is working diligently to develop new workshops and new materials that will continue to broaden the knowledge of leaders interested in progressive organizations and productive meetings.

AIP’s foundational offerings will still be the Lucas Practicum (January 29-31) in California and the Riddick Practicum (early June) in Baltimore. Paul Lamb and Joy Meyer will lead the faculty at the Lucas event. In addition, this year AIP will be sponsoring a two day workshop (April 3-4) in Peterborough, Canada led by Paul Ayotte and Jim Lochrie, CPP-T. There will also be a full day workshop designed for practicing parliamentarians (July 28) given in New Orleans immediately before the Annual Session. Paul Krohne is coordinating this event that already boasts such presenters as Burke Balch, Nancy Sylvester, CPP-T, Gene Bierbaum, CPP-T, and Mary Randolph, CPP-T. Each opportunity will provide a different view of what we do as parliamentarians and how we can do it best.

AIP has provided different perspectives on parliamentary procedure since its founding in 1958. As we continue to create more innovative learning experiences focused on the improvement of our profession, it will become clear that your support for AIP also supports ideas, innovation, creativity, and service. These are the tenets for which AIP stands. These are the foundations on which AIP will continue to build. For without these principles, all the learning in the world tends to lose its significance.

James N. Jones, CPP-T
President

Volunteer Expert Needed

The Education Department needs a translator for parliamentary material into Spanish. Interested persons should contact Teresa A. Dean, CPP-T at aipeducdir@planetkc.com.
Generous Members Make Contributions

AIP’s generous members have made contributions to the funds of their choice since June 2008. We will be recognizing our generous contributors periodically in *The Communicator*.

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**Riddick Practicum Plans for June**

Although we don’t have the faculty confirmed, please plan to come to the 2009 Riddick Practicum June 5 - 9, 2009. Our theme will be “The Meeting Cycle.” The practicum will open on Friday evening with introductions and general housekeeping so we can get started on subject matter first thing on Saturday morning.

Day one will be “Before the Meeting”—covering topics such as scripts and agendas, that take place even before the parliamentarian is on site or the chairman gavels the meeting to order. The second day will cover activities that occur “During the Meeting” and will present such topics as presiding and motions and, hopefully, we’ll have an oral exam. Day three will be “After the Meeting” and will be concerned with minutes and other records. Tuesday morning we may have the “aftermath” and have problems, opinions, and war stories before we have a closing lunch.

An all-day workshop is being advertised to the public and will be presented on June 5, the day before the practicum itself. This introductory session is designed for people who are curious about parliamentary procedure, meeting organization, and how they can use new skills to help their own organizations function more productively. Last year’s presentation brought 10 newcomers to AIP, some of whom joined and have remained members. Of course, anyone can attend the workshop for a small additional fee.

Remember, the practicum dates are June 6 - 9, 2009 at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute www.ccmit.org. Please save the date, plan to attend, and look for more information in the March issue of *The Communicator* or on the website.

*Colette Collier Trohan, CPP-T*
Curriculum Director, Riddick Practicum
2009 ACCREDITING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

AIP announces the official formation of its Accrediting Department, effective for the three year period, 2008-2011. The members of the Department and their specific assignments are as follows:

- M. Eugene Bierbaum, Ph. D., CPP-T, Accrediting Director
- Ann Homer, CPP-T, Chairman, Computerized Records
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- Mary Randolph, CPP-T, Chairman, Policies and Procedures

The 2009 dates for the CP written examination and the deadlines for applying for each examination are:

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Prospective examinees may order the 2009 CP examination packet from the AIP headquarters. The packet includes a form to designate a monitor and establish a definite date and time for the examination. Information on how to earn “service points” leading to qualification as a Certified Parliamentarian is also included. A pre-test, which is designed to ensure that each applicant has mastered certain basic concepts prior to taking the examination, is available in the AIP bookstore for a $10 fee.

The 2009 CPP oral examinations will be offered at the two AIP Practicums held during January-February and May-June, as well as the Annual Session during July-August in New Orleans. CPP examination packets are available at no charge from AIP Headquarters. The packet includes an application form, procedures for administration of the oral examination, and information on accumulating “service points” leading to qualification as Certified Professional Parliamentarian. The deadline dates for applications for each examination are as follows:

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REGION IV BIENNIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 14

AIP’s most populous region, Region 4, will hold its biennial regional meeting, hosted by the LINY and Metro NY chapters. The meeting, election of new officers, and an educational session will be held on December 14 in Mineola, NY, convenient to LaGuardia and Kennedy airports, the LIRR, and automobile travelers. The meeting begins at 11:30 AM and will end by 3:30 PM; registration is $36, including lunch.

The educational portion of the meeting will focus on the day’s theme, “Meetings that Work,” with Pass the Gavel presiding practice, Assignment of the Floor, Painless Minutes Tips, and other topics. Publications will be available also.

For more information, please contact Lori Finck, Long Island NY Chapter President, at 917-836-9483, or Sybil Alexander, Metro Chapter of NY President, at 718-768-2748. Registration may be sent to Fran Kulik, Registrar, at 47 Irving Street, Valley Stream, NY 11580-1634 516-285-0551 or FranAIP@yahoo.com.

Lori Finck
President, Long Island NY Chapter

SILENT GAVELS

Emogene Emery, CPP  Abilene, TX  Member since 1961
Virginia D. Adams   Marshalltown, IA  Member since 1964
Marvin Steinmetz  Claremont, CA  Member since 2008

Exam packets are available from AIP Headquarters, 550M Ritchie Highway #271, Severna Park, MD 21146, by e-mail to parliamentaryprocedure.org, or by telephone call to 888-664-0428. Questions about accrediting procedures may be directed to M. Eugene Bierbaum, CPP-T, Accrediting Director. E-Mail: ebierbaum@juno.com

M. Eugene Bierbaum, CPP-T
Accrediting Director
AIP and Smart Giving Plans

It is a fact of life that an effective association must be responsive and supportive to the community which it serves. By the same token, an association cannot exist without the support of those who share a belief in the mission and vision of that organization. Our mission and vision capture the spirit of our past and direct our future. As we continue our journey, we must create “a culture of giving” that includes at its core, service—service to our members, to our clients, and to the communities in which we live—and also, financial support to provide the foundations for the programs and people we serve.

As we enter into the holiday season, this seems a good time to encourage you to begin that culture by supporting AIP through a tax deductible donation. What better time than the holidays to put giving into practice in ways that are both generous and tax-smart?

Through a year-end tax deductible gift to the AIP this season you can help AIP engage, enlighten, and enhance our parliamentary community. Consider honoring family members or friends by making your donation in their honor.

Why you should give:
Just a few examples of how your gift could help include:
- Providing scholarships to one of AIP’s educational events for individuals interested in the study of parliamentary procedure and governance.
- Upgrading AIP’s on-line capabilities in order to increase the number of webinars and other on-line courses available to the public.
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Betty Mosley

Opinions in PDF Format

Extra! Extra! Extra! AIP has combined three books into one and made it into a computer file. The file or the file on a CD is available through the book store. What is in this product? What is it called? How much does it cost?

This product has all the opinions published by AIP in the Parliamentary Journal through Volume 49 (thru 2008). That means it has Opinions, Opinions II, and the as yet unpublished Opinions III. You get the questions, the opinions, and the updated references that were prepared by Jonathan Jacobs. There are over 500 pages in this fully searchable PDF file, so you can easily find information about parliamentary issues that affect you.

The file is actually set up in three parts. The original Opinions book is found first, followed by Parliamentary Opinions II. The third section contains all the opinions written after Parliamentary Opinions II – thus creating Parliamentary Opinions III. Each of these sections is arranged by a chapter layout that is explained at the beginning of the PDF file.

What is the name of this work? It is Parliamentary Opinions in PDF Format. It is found in the bookstore as Parliamentary Opinions as PDF and Parliamentary Opinions on CD-Rom. Just search for “Opinions” in the bookstore and you will find the items.

The cost for this gem is only $60 for the file delivered via email or $70 for the CD delivered through the mail. The two options allow you to get the one that best suits your needs. Both presentations contain exactly the same information. If you don’t mind backing up and making your own CD, chose the $60 version. If you worry about making your own CD, go for the $70 version and feel safe. Acrobat Reader is a free download from Acrobat.com so you do not have to pay anything extra for the program to view the file.

The file was developed by Lawrence Cisar and Paul Lamb, both of whom keep working away on their computers. Now if they could only figure out how to make money from them!!!

Lawrence Cisar, CP

FEBRUARY 1, 2009
IS THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE COMMUNICATOR
E-AIP Chapter Meets Online

The Electronic Chapter of AIP (e-AIP) was formed in 2002 "to promote communication between and education of AIP members without regard to geographical location; to investigate and experiment with methods that allow for deliberative meetings in online formats; and to promote the necessary education and research needed to allow for truly democratic online meetings."

We meet in the Slashnet.org #eaipt internet chat room (IRC), where meeting attendees each type rather than speak, and they each see what the others have typed. There are multiple ways to access the chat room (free), but this article will assume access is via:
http://www.mibbit.com/?server=irc.slashnet.org&channel=%23eaipt

Each attendee logging in to the chat room gives himself a "nickname" with no spaces, such as paulmcclintock, paulmc, or paulseattle. The nickname is entered in the Nick box on the initial screen; then the "Connect" button takes the attendee to the chat room.

In the chat room, the box on the right side lists all members signed in. The one-line text box at the bottom is where you type your text. Once you press the Enter key on your keyboard, it posts your text to the large conversation box above it. Your Nick appears to the left of your posted text. The time appears to the left of your Nick. Postings from each person appear in time order as of when they press Enter. Entered text can be up to 1300 characters. Longer texts (e.g. minutes, bylaws) could be posted in shorter pieces.

To facilitate orderliness, some protocols are used. Like an in-person meeting under Robert's Rules, a member should seek recognition. He types "MC" for mister (madame) chairman. The chair responds: "CR paul" and then all members wait for Paul to type what he has to say, whether debate, making a motion, etc. If it is more than a line or two, Paul can type in a line or so, add "..." and press Enter, posting the first part for others to read while he types some more. He adds "END" at the end of the last part so others know he's done and yields the floor.

Other useful shorthands are "M/S" for "moved and seconded" and "POO" for "point of order."

For voting with small groups it's good if all respond (yes, no, abstain) rather than someone who abstains not responding and the group wondering if they have lost a connection. If there is no response from someone, the chair types "5" Enter; "4" Enter; "3" Enter; "2" Enter; "1" Enter. He then tallies the votes received and declares the results (e.g. "The Ayes have it; the motion is adopted.")

If someone has to step away from his computer (phone call, restroom, etc), he types "BRB" for "be right back"; that way others don't ask him a question and wonder why he doesn't answer. When he returns to the computer he types "BACK." Posting BRB and BACK needs no recognition by the chair and can be interjected even in the middle of someone else's posting. Some software for chat rooms provides other means of accomplishing this same purpose, which can be used if available.

Chat rooms don't provide for secret ballots. For that, we have experimented with www.surveymonkey.com and with www.ballotbin.com.

One challenge with chat room meetings has to do with the time you wait for a person typing. That's why it's good to type a little, put "...", press Enter, posting your text in parts. Others can be reading posted parts while you're still typing the next part.

Another problem can occur because two people can be typing new motions or debate at the same time. That's why properly seeking recognition is so important.

E-AIP also has an educational program as part of each of our meetings. This too has its challenges, as it is also via the chat room. The chat room works well for Q&A type lessons.

There is no cost for the chat room, but we do pay for a web site, where we utilize free software such as WordPress and phpBB. We post bylaws and minutes online via these tools, and can have public and members-only sections.

Membership in e-AIP is open to any member of AIP, and guests are welcome to visit (but not vote) at meetings to see if they'd like to join. Visit our www.e-aip.org web site for more information, or contact me at paulmc@gte.net.

Paul McClintock, CP-T
President, e-AIP, www.e-AIP.org

Correction:
The Annual Session did not approve the bylaws amendment calling for the establishment of a Nominations Committee. This fact was incorrectly reported in the September issue of The Communicator. The Editor apologizes for the error.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED AUGUST - OCTOBER

Between August and October this year forty new members have joined AIP. Look below for those who might live near you and make a welcoming call, invite them to a chapter meeting or just to say “Welcome.” See how you can help them, whatever their level of knowledge or interest, become involved in this organization. They’ll be glad you did—and you will too!

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Registration fee includes: All materials, 3 lunches, Thursday dinner and Saturday banquet. Make hotel reservations with Doubletree Hotel Ontario — breakfast included in room rate.

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Registration checks should be payable to AIP California Practicum and sent to: American Institute of Parliamentarians, 550M Ritchie Highway #271, Severna Park, MD 21146. Credit Card or Call Headquarters 888-664-0428.

Register online at www.AIP parl.org