Dear AIP members,

And the beat goes on…. The 2018 West Coast Practicum was held February 8-10 at the Hampton Inn Tropicana in Las Vegas. The topic of “Change is Inevitable: The Fine Art of Amending with Authority” was popular: the WCP had more attendees than had participated in recent years. Congratulations to new WCP Class President, Nilda Rivera, JD, PRP!

The 2018 East Coast Practicum is scheduled for June 1-3, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Center, Linthicum Heights, MD. The theme is “Voting — Beyond the Ayes and Noes.” Some of the planned topics include voting when there are three or more choices, preferential voting, rules for electronic voting, and mail voting. Three different voting technology companies will provide their products in real time for your learning and hands-on practice. Curriculum Director Al Gage, CPP, PRP, General Coordinator Mary Remson, CPP-T, PRP, and Instructor Joe Theobald, CP-T, PRP, are working hard to ensure a fun and exciting educational experience. Come, learn, meet with old friends (and make some new ones). Registration information and hotel information are on the website and will be coming to you via email blasts.

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**9.9 Notice of Candidacy.**

Any person wishing to give notice of candidacy for office at the annual session shall send to the AIP Secretary a statement setting forth the notice of candidacy. This notice shall be not more than seventy-five days prior nor less than sixty days prior to the annual session. The secretary shall forward these notices to the editor for publication in the pre-annual session Communicator.
On Liberty

“What is a “case” and does the parliamentarian have one? Is the parliamentarian limited to simply speaking the “truth” based on the bylaws and other governing documents of the organization or the validity of the application of a rule from the parliamentary authority of the organization? Certainly not, as evidenced by some of the deliberations at our meetings, workshops, and/or on chat lines.

The well-trained professional parliamentarian is better able to assist members having explored all aspects of the situation. Experience and discussions at educational events provide examples and frames of reference for unique situations and alternatives to problems. Plan now to attend the next AIP practicum and attend or create a study group near you!

“He who knows only his side of a case knows very little of that!”
– John Stuart Mill

AIP Annual Session
August 2-4, 2018

Le Pavillon Hotel
833 Poydras Street,
New Orleans, LA 70112

Reservations: 844-656-8636
Email: reservations@lepavillon.com
Web Page: https://www.lepavillon.com/
The Hotel code for the Annual Session is 1707AMERIC

Room rates for single, double, triple, and quadruple occupancy, pre-tax, are: $109/$109/$129/$149.

Watch aipparl.org/events/ for more information
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF AIP

Welcome new members of AIP - January through March 2018. Be a supportive member and contact any who live near you.

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Looking a bit further ahead, work is also progressing on the 2018 Annual Session under the capable leadership of Alison Wallis, JD, CP-T, PRP. The Annual Session will be held at August 2-4, 2018, at Le Pavillon Hotel in New Orleans. Alison has rounded up a great field of instructors, we’ll do something fun and “New Orleans-y” the night before (I hope!) Keesey’s Modern Parliamentary Procedure (2nd edition), edited and updated by members of AIP, will be introduced, and there will be a Robert W. English lecture. More details will be coming soon, but in the meantime, you can check out the website to make your reservations early.

There are a LOT of people doing a LOT of work behind the scenes for AIP! BUT, a couple of gaps could still be filled:

How can you help AIP? We’re looking for the following:

- Education Director: AIP seeks a CP-T or CPP-T who can serve in this important position.
- Content Developer: I would like to see some educational “classlets” on the website. These would be small, brief, pieces for individuals to learn basic parliamentary information.

If you think you can help, please let me know at president@aipparl.org!

I hope to see you, too, at an AIP event this spring. Remember to keep looking for ways to help advance the cause of AIP.

Kay

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**Thank You For Your Contribution**

Nilda Rivera

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
2018 East COAST PRACTICUM
June 1-3, 2018, Linthicum Heights, MD

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

It has been said that in any given situation there are two kinds of people, those who know what happened and those who guess what happened.

Those attending the 2018 East Coast Practicum on Voting – Beyond the Ayes and Nos will be the latter, they will know what happened. Join us in Linthicum Heights MD at the Maritime Institute Conference Center to be in the know!

The instructors include the following:
Joe Theobald, Ph.D. CP-T, PRP
Al Gage, CPP, PRP, PAP
Kay Crews, CPP, PRP
John Stackpole, CPP-T, PRP
Mary Remson, CPP-T, PRP

Three different voting technology companies will provide their products in real time for your learning and hands-on practice.

Curriculum Director Al Gage, CPP, PRP, PAP, is planning a unique practicum experience that you will not want to miss.

Complete program, registration and hotel information can be found online at https://aipparl.org/events/.

Come to the practicum – be in the know!

Mary Remson, CPP-T, PRP
Practicum Coordinator

East Coast Practicum Schedule

Friday June 1, 2018
7:00 – 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast & Registration
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Opening
10:00 – 12:00 a.m. The Vagaries of Voting, Or How Voting on a Three Way (or more) Choice Can REALLY Go Off the Rails
Dr. John Stackpole, PhD, CPP, PRP
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. GROUP LUNCH
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Preferential Voting/Borda/Cumulative Voting/Condorcet
Dr. Joe Theobald, PhD, CP-T, PRP
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
Breakout Work Groups

**Rule Writing For Voting, Crews**
Scenarios presented in which rules must be written or proposed for different voting scenarios and the parliamentary authorities are silent on how to proceed. An actual writing assignment.

**Tellers Reports, Remson**
Voting Scenarios with actual legal and illegal votes to be counted and transferred to teller’s reports based on AIPSC and RONR

**Bylaw Interpretation, Gage**
A collage of actual real-world bylaw examples which the student will have to interpret and determine the voting requirement.

**Preferential Voting, Theobald**
Several actual counting scenarios with ballots and counted under AIPSC and/or RONR.

4:15 – 5:30 p.m. Presiding Session 1
Theobald/Crews/Gage/Remson

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

*Dinner On Your Own*

**Saturday June 2, 2018**
7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Electronic Voting Rules
Kay Crews, CPP, PRP

10:15 – 12:00 Voting Technology
Demos Meridia, Turning Technologies/Padgett Vendors

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Group Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Presiding Session 2 & 3 or Experience with Voting Technology
Theobald/Crews/Gage/Remson

3:15 – 5:35 p.m. Breakout Work Groups
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

**Sunday June 3, 2018**
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Mail Voting/Email Voting/Texas Ballot/Proxies
Dr. Joe Theobald, PhD, CP-T, PRP

9:00 –10:00 a.m. Voting Thresholds/Dual Majority/Chair Bias/Contesting Results
Al Gage, CPP, PRP, PAP

11:00 – 12:00 Presiding Practice 4 Theobald/Crews/Gage/Remson

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Certificates

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. AIP Accrediting Overview, Wrap-up & Adjourn
AIP has two separate ways we earn money from Amazon: through the AmazonSmile 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!!!