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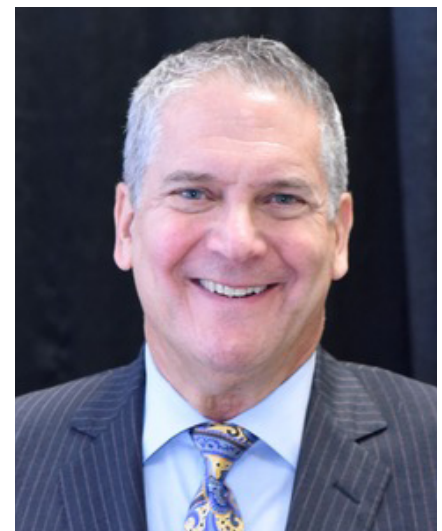
## Presidents Message:

### West Coast Practicum • January 18 – 20, 2024

This past January, the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP) held its annual West Coast Practicum (WCP) at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Practicum was subtitled “In the Tradition of Sturgis...” and served as a deep dive into the recently released *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure 2nd Edition* (AIPSC2). What made the Practicum such an overwhelming success was the fact that 62 registrants attended including eight faculty (clearly one of the most widely-attended and successful practicums in recent memory)! Everyone who participated was treated to an outstanding review of what hopefully will become the go-to parliamentary authority.

In addition to all of the exceptional presentations, we were indeed fortunate to have on hand Project Manager Kay Allison Crews, CPP-T, PRP (who served as General Coordinator for the Practicum) and the *entire* authorship team including Lucy Hicks Anderson, JD, CP-T, PRP; C.J. Cavin, JD, CPP-T, PRP; Al Gage, CPP-T, PRP (WCP Curriculum Director); Barry Glazer, MD, CPP-T; Glen Hall, DDS, CP-T; Atul Kapur, MD, CPP-T, PRP; the Honorable Michael Malamut, JD, CPP-T, PRP; and Shannon Sun, JD, CPP-T, PRP.

Many of the presentations were based on Alice Sturgis's foundational **7 Basic Principles** including Completeness, Simplicity and Clarity, Conciseness, Usability, Common Procedures, Conformance to Court Decisions, and Up-to-Dateness. Although the book was released in September, its effective date was January 1, 2024 which gave all organizations who cite the “current edition” of the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* ample time to familiarize themselves with the differences between the first and second editions. Indeed, for



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those who have relied upon AIPSC (1st Ed.) for the past 11 years, the 2024 WCP was crucial to understanding the nuances in the new edition that will now be guiding its organizational deliberations.

**AIP's Newest Certified Professional Parliamentarians**

One of the other treats WCP registrants had the unique opportunity to witness was the administration of the Certified Professional Parliamentarian (CPP) examination. This grueling oral test requires thorough familiarity with *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* (12th Ed.), the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* and *Cannon's Concise Guide to Rules of Order*, in addition to several other valuable study guides.

On behalf of the American Institute of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, I am delighted to extend my heartiest congratulations to our newest credentialed Certified Professional Parliamentarians and to recognize them for their outstanding efforts:

- Adrian Stratton, CPP-T #238,
- Laura Meade, CPP #239, and
- Nilda Rivera, CPP #240

**Meeting of the AIP Board of Directors**

On Sunday morning, January 21, 2024, the Post-West Coast Practicum regular meeting of the AIP Board of Directors was held. Once the minutes for the meeting have been approved, they will be posted to the AIP website.

**East Coast Practicum • May 31 – June 2, 2024**

Finally, I am excited to announce the 2024 East Coast Practicum will be held virtually May 31 to June 2, 2024. C.J. Cavin, CPP-T, has been appointed General Coordinator and David Jackson, CP-T, has been appointed Education Director. Further information including details about scheduling and registration fees will be posted to the AIP website (<https://aiparl.org>) as they become available.

These are just a small sampling of what is in store. You are invited to monitor our website to keep current on all of AIP's current activities. Until next time, please accept our gratitude for your continued support of the American Institute of Parliamentarians!

Robert M. Peskin DDS, CP  
President





# Educational Musings – updates from the Education Department

- W. Craig Henry, Director-Education Department

*“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”*

**–Henry Ford**

As parliamentarians, we should never stop learning. Not only are meetings and technology evolving but, contrary to popular belief, none of us knows everything. Learning does keep us young. And there are many different ways we can learn.

We have just finished our Winter West Coast Practicum (WCP) in January 2024 which covered the newly released second edition of the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* (AIPSC2). Practicums are designed as an experience for teachers, experts, and novice learners of parliamentary procedure to have a non-competitive, directed, practical curriculum where all parties can share their knowledge, and ask their questions, under the supervision of the event leaders and instructors. The Winter West Coast Practicum under the direction of Kay Crews CPP-T and Al Gage, CPP-T was a resounding success (see the article about the WCP elsewhere in this Communicator).

Did you miss the WCP? Want more information about AIPSC2? We have another Practicum lined up for you from May 31, 2024 to June 2, 2024. The virtual Spring Practicum under the direction of David Jackson CP-T and C.J. Cavin, CPP-T has a tremendous line of instructors comparing the “default” provisions of various parliamentary authorities and laws:

The Standard Defaults in RONR 12th Edition –  
Thomas J. “Burke” Balch, JD

Defaults found in Keeseey & Cannon –  
Kay Crews, CPP-T, PRP

Defaults established by AIPSC 2nd Edition –  
Dr. Kenneth Reed, CP-T, PRP

Professional Responsibility of Understanding Procedural Defaults – C. J. Cavin, JD, CPP-T, PRP

Model Not-for-Profit Act Defaults –  
Michael Malamut, JD, CPP-T, PRP

Both practicums provide time for practicing presiding in addition to the topic presentations/ discussions/ activities. Want more presiding time and tune-up? Watch out for the announcement of our late Fall 2024 Presiding Practicum.

The AIP Annual Session is coming up on August 14-17, 2024 will have around 10 excellent instructors leading on parliamentary topics as well as the 2024 AIP Teacher Certification course around that time.

Want to dive in-depth into Parliamentary Procedure? The AIP website offers many other avenues to study. Look at the AIP bookstore and pick up a parliamentary authority or educational resource you do not own. Sign up for one of AIP’s four in-depth correspondence courses. Or offer to teach a workshop topic at a future Annual Session or webinar—on of the best ways to learn. Contact the Education Department at [education@aipparl.org](mailto:education@aipparl.org) if you are interested.

Learning opportunities abound at AIP. Stay mentally young!



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## Calendar of Events

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

Virtual Practicum May 31-June 2, 2024  
Annual Conference August 15-17, 2024

## Deadline Dates for the "Communicator"

May 15, 2024	Summer 2024 Issue
August 15, 2024	Fall 2024 Issue
November 15, 2024	Winter 2024 Issue
February 15, 2025	Spring 2025 Issue



# A Message from the Accrediting Department

It's been a busy few months for the Accrediting Department!

First of all, congratulations to Adrian Stratton, CPP-T; Laura Meade, CPP; and Nilda Rivera, CPP (the newest CPP, taking that esteemed title from CJ Cavin!) All three were recently awarded their CPP credentials (in Adrian's case, he already had the -T to go with it!) Earning a CPP is a huge undertaking, and all of these individuals deserve all the accolades coming their way on their achievements.

If all goes to plan, there will be CPP exams at the Annual Session in Indianapolis, as well! Come cheer on your colleagues!

Upcoming adjustments from the Department:

At the Winter Board Meeting in January, the Board adopted an RFD changing the pricing of exams. Exams have not been repriced in at least ten years. The Board and the Department believe that this exam pricing more accurately reflects the value of the credentials. For exams to be given in 2025, the cost to take the CP Exam will be \$250. Additionally, there will no longer be a reduced price for taking the exam a second time within a year.

The cost to take the CPP Exam will be \$600.

At the Annual Session, the Accrediting Department will ask permission to update the parliamentary authorities for both the CP and the CPP Exam, effective for all exams given after January 1, 2025, as follows:

CP Exam: *AIP Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, 2nd ed.; *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th ed.; and the Joint Code of Professional Responsibility.

CPP Exam: *AIP Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, 2nd ed.; *Cannon's Concise Guide to Rules of Order*; *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th ed.; and the Joint Code of Professional Responsibility. Upcoming exam deadlines are as follows:

CP Exam Window
June 3-17, 2024
October 7-21, 2024

Application Deadline
April 12, 2024
August 9, 2024

For CPP Exams to be given at the Annual Session, the deadline is June 7, 2024. The Department reserves the right to limit the number of CPP exams given at an event, and any decisions are strictly on a first-come, first-served, basis.

Dates for 2025 exams will be published later in the year.

As always, if you have questions about the Accrediting Department, or your next steps to earning an AIP credential, please let me or any member of the Department know!

Kay Allison Crews, CPP-T  
Director, Accrediting Department



# New CPPs



## CPP #238

Mr. Adrian Stratton, CPP-T, PRP, is a New York based general management executive and Partner at GAACC. A global management consultancy, GAACC assists executives, boards, and organizations with parliamentary procedure, governance, and strategy. With over 15 years of combined executive leadership and strategy experience, Mr. Stratton utilizes his expertise to deliver tailored solutions on behalf of his clients. He is a credentialed member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians and the National Association of Parliamentarians. He currently serves as the President of the New York Association of Parliamentarians and on the Ethics Committee at the American Society of Association Executives.



## CPP #239

Laura is a professional parliamentarian from Iowa, serving a variety of clients around the country. She also serves on the AIP board as a director. She regularly attends AIP events and is currently a member of two committees.

She is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian through NAP and is the NAP District Five Director. She is also a trustee for the Dahms Memorial Foundation, which hosts a parliamentary procedure workshop every fall.



## CPP #240

Ms. Nilda E. Rivera is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) and the President of the Parliamentarians of Metro New York Unit of NAP. She is a Certified Parliamentarian with the American Institute of Parliamentarians and serves on the Board of Directors. She is also a member of the American College of Parliamentary Lawyers.

Ms. Rivera provides professional and organizational development training in the areas of leadership, communication, and success principles. She is an experienced consultant specializing in parliamentary procedure training, strategic planning, leadership, and conflict resolution. She works with many organizations and associations as a parliamentarian, professional presiding officer, trainer, facilitator, and bylaws consultant. She enjoys presenting seminars and training sessions to the many organizations and newly elected officers requesting her services. She was also an adjunct professor for the University of Wisconsin's Independent Learning (2019-2023) where she created the *Essential Negotiation Skills for Effective Conflict Management* online course.

**T** holders!

Justin Schmid, CP-T  
Adrian Stratton, CP-T, and now a CPP-T!



## Virtual Practicum

# You're invited to participate in the AIP Virtual Spring Practicum including Presiding Sessions!

*Save the Date*

**Friday May 31, 2024 – Sunday June 2, 2024**

The Virtual Spring Practicum will have two primary focuses. The first will be presentations that revolve around the three primary authorities that we and our clients interact with and what their default positions are. Our speakers will be Thomas J. Balch, Kenneth L. Reed, Kay A. Crews, Michael E. Malamut, and CJ Cavin. The attendee will be immersed in a series of lectures and activities that will provide them with a better understanding of what AIPSC 2nd Edition, RONR 12th Ed, & Model Not for Profit Statute identify as your default rules if you do not have superseding organizational rules. Additionally, we will be offering the required two hours of Professional Responsibility CEUs.

The second focus will be our popular presiding sessions. These sessions are designed to allow participants to practice presiding in a safe learning environment. Participants will preside through guided scenarios, perfecting their cadence, wording, and comfort. And don't worry, we have beginner, intermediate, and advance groups, plus we allow you to choose the authority you want to practice under.

We anticipate offering 14 NAP CEUs, including 2 Professional Responsibility CEUs.

C.J. Cavin, JD, CPP-T, PRP General Coordinator  
David Jackson, CP-T, PRP Curriculum Director



# AIP Membership Committee

**Rachel Miller-Bleich, Chair**

Due to renew? Remember everything you get as a member... Being a member of AIP comes with certain rights and benefits. Are you taking advantage of everything being a member has to offer? When you renew with AIP you will continue to have:

- Discounted rates on all AIP correspondence courses
  - Lower registration fees for in-person and virtual practicums
  - Eligibility to earn or retain the CP, CPP or Teaching credentials
  - Rights to attend and vote in the Annual Session
  - Rights to attend meetings of the Board wof Directors
  - Access to numerous chapters located geographically and online
  - Subscriptions to the Parliamentary Journal and the Communicator
- Have questions or need assistance with your membership? Contact [aip@aipparl.org](mailto:aip@aipparl.org)

# Save the Date

## AIP Annual Meeting August 15-17, 2024

Hyatt Place Indianapolis Downtown







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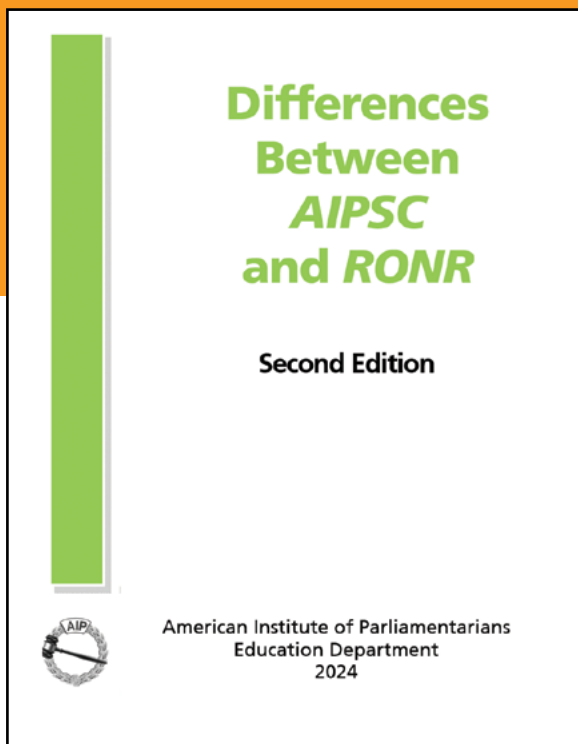
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