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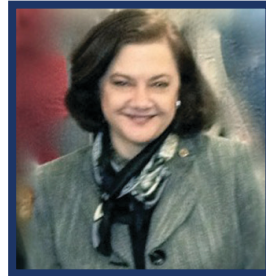


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Alison Wallis, CP-T, PRP



"Use what talents you possess, the woods will be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best." - Henry van Dyke

One of the greatest joys of being a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians is to easily meet and listen to the world's best experts on parliamentary procedure. Visit a practicum or an annual session where you will be able to mingle with authors of outstanding written materials on meeting efficiency. Some lucky members live close enough to attend meetings of an AIP chapter, where cheerful but intellectually satisfying parliamentary education is made available on a regular basis.

From the founding in 1958, bright minds with an interest in parliamentary procedure have been attracted to the open minded approach of AIP. Despite the intellectual storehouse, our authors and teachers willing to share valuable knowledge and examples with new and old members. Although our experts are particularly approachable, some people become intimidated from self-comparison to so much expertise.

And if we step back from AIP's friendly face, and remember "other types" of meetings, we may see outright bullying. Parliamentary procedure is an extensive body of knowledge, but from beginning to end, a core value is empowerment of the individual. It is never right or just to use parliamentary skills to squelch all expression of unpopular viewpoints. It is never right or just to use one's position as presiding officer as a bully pulpit to belittle members. It is also not right to allow mistreatment of members in a meeting. Rude or dictatorial members and the chair as well can be curbed by a prompt "Call the Member to Order."

To participate meaningfully in meetings, it is not necessary to possess comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of parliamentary law. More knowledge should bring more skill and more confidence, but it would be a fatal mistake to wait until mastery comes. Parliamentary procedure is a practical tool and should be used by people of all skill levels.

EDITOR'S EXCHANGE

By David C. Morgan



With the cold weather hopefully far behind us, I personally will not be looking for its return anytime soon. My family took a beating from it the last few months. Everything from slips on ice resulting in multiple broken bones, to family members coming down with the flu and pneumonia, that resulting in the hospital stays. I don't know about you, but green never look as good as it does this spring. I hope to hear from some of the members who may be out and about taking in new adventures in the field of parliamentary law, and will be kind enough to share their experience with us here at the Communicator.

My chapter in Abilene, TX is having our annual workshop on 11 April, 2015, this year. I plan to have more information available on the history of the Emery-Abilene AIP Chapter in the near future. Please help make the AIP Communicator a better newsletter by submitting articles, ads, stories, photos, and anything else that could be of use professionally or educationally to members of AIP.

Sincerely,
David C. Morgan
Editor

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.

East Coast Practicum

June 12, 2015 - June 14, 2015

Conference Center at the Maritime Institute

The Power of One (or Two) Members

Conference Center at the Maritime Institute (CCMIT)

Linthicum, MD (Near Baltimore-Washington International Airport)

Pre-Session Board Meeting

July 21, 2015

Las Vegas, NV

1 pm

All Members Welcome

2015 Annual Session

July 22, 2015 - July 25, 2015

Las Vegas, NV

(In conjunction with NAP District 8)

Michael Gaughan's South Point Hotel, Spa, and Casino

We were able to get a special rate of \$50 per weeknight and \$90 on Fridays and Saturdays. The resort fee is waived. You can extend your trip for three days before and/or after the conference at this same low rate.

Enormous Las Vegas style hotel that was selected as "Best of Vegas 2014." A few minutes to The Strip via taxi, shuttle or bus from the South Point. Visit the hotel website at: <http://www.southpointcasino.com/hotel/guest-rooms.php>

Business Development Institute

July 22, 2015

Las Vegas, NV

Business Development Institute

Sponsored by AIP and the American College of Parliamentary Lawyers

Serving Community Associations

Open to credentialed parliamentarians and attorneys

Separate Registration Required

Coordinator, Gail Knapp, JD, PRP

Registration is open online

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Abilene-Emery Chapter of the American Institute of Parliamentarians (A-ECAIP)

Here is the brief history of my chapter in Texas I joined back in 2009. In 2008 and going into 2009, I started joining several volunteer organization to: A) I wanted to "change the world" to a better place, B) to make the church I'm a member of "change for the world" and go back its founding principles, and C) "change the world" of politics to be more fair and more in line with what the Constitution says it's supposed to be like...and so on and so on.

It wasn't long before I realized that I would have to know more than I did about meetings and how they are supposed to be run. So began the 3 month search to find a way to learn parliamentary procedures in my area of residents – central TX – 100 miles plus to any major city in any direction. Then I found out about the Abilene-Emery Chapter of AIP in downtown (at the time, 2009) Abilene, TX. Just a quick 101 miles away from my home in Comanche County, and the rest is history, as it is said.

*Let me please introduce you all to my Chapter, with a short history about the **Abilene-Emery Chapter of the American Institute of Parliamentarians (A-ECAIP)** that comes right out of our workshop manual. Please enjoy:*

The Abilene-Emery Chapter of the American Institute of Parliamentarians (A-ECAIP) owes its existence largely to the efforts of Emogene Emery (1911-1908), a retired Hardin-Simmons University professor. Miss Emery taught courses in parliamentary procedure at HSU for several years and later at Abilene's Tri-College. She also conducted parliamentary courses which were sponsored by the First National Bank of Abilene, Texas.

Following her course, which was offered from April 2 through May 7 of 1979 by First National Bank of Abilene, Miss Emery called a meeting of these participants on May 14 for the purpose of considering the organization of a local chapter of the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP). Those present agreed on the desirability of organizing a local chapter.

The first and second preparatory organizational meetings were held.

The third regular meeting was held July 3, 1979, at the home of Sadie L. Adamson. At this meeting, bylaws were adopted and officers elected.

Officers Elected:

President	Downing A. Bolls, Sr.
Vice President	Janet Dixon
Secretary	Laverne Williams
Treasurer	Betty Boles

Appointed Officers:

Public Relations Officer	Jeanette Davis
Membership Chairman	Barbara Bridges
Historian	Sadie L. Adamson

Following the meeting, the newly-elected president submitted the Petition for Certification as a Chapter to the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

The members insisted from the outset that the name of its most prominent and dedicated member, Miss Emery, be incorporated in the chapter's name; hence, the Abilene-Emery Chapter was so named in honor. Thus began the existence of the second active chapter in the State of Texas.

The Abilene-Emery Chapter #37 Charter was presented to Emogene Emery and Sadie L. Adamson at the 20th Annual Session of the American Institute of Parliamentarians meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, which was held August 3-6, 1979. Mrs. Adamson remains an active chapter member.

At the second session of the Ninety-Seventh Congress of the United States of America, a joint resolution was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America to authorize and request the President to designate the month of April 1982 as Parliamentary Emphasis Month. This was signed into the Law of the Land by President Ronald Reagan on April 6, 1982. Dr. Floyd Riddick, parliamentarian emeritus of the U.S. Senate, was instrumental in the passage of the joint resolution.

In 1985, at the AIP Annual Session in Spokane, Washington, A-ECAIP was awarded the blue-ribbon award for having the best overall program for the year. Sadie Adamson, chapter president, was elected to the board of directors of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. Emogene Emery was elected to the advisory board and served as parliamentarian at the convention.

Throughout the years, A-ECAIP has conducted numerous workshops and seminars with emphasis on parliamentary procedure, officer orientation, and conducting meetings. Our goal today is to acquaint you with some basic parliamentary procedures which will enhance your leadership role.

Thank you all in the A-ECAIP for allowing me to use your records and research in making this final product of our history.

The A-ECAIP is a great place to meet new and old friends alike, and if education is what you seek, then be assured you will learn plenty, most of the time MORE than you were expecting! It is, without a doubt, the best Chapter in TEXAS!

David C. Morgan
Editor

AIP 2015 TEACHER CERTIFICATION COURSE - GRADE: A+

by Teresa Stone CP

I must say up front that the AIP Education Director, Jeanette Williams is thrilled that this past January's Teacher Certification Course was held. Well, not so much the Course happened, but the fact that I was in attendance...

By way of explanation, I have been politely requesting (pestering) Jeanette for a Course to be scheduled. Then, she called me, one was scheduled and I was thrilled! Until not enough students signed up.... Then, several months later the phone rang again, another Certification Course was scheduled and I was thrilled! Except for the date, with which I had not one, but three parliamentary conflicts.... But, I'm not a quitter and more importantly Jeanette wasn't either, and this past January all the stars aligned. The Director scheduled the class, the dates were open, enough students signed up and I was one of them - perfect! And the AIP Teacher Certification Course? Perfect!

From the day the class was announced, until the first day of instruction, the students were kept informed on all aspects of their upcoming Course. We knew what to expect, the teaching plan and were provided ample time to read the pre-assigned material (do not ask if we used that "ample time" wisely).

The Course was structured, but never confining. Each day was filled with teaching sessions that seemed to be honed down to precisely what we needed to succeed. Jeanette Williams, CP-T, AIP Education Director; Ann Rempel, CPP-T, Course Curriculum Director; and Michael Swift, CPP-T, Course Instructor, were committed to our learning the skills to teach parliamentary law, treating us with patience, caring and deference. They shared equally in the instruction, contributed to each other's presentations and allowed plenty of time for

questions, creating a complete learning environment for the students.

And the student mix truly enhanced the class dynamic. There was age diversity, different career stages from university student to active professional, and geographical representation from the East to the West Coasts, but there was one dynamic the students shared, we were adult learners. Through-out the Course the instructors, knowing they were teaching adults and that adults would constitute the majority of our future students, taught to this type of learning. Ann Rempel, the initial Course instructor on adult learning, made this section personally very relevant to me, one who has yet to master the whole adult-thing....

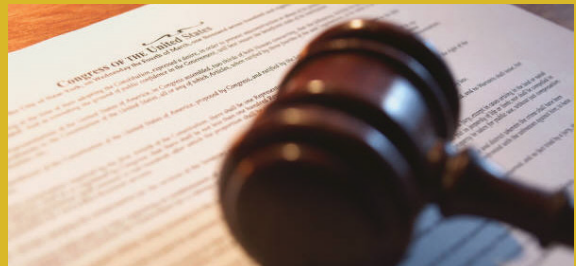
When it came to the student's presentations, which I lovingly called the Oral Exams, the instructors would readily speak to the positive, even couching the rare criticism in a way that did not offend. Not that there weren't angst filled moments – the two detailed written exams readily come to mind... One of the tests was on those pre-assigned readings we were to have absorbed before even coming to the class (thus, many of us feverishly thumbing the books right before the test...).

By the end of the Course, all of us were colleagues, student and instructor alike. And I believe I can speak for my fellow class-mates when I say each instructor can be proud of exceeding all teaching goals- theirs and ours. I now know firsthand that the learner will come away with a wealth of valuable information, skills and a toolkit of teaching ideas for spreading the value of parliamentary procedure. Without question, I highly recommend this invaluable experience and give the AIP Teacher Certification Course the over-all grade of A+!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS WITH NEW CREDENTIALS:

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Atlanta, GA

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SILENT GAVELS

Jim McCabe
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American Institute of Parliamentarians 2015 Annual Session



National Association of Parliamentarians District Eight Conference

Registration Form July 22 – 25, 2015

Name _____ Badge Name _____
 Address _____ City /State/Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Email: _____
 Certification (Circle) CP CP-T CPP CPP-T RP PRP Other _____
 Guest Name _____ Guest Badge Name _____

Payment must be received or postmarked before June 1, 2015, for the Super Early Bird discount or before June 30, 2015, for the Early Bird discount. All fees are in US currency.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellation requests must be in writing. Cancellations received after June 15, 2015, will be subject to a \$75.00 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations after July 1, 2015.

Note: All AIP members are invited to attend pre- and post-annual session meetings of the Board of Directors on July 21 and July 26, 2015. All NAP District 8 members are invited to attend the AIP Annual Session meetings and workshops on Thursday, July 23.

	Super early bird – before June 1	Early bird – before June 30	Regular or On-site registration	Total
Business Development Institute <i>July 22 (includes breakfast & lunch)</i>	\$150	\$150	\$160	
Full Registration <i>(includes 2 reception, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 banquet)</i>	\$340	\$375	\$395	
District 8 Registration <i>(includes 1 reception, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 banquet)</i>	\$260	\$280	\$300	
Non-AIP or NAP member Full Registration <i>(includes 2 reception, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 banquet)</i>	\$395	\$430	\$450	
Single Day Registration <i>(includes 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, & workshop materials)</i>	\$150	\$150	\$185	
Guests & single event tickets				
Welcome reception (Wed.)	\$15	\$15	\$15	
Reception (Thurs.)	\$22	\$22	\$22	
Installation Banquet (Sat.)	\$65	\$65	\$70	
Each breakfast	\$21	\$21	\$25	
Each lunch	\$42	\$42	\$45	
TOTAL				

Please specify special dietary requirements: _____

Three Easy Ways to Register:

- 1) Checks should be made payable to American Institute of Parliamentarians and mailed to: AIP 618 Church St., Suite 220 Nashville, TN 37219
- 2) Register online at www.aipparl.org
- 3) Call AIP at 888-664-0428

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2015 AIP ANNUAL SESSION AND NAP DISTRICT 8 MEETING

TUESDAY JULY 21 THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 26

DAY	TIME	AIP	DISTRICT 8	JOINT	COMMENTS
Tuesday	1 pm - ? pm	Board of Directors meeting			
Wednesday	8 – 9 am	Breakfast			
	All day	Business Development Institute (BDI)			
	Noon	Lunch			
	7 pm	Bylaws & Resolutions Hearing			
	8 pm			Welcome AIP Recption	
Thursday	8 – 9 am			Breakfast	Full Registration
	9 – 10 am	1 st Business Session			includes all
	10 am			Break	functions listed
	10:15 – noon	2 nd Business Session			+ handouts
	12 – 1:30 pm			Lunch	
	1:30 – 2:45			Workshop #1	
	2:45 pm			Break	
	3:15 – 4:30 pm	Workshop #2 (T)		Workshop #2 (non-T)	
	6 pm			Welcome District 8 Reception	District 8 Registration
					includes the following
Friday	8 – 9 am			Breakfast	functions + handouts
	9 – 10:15 am	3 rd Business Session	Workshop #3		
	10:15 am			Break	
	10:45 – noon	4 th Business Session	Workshop #4		
	12 – 1:30 pm			Lunch	
	1:45 – 3 pm			2 Workshops #5	
	3:00 pm			Break	
	3:15 – 4:30 pm			2 Workshops #6	
	4:45 – 5:45 pm	AIP Education Foundation			
Saturday	8 – 9 am			Breakfast	
	9 – 10:15 am	5 th Business Session (if needed)	Workshop #7		
	10:15 am			Break	
	10:45 – noon			2 Workshops #8	
	12 – 1:30 pm			Lunch	
	1:30 – 2:45 pm			2 Workshops #9	
	2:45 pm			Break	
	3:15 – 5:15 pm	CPP Oral Exam or Presiding Practice	District 8 Business Meeting		
	6 pm			Happy Hour followed by Dinner	
Sunday	8 am - ??	Board of Directors meeting			

*Pictured:
South Point Hotel and Casino*





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**East Coast Practicum
begins on Friday, June
12th at 8:30 a.m. and
ends on Sunday, June
14th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Conference Center
at the Maritime
Institute 692 Maritime
Boulevard Linthicum
Heights, MD 21090**

**Registration fee
includes instruction,
materials, lunch and
breaks.**

**Download the
registration form at the
AIP website listed to
the right**



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS JUNE 12 – 14, 2015

East Coast Practicum

What's a practicum? Three days of intense learning and sharing on parliamentary and organizational topics that are important to you as a member. This year's topic is The Power of One (or Two) Members. Craig Henry, CPP-T, PRP, and S. David Shapiro, CPP, PRP, are the instructors.

To help you wind down after your day on Friday we will relax at the Charlie Johnson Attitude Adjustment Hour. Saturday is Movie Night. No practicum would be complete without presiding practice each day to assist you as a leader in your organization.

Registration fees for AIP members submitted before May 11, 2015, are **\$475.00 per member**.
Registration fees for Non-AIP members submitted before May 11, 2015, are **\$550.00 per individual**.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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