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It's Ontario, CA; not Ontario, CA

The American Institute of Parliamentarians held its 51st Annual Session in Ontario, California, July 15-17.

Mayor Paul S. Leon greeted the assembly and observed that people do get confused between Ontario, California and Ontario, Canada (coincidentally the site of the 2011 Annual Session).

But, 44 AIP members had no confusion about where they were going, and why, and made time for three days of business, socializing, the must-have auction, and education.

Attendees appreciated the fact that they were able to stay indoors in air-conditioned comfort, rather than brave the 100 degree temperatures outside (even the locals were complaining that it was hot).

Ann L. Rempel, CPP-T, PRP, delivered the *Robert English Memorial Lecture* on Thursday night, and gave the audience a taste of what drove AIP founder

Bob English to his work in parliamentary procedure.

Mary Remson, CP-T, PRP, was elected President. Also elected were Alison Wallis, PRP, Vice President; Mary L. Randolph, CPP-T, PRP, Secretary; Sadie Boles, Treasurer.

Elected to new terms, or continuing terms as director are: Edra Anderson; Alice Bartelt; Joseph H. Hairston Esq.; Rob James, PRP; Helen McFadden, PRP; Dollie McPartlin, CP-T, PRP; Mark Schilansky, CPP-T, PRP; S. David Shapiro, CPP, RP.

Educational programs were offered by Colette Collier Trohan, CPP-T, PRP; John Rempel, MD, PRP; Paul McClintock, CP-T, PRP; Ronald R. Stinson, CP-T, PRP; Robert M. Peskin, DDS; Barry Glazer, MD, CPP-T; Mary Remson, CP-T, PRP; and Ann Warner, CPP.

A left-over prize from a lunch-time quiz led to an impromptu auction led by Jim Lochrie, CPP-T.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Filling Big Shoes

by Mary Remson, CP-T, PRP



It is with much enthusiasm that I write my first message as President of American Institute of Parliamentarians. I feel that serving in various positions within the organization and working

closely with many of our members over the past few years has prepared me to serve well in this position.

I would especially like to thank our Immediate Past President James (Jim) Jones for his leadership, vision and contributions over the years and more specifically over the past two years.

Kudos to AIP, we have come a long way with a very rich history, but it is the future that we must continue to look toward.

I am honored to step into to some very large presidential shoes that have been occupied by past presidents of AIP such as James Lochrie, Teresa Dean, Barry Glazer, Mark Schilansky, Mary Smith, Gene Bierbaum and Dick Webber (I list the names of

these past presidents only because I had a personal relationship with them) there are so many others too numerous to name here. I clearly understand that it is this foundation that has been so carefully erected by their leadership that I now safely stand upon.

My hopes and goals for the coming year are to acknowledge and celebrate AIP's illustrious past; continue to capitalize on AIP's strength as a leader in providing the best parliamentary training in the world; develop opportunities that will sustain our organization well into the future and increase membership through expanding our network, building partnerships and developing alliances.

"The important thing about a problem is not its solution, but the strength we gain in finding the solution." – Author Unknown

American Institute of Parliamentarians' strength is in its members and we are stronger today than we were yesterday. While lots have been done, there is always much to do. I count it a privilege to serve you and I look forward to working with you—the members of AIP, as we forge ahead into the future.

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.

November 15, 2010

CP Exam registration deadline for January 2011 exam period
CPP Exam registration deadline for January 2011 exam period

January 24 - 30, 2011

CP Exam Period (previous registration required)

January 27 - 29, 2011

Lucas Practicum
Ontario, CA
CPP Exam (previous registration required)

January 30 - 31, 2011

AIP Board Meeting
Ontario, CA

March 15, 2011

CP Exam registration deadline for June exam period
CPP Exam registration deadline for June exam period

May 16, 2011

CPP Exam registration deadline for July exam

June 2 - 8, 2011

CP Exam period (previous registration required)

June 2011

Riddick Practicum
CPP Exam

July 15, 2011

CP Exam registration deadline for October exam period

July 28 - 30, 2011

AIP Annual Session
Missauaga, Ontario, Canada
CPP exam

October 3 - 9, 2011

CP Exam period (previous registration required)

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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

West Coast Practicum, January 2011

The 30th Annual West Coast Practicum is just around the corner. The practicum will begin on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. and conclude Saturday evening around 9:00 p.m. The Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, California, with convenient access to the Ontario Airport, is again the site for this annual event.

“*Workhorses: Boards and Committees*” is the subject that will be dealt with in detail by instructors Craig Henry, CPP-T, PRP, and Colette Trohan, CPP-T, PRP. In addition there will be several “cameo” presentations relating to boards and committees.

A highlight at all AIP practicums is the opportunity to practice presiding skills, and two opportunities for practice are currently planned. A third session will be added if there is no candidate to take the Certified Professional Parliamentarian (CPP) exam.

In keeping with tradition, Corwyn Hopke, PRP, 2010 Class President, will present the keynote address. A president for the 2011 class will be elected from among the attendees of the 30th Annual Practicum.

Register on-line at www.AIPparl.org or mail your application to AIP, 550M Ritchie Highway #271, Severna Park, MD 21146 (postmarked by November 30, 2010 to receive the \$25 discount) or call Headquarters at 888-664-0428.

Contact the Doubletree Hotel (909-937-0900) to make your room reservation. Group rate (American Institute of Parliamentarians) is \$119 (plus 11.55% tax) single or double which includes breakfast.

What are you waiting for? “*Workhorses: Boards and Committees*” will provide you with an outstanding opportunity to learn new skills, refresh your memory, and sharpen your presiding skills. **Make your reservations NOW!**

West Coast Practicum Workhorses: Boards and Committees

January 27 - 29, 2011

Doubletree Hotel Ontario-Airport
Ontario, CA

\$475 (AIP members) by Nov. 30
\$550 (non-AIP member) by Nov. 30
\$500 (AIP member) Dec 1 and after
\$600 (non-AIP member) Dec 1 and after

Registration information available at
www.aipparl.org or
888.664.0428

East Coast Practicum Change Agents

June 10 - 12, 2011

CCMIT Conference Center
Baltimore, MD

\$475 (AIP members) by May 10
\$550 (non-AIP member) by May 10
\$550 (AIP member) May 11 and after
\$695 (non-AIP member) May 11 and after

Registration information available at
www.aipparl.org or
888.664.0428

East Coast Practicum: June 2011

How adaptable are you to change—especially the changes you face every day in your parliamentary work?

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 minutes, scripting, or motions that bring about change, it will all be here for you. There’s also a one-hour introductory session on Thursday evening for those who would like to get a head start with a review of the basics. Again this year, we offer the ever-popular “cameo” topics on the central theme.

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.

The East Coast Practicum will be held June 10 – 12 at the renowned CCMIT Conference Center near Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI). From either the airport or the Amtrak train station, CCMIT runs a free shuttle to their facility. Transportation couldn’t be easier.

The cafeteria at CCMIT offers a wide array of foods. Breakfast and dinner are included with the room fee for those who stay there. If you don’t stay on site, meals can be obtained at a small additional expense. Lunch is included in the practicum fee.

Early Bird registration deadline is May 10. Registration includes morning and afternoon breaks with continuous chef-created snacks, movie night for your entertainment, and the Charlie Johnson Memorial Attitude Adjustment Hour.

Contact General Coordinator Marie Wilson with any questions, 860-669-4443.

**2011 Annual Session,
Ontario, CA
July 28 - 30, 2011
Mississauga, Ontario,
Canada**

What is a practicum?

An AIP practicum is a 2-3 day intensive training program in parliamentary procedure. They have a long tradition in AIP’s history, dating back to 1960s gathering at the farm of Floyd M. Riddick, parliamentarian for the U.S. Senate.

Practicums are highlighted with hands-on experience, a mixture of professionals and novices, and great opportunities to meet people.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD ACTION

Pre-Annual Session Board Meeting

- Accepted an endowment of \$30,000 from Gerald “Bummy” Burstein. CPP to benefit AIP’s Road Shows. AIP’s Road Shows are designed to provide parliamentary and governance training.
- Authorized professional videotaping and editing of designated AIP Road Show presentations.

Annual Session Meeting

- The AIP Bylaws Committee was directed to prepare a bylaw amendment that would provide for revoking CP, CPP, or T credentials.
- The AIP endorsed the mission of the Coalition for Democratic Process, a Washington, DC-based coalition of AIP, the National Association of Parliamentarians, the American College of Parliamentary Lawyers, and other national member-driven organizations supporting the use of parliamentary procedure.

Post-Annual Session Board Meeting

- Jim Jones, CPP-T, PRP, was elected as Accrediting Director to fill the incomplete term of Dr. Eugene Bierbaum, CPP-T, PRP.
- Ann Warner, CPP, was elected to serve as The Communicator editor.
- Mark Schilansky, CPP-T, PRP and Rob James, PRP, were elected to serve as board members on the AIP Executive Committee.
- In addition to committee appointments (shown on page 2), the following appointments were approved:
 - **Bummy Burstein Endowment:** Mary Remson, CP-T, PRP
 - **Rare Books Manager:** John Stackpole, CPP, PRP/Pat Troy
 - **Public Policy:** Jim Jones, CPP-T, PRP

AIP BOARD RESPONDS TO CHAPTER RESOLUTION

A resolution from the North Sound Chapter requested that AIP lower the CPP exam fee to \$250 or publish a justification of the current \$400 fee.

The resolution as presented to the AIP Board of Directors was defeated. The CPP fee was increased in 2004 from \$100 to \$400.

In 2004, this was a significant jump in cost. Now, six years later, the \$400 fee is comparable to fees charged by other professional organizations for credentials. The CPP credential is the highest provided by AIP.

Some of the reasons for maintaining the current fee include:

- The Certified Professional Parliamentarian (CPP) exam is unique. A new exam is created for each examination session. Each exam includes specific questions based on three parliamentary authorities, and a meeting script.
- The cost of administering and developing the exam includes:
 - three examiners
 - a space to host the exam
 - recording of each exam.

The board did compare the \$400 cost for the CPP exam with the Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) certification provided by National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP).

Along with the fee for the NAP course, the member must also include a minimum three night stay at the hotel plus meals. Since the CPP exam is completed in one 2-hour testing session, an overnight expense is not required.

Finally the AIP Board of Directors believes the \$400 exam fee is appropriate in 2010 and forward. The price has not increased since 2004, and an increase is not anticipated in the near future as long as AIP continues to host the exams at the Annual Sessions and Practicums.

Earning this certification is a coveted honor as it represents a significant amount of time and effort invested in the preparation for the exam.

The AIP Board of Directors sincerely wants to maintain the standards of the CP and CPP exams and wishes to assure the membership of AIP that the fees are within an appropriate range.

AIP looks forward to applications for CPP exam from members of the North Sound Chapter and many other members who now hold the certification of Certified Parliamentarian (CP).

RESOLUTION FROM NORTH SOUND CHAPTER:

Resolved: That the North Sound Chapter requests AIP makes the CPP exam more financially accessible for lowering the CPP exam fee to \$250;

Resolved: That, if the AIP Board of Directors does not lower the fee, the North Sound chapter requests that the Board publish in The Communicator a justification for the \$400 CPP exam fee; and

Resolved: That the Chapter Secretary send a copy of this resolution to all members of the AIP Board of Directors.

MEMBER PROFILE:

“BUMMY” BURSTEIN

GERALD “BUMMY” BURSTEIN, CPP, LOVES EDUCATION, AND HE LOVES PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. HE HAS FOUND A WAY TO JOIN THOSE TWO LOVES WITH A \$30,000 ENDOWMENT GIFT TO AIP TO SUPPORT THE ROAD TRIP EDUCATION PROGRAM.

The gift was formally presented at the 2010 Annual Session held in Ontario, CA, July 15-17.

Bummy was born profoundly deaf, the only deaf person in his family. He attended a deaf public elementary school in Manhattan. At that time, most schools for the deaf taught children to lip-read and speak. He is particularly adept at reading lips (not an easy skill), and speaking.

After one year at community college, Bummy then entered Gallaudet College in Washington, DC. It was there that he learned American Sign Language (ASL), encountered deaf teachers for the first time, and earned his nickname.

He was a new student at Gallaudet in 1947 when his beloved Brooklyn Dodgers were in the World Series. The Dodgers lost, but he had been recognized as a fan of “Dem Bums,” and he’s been Bummy ever since.

He majored in Education at Gallaudet, and graduated in 1950. He taught for 15 years at the Minnesota School for the Deaf, then obtained his Master’s degree in Administration and Supervision, and went to teach at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, CA (CSDR). In 1969 he was appointed Supervisor of Media Technology Services at CSDR, a position he held until his retirement in 2002.

Bummy was introduced to parliamentary procedure in Minnesota. He continued his studies after moving to Riverside, where he became close friends with Charlie Johnson, CPP, who became his parliamentary mentor. Bummy is well-known in the deaf community as a teacher of parliamentary procedure (he stopped counting at 210 workshops). He’s also the author of *Bummy’s Successful Meeting Procedures*, an ASL guide to parliamentary terms and basic meeting procedures and its accompanying DVD. (The AIP bookstore has a limited number of books and DVDs available through the website.)

Bummy successfully completed his exam for Certified Professional Parliamentarian in 1988, and remains the only deaf person to have earned that distinction.

In 1986, Gallaudet College became Gallaudet University, and Bummy became the first person to receive an honorary doctorate from that institution.

He used his meeting skills to lead the Gallaudet University Alumni Association for four terms, including during 1987-1988 when Gallaudet students closed the campus and protested to have the first deaf president named. Bummy appeared at a protest rally March 8, after raising a \$1000 donation to the protest from Alumni Association board members.

Over the last decade Bummy has been leaving more permanent memories of himself.

In March 2008, “The Gerald ‘Bummy’ Burstein, ’50, Endowed Chair in Leadership” at Gallaudet became the first chair to be fully endowed by a deaf person.

In October 2009 Gallaudet renamed its Leadership Institute in Bummy’s honor.

In February 2010, Bummy opened the German “Bummy” Burstein Student Center at CSDR.

And in July 2010, Bummy honored AIP with an endowment to support its Road Trip education programs. These are parliamentary education programs offered at various locations throughout the country. Less intensive than practicums, they provide a brief introduction to parliamentary procedure to a population that might not otherwise be able to receive training from qualified instructors. The 2010-2011 Road Trip schedule is being prepared.



Gerald “Bummy” Burstein, right, acknowledges applause for his donation to endow the AIP Road Show program. From left: Mary Remson, Alison Wallis, Jim Jones, Bummy Burstein.

DAHMS-BIERBAUM WORKSHOP: “ELECTRONIC MEETINGS”

It is doubtful that Henry M. Robert could have predicted the massive changes that technology has brought to the parliamentary profession. Simple face-to-face meetings are diminishing while electronic meetings multiply. Our profession is now in the midst of developing and implementing new rules and procedures for the various meeting formats which technology brings to our doorstep.

This workshop will help professional parliamentarians and members of organizations identify and implement proper procedures for a variety of electronic meeting formats. Participants will explore how each type of electronic meeting media works, guidance available from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (10th edition), how standard rules apply, and a methodology for creating special and standing rules that may be necessary to ensure good meetings using these technologies. A presentation and discussion of how a group is currently using live chat to conduct meetings and manage programs with lessons will be featured.

You should expect to leave this workshop with a much clearer vision of how organizations may implement technological change to improve their meetings and benefit their membership, and a working knowledge of how to assist in creating the rules that make these meetings thrive.

Complete information including a schedule, instructor bios, travel and hotel information, registration form, and more can be found by going to: <http://pages.prodigy.net/rw/dahms>
E-mail Jeanette at: jnw2503-dahmsfoundation@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

The 2011 AIP Business Development Institute is soliciting proposals for presentation. The Institute is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2011 in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. The AIP Annual Session will begin the following day (July 28, 2011) at the same hotel location.

The 2011 Business Development Institute is designed to focus on the business side of serving as a practicing professional parliamentarian. Presentation topics are not being sought on parliamentary procedure *per se*. Instead presentations are being sought which delve into areas such as marketing, tax and legal issues, defining ethical conduct, and other business related topics relevant to the professional parliamentarian. As an example of the type of workshops being requested, last year's workshop topics included:

- Business realities of serving as a professional parliamentarian
- Legal implications of giving advice as a parliamentarian
- Ethical conduct of a professional parliamentarian
- Professional development for practicing parliamentarians

Workshop proposals should include: (1) title of workshop; (2) a short paragraph description of the objectives of the workshop; and, (3) names of presenter(s). Workshop proposals should be designed to fit into one-hour time blocks.

AIP is not in the position to offer a presentation honorarium to presenters. Likewise AIP will not be able to offer reimbursement to presenters for travel, housing, and meals. AIP will waive the Business Institute registration fees for presenters. Also, AIP will cover A-V equipment rentals needed for presentations and the cost of duplicating any handout materials.

Proposals should be sent to **Dr. Paul Krohne, 1027 Barnwell Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, 803.920.2787, pkrohne@scsba.org**

Dahms-Bierbaum Workshop

Electronic Meetings

November 12 - 14, 2010
Hilton-Kansas City Airport

Registration information available at
<http://pages.prodigy.net/rw/dahmsl>
jnw2503-dahmsfoundation@yahoo.com

DEADLINES...

CP and CPP Exam Sign-Ups

March 15, 2011

- CP Exam registration deadline for June exam period
- CPP Exam registration deadline for June exam period

May 16, 2011

- CPP Exam registration deadline for July exam

July 15, 2011

- CP Exam registration deadline for October exam period
- CP Exam period (previous registration required)

Contact AIP Headquarters, 888.664.0428, for exam applications.

NEW MEMBERS TO AIP

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

AIP's generous members have made contributions to the funds of their choice during May-July 2010. We invite you to consider making one of more these funds the recipient of your generosity.

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SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL SESSIONS

Below: Ann Rempel, CPP-T, PRP, receives a plaque from AIP President Jim Jones, CPP-T, PRP, recognizing her contribution as the Robert English Memorial Speaker at the 2010 Annual Session.

Right: Newly installed officers and board members, from left: Dollie McPartlin, CP-T (in charge of installation), PRP; Mary Remson, CP-T, PRP, President; Alison Wallis, PRP, Vice President; Mary Randolph, CPP-T, PRP, Secretary; Sadie Boles, Treasurer; Alice Bartelt; Rob James, PRP; Helen McFadden, PRP; Joe Hairston; Mark Schilansky, CPP-T, PRP; S. David Shapiro, CPP, RP; Jeanette Williams CP-T, PRP.

More Annual Session photos can be found at: <http://parliamentariancorner.com/AIP/> (until the end of 2010) or at our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/aipparl>

