

Communicator

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CALL TO CONVENTION

In compliance with the American Institute of Parliamentarians Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3, and motions adopted by the Board of Directors, I, James Jones, CPP-T, President of the American Institute of Parliamentarians, hereby give notice that the Fifty-first Annual Session of the AIP will convene on Thursday, July 30 – Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Wyndham Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

Registration will begin on Wednesday, July 29. Enclosed in this issue of The Communicator a list of nominees who have been nominated by petition and registration information for the Annual Session.

Changing, Growing, Transforming

AIP Heads to New Orleans

“Changing, Growing, Transforming” is the theme for AIP’s 51st Annual Session to be held July 30-August 1, 2009 in New Orleans. Come join fellow members to elect officers and directors, debate and vote on governance documents, and set the organization’s emphasis for the next year. The opening plenary session will start at 8:30 on Thursday morning. In addition to facilitating a wide range of workshops over the three day annual session, the education department will also sponsor a special pre-session business institute focusing on the business skills of the professional parliamentarian. This full session will be held on Wednesday, June 29.

This year’s annual session will be responsible for revising AIP’s governance documents. The bylaws committee (in addition to allowing on-line input from all members prior to the annual session) will conduct a reference committee hearing in New Orleans on Wednesday evening. This hearing, which will provide another opportunity for members to offer their thoughts on the proposed revision, will begin immediately after the welcome reception for all participants. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm.

Conducting business is only one aspect of the annual session. The education department has planned a series of workshops featuring some of the top presenters in the parliamentary profession. These workshops are designed to offer participants practical tools that will help them become even more effective in their parliamentary work. A list of workshops will be available on the AIP website as all plans are finalized. Come to New Orleans in July for AIP and stay for the great food and sites.

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AIP Sponsors Advanced Business Institute for Credentialed Members

Growing strong business skills and becoming effective as professional parliamentarians is the focus of a full day training sponsored by the education department. The business institute will be held in New Orleans on Wednesday, July 29 prior to the start of the 51st annual session. The institute has been designed for credentialed members of either of the national parliamentary organizations.

The institute will cover such topics as fee setting, tax implications, record keeping, professional development and legal limits. This will be an advanced session developed to provide real life guidance that will help professionals serve their clients better. The separate registration fee includes the course attendance, meals, and materials including handy reference tools. Click on the on-site registration form on the AIP website for registration information.

Sadie P. Boles
Annual Session Coordinator

Members Make Generous Contributions

AIP's generous members have made contributions to the funds of their choice during February – April 2009. We invite you to consider making one or more of these funds the recipient of your generosity.

Unrestricted Donations: Web Site Fund:
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SILENT GAVELS

Maurice Reed, CPP-T	Springfield, OH
Member since 1987	
Alan Pauw	Riverside, CA
Member since 1986	
Susana Schwarm	Rancho Viejo, TX
Member since 2008	

From the Editor...

It is good to give thanks. Peter Townsend, in his book *Up the Organization*, defined the word “thanks” as the most underestimated form of compensation. So, as I end my term as editor of *The Communicator*, it is fitting that I thank those who have helped make this job so enjoyable.

First, I thank those who phoned or emailed me for information. While your topic was not always my area of responsibility, you gave me an opportunity to establish a relationship and to provide help in some way—even if it was only putting you in touch with the person in charge.

To those of you who made the time and effort to write interesting news items to fill the columns, a very special “thank you.” When we write for the public, we put our very thoughts and personalities out for all to see—and sometimes take pot shots at. Words of wisdom from an early writing teacher who left an indelible impression.

Finally, to Helene Goldsmith, proofreader without peer, who has made the last few issues so very much better, and the folks at Royal Printing, who have taught me so much about printing and how to make it come out like I think I want it—even when they show me I’m wrong. THANK YOU (yes, I know I’m shouting!).

Marie Wilson, CPP
Editor, *The Communicator*

Events Calendar	
2009	
Jul 15	Applications due for October CP examinations
Jul 28	Pre-Annual Session Board of Directors, New Orleans, LA
Jul 29	Practicing Parliamentarians Workshop, New Orleans, LA
Jul 30–Aug 1	Annual Session, New Orleans, LA CPP examination, New Orleans, LA
Aug 1	Communicator article submission deadline for September issue
Aug 1	Post-Annual Session Board of Directors, New Orleans, LA
Oct 1-7	CP examination period
Oct 2-4	(Tentative)Teacher Course, Baltimore, MD
Nov 1	Communicator article submission deadline for December issue
Nov 15	Winter Practicum West, CPP examination applications due
Nov 15	Applications due for January CP examinations
2010	
Jan 30-Feb 5	Lucas Practicum and CPP examination, Ontario, CA CP examination period
Feb 1	Communicator article submission deadline
Mar 15	East Coast June CP/CPP examination applications due
May 1	Communicator article submission deadline for June issue
May 15	Applications due for Annual Session CPP examinations
June 2-8	CP examination period
June 4	Pre-practicum public information and education session
June 5-8	Riddick Practicum and CPP examination, Baltimore, MD
Jun 15-21	CP examination period
Details of events may be found in issues of <i>The Communicator</i> , on the web at www.aipparl.org , or by telephone at 888-664-0428.	

ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL SESSION

Elections of officers and directors will be early on the agenda at the annual session in New Orleans. The required call for candidates was published in the March issue of *The Communicator*.

Joe Hairston has entered his name for a director's position on the board. Mary Remson, CP-T, has submitted her name for the office of Treasurer. Both declined to submit a statement for publication.

REGION II HOLDS SPRING MEETING

Under the leadership of Governor Teresa Dean, Region II staged its workshop at the Airport Hilton in St. Louis, May 1 and 2. Lt. Governor Ann Rempel, CPP-T had arranged four interesting workshops:

- James Jones, CPP-T, "The Presiding Officer - Taking a Different Look"
- John Rempel, CP, "The Bring-Back Motions and Reconsideration"
- Henry Arkin, "Overview of *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*"
- Jim Lohr "Robert's Standard and Unusual Motions"

The following were elected officers for the 2009-2010 year:

- Governor - Jim Lohr
- Lt. Governor - Ann Rempel, CPP-T
- Secretary - Wanda Livingston
- Treasurer - Teresa Dean, CPP-T
- Members-At-Large: Bessie B Peabody
Denise Irminger

In the officers' meeting after the session, the following committee chairs were appointed by Governor Jim Lohr.

- Bylaws and Rules - John Rempel, CP
- Chapter and Membership - Sadie Boles and Katie H. Wright
- Finance - Teresa Dean, CPP-T
- Program - Ann Rempel, CPP-T
- Public Relations (Newsletter) Jim Lohr

The next Region II Conference will be held on a weekend in late April 2010 in a motel very near the Airport in Des Moines, IA. More information will follow.

Jim Lohr
Region Governor

From the President...

I attended my friend's youngest daughter's college graduation this week. Amid all of the pomp and circumstance and dreams of grand triumphs to come, it was clearly also a time of reflection. As we end another membership year and begin to prepare for our annual session this is a good time to reflect on the success and future of AIP as well.

The hard work of the elected and appointed officials this year has resulted in a tremendous turnaround for our organization. Our membership is up. Our expenses are down. But most importantly we have begun to focus on our primary mission of adding value to our profession and serving the needs of the community.

Our education department presented another practicum in June on the east coast. The coordinators worked diligently to match the success of this year's west coast practicum and the Canadian workshop. Both of these events expanded the learning goals of AIP and continued to build our presence within the community. In fact, the Canadian workshop attracted enough governmental and school board leaders so that over 70% of the attendees were not from the parliamentary community. This type of outreach is essential if AIP is to meet its ultimate goal of increasing the public's awareness of parliamentary process and procedure.

As we continue to reflect on the areas of opportunity that are available for AIP we should also reflect on the strengths that make us who we are. For our true success as an educational and professional association will be measured not by the workshops we sponsor but the difference that we make in encouraging democratic practices within organizations. It is this larger mission that will ensure AIP a bright future.

James N. Jones CPP-T, PRP
AIP President

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECLASSIFICATION

Weldon Merritt, CP

William Puette, CP

COURSE FOR THOSE WHO TEACH

In all the land there is only one course offered to help those who teach parliamentary procedure become more effective in their teaching. AIP's "T" course, developed by Eugene Bierbaum, PhD, CPP-T is the answer for those who want to hone their skills, learn new techniques, and practice their presentations before an audience of accomplished students and instructors.

A "T" course is open to all credentialed parliamentarians, whether their credential be RP, PRP, CP or CPP. Although the designation is to be applied only to the CP or CPP credential, those who have taken the course without holding AIP credentials testify to the ways in which it has enhanced their teaching in various venues.

For the first time since 2000, the east coast will host a course this fall—it's in the final stages of planning. It will be within free shuttle distance of BWI airport and Amtrak. The course is slated to start on Friday, Oct. 2 and finish in the early afternoon on Sunday, Oct. 4. The tuition is not set until all contracts are final, but will fall in the range of \$450, with steps being taken to keep expenses low.

Interested? Marie Wilson, CPP, is compiling a list of those who want a personal notification as soon as the final arrangements are completed. You can contact her at 860-669-4443 or wilsonem@ix.netcom.com.

BOARD ACTIONS AT SPRING MEETING

Some of the actions taken at the board of directors meeting in Maryland on June 9 - 10 include:

- commenced discussions about the 5th edition of The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure;
- reclassified Weldon Merritt and William Puett to Certified Parliamentarian;
- appointed Colette Trohan, CPP-T, as Curriculum Director and Marie Wilson, CPP, as General Coordinator for the 2010 Riddick Practicum to be held at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology on June 4-8, 2010 at an early registration fee of \$550 and a regular registration fee of \$675;
- directed actions on the website, including a redesign to focus on non-members as primary users; list national events first; create a form for information to be posted; host regional and chapter websites for a fee;
- set the statutorily required membership date for voting at the 2009 annual session as 5 days prior to the first session; and,
- directed the Education Department to explore the feasibility of Spanish language for new publications.

ANNUAL DAHMS BIERBAUM WORKSHOP

"State Codes for Nonprofit Corporations:
Overview for Parliamentarians"

The Lester L. Dahms Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce the topic for the annual 2009 Dahms Bierbaum Workshop: "State Codes for Nonprofit Corporations: Overview for Parliamentarians."

Looking for something different, something that will broaden your horizons and give you a whole new perspective on the parliamentary profession? This workshop, taught by two expert attorneys and two non-attorney parliamentarians experienced in working with nonprofit corporations, may be just the thing. Nonprofit corporation codes remain a "mystery" to many parliamentarians, but understanding how these codes work is an essential part of our work. Exactly what do parliamentarians need to know about the applicable codes for nonprofit corporations? How can we be certain that we are matching the right code to the needs of our client organization? What are default provisions and how do they operate in practice? Where are states currently heading in revising their codes, and how might this affect our clients? In which areas are the states' codes most likely to override the adopted parliamentary authority? How can the parliamentarian provide advice regarding the interpretation of state codes without inviting accusations of giving "legal advice?" This workshop will address these and many other questions pertaining to the parliamentarian and the law. The workshop is targeted to parliamentarians who work with nonprofit corporations, those who anticipate working with such organizations, and attorneys seeking to broaden their knowledge of state corporate codes."

The curriculum director is Dr. M. Eugene Bierbaum, CPP-T, PRP. Other instructors are Michael Malamut, PRP, CPP-T; Alison Wallis, PRP; and Jeanette Williams, PRP, CP-T.

The workshop will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota, on November 6-8, 2009. The trustees encourage college students to apply for a scholarship to attend the workshop.

Visit the website at pages.prodigy.net/rw/dahms for further information including registration fees, the registration form, the daily schedule, instructor biographical sketches, and the scholarship application. We hope to see you in November.

Jeanette Williams, PRP, CP-T

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Since our first report, the committee has met regularly. We have logged, through April 30, twenty-two and a half hours of meeting. Each member has put in extensive time and effort prior to each meeting reviewing and drafting the portions of the work assigned to each. This has been a very interesting and exciting process. It has been collaborative and professional.

The Committee posted a draft of its work during the month of May on the members only section of AIP. The objective was to receive member comment and then to meet again for consideration of these comments prior to posting a proposed draft for the Annual Session. Since we cannot have a hearing on this proposal prior to the Annual Session, this was an opportunity for all members to have their opinions and thoughts considered by the Committee. There will be one or more committee meetings after these comments in order to consider and integrate them into the final proposal to be presented at the Annual Session.

Our task from the motion which was adopted at the last Annual Session has been to review the governing documents and present a full revision. Beginning from the present documents we have worked to create in the bylaws revision a working structure for our organization, but not to micromanage the organization in this document. The president asked Committee to consider the best practices we have observed in the organizations we serve and to use these in drafting bylaws for the unique situations of AIP. In the other documents which are within the purview of the Annual Session, we are placing those items which should be controlled by the membership such as matters of finances, credentialing, notice, duties and powers of officers, and committees. We have also been concerned to make the division now required for many organizations between the two complementary sides of finance: budget and audit; and to focus on building accountability into making the types of decisions that are for the management of the organization, not the mission of the organization.

Your comments from the posting have been sent to each of the committee members individually and simultaneously. This insures that each comment will be considered by the committee for the final presentation of the proposal to the membership at the Annual Session.

NEWS FROM THE EMOGENE EMERY CHAPTER

The members of the Abilene-Emery Chapter, Abilene, Texas, recently elected officers for the 2009-2010 year. They are: President, Sharon Daugherty; Vice-President, Audra Horton; Secretary, Marcus Anderson; and Treasurer, Jeanie Bell.

Our chapter of AIP will be thirty years old this summer. We have about thirteen members at present. Our founder, Emogene Emery, passed away last fall and Sadie Adamson suffered a fall a couple of months ago and remains in assisted living. Several members of the AIP will remember Sadie with fondness, I'm sure. Sadie is credentialed at the CP-T level and Miss Emery was, of course, CPP-T. The rest of us are at the membership level in AIP.

Each year we hold a parliamentary workshop for the Abilene community. This year our theme was: "Why Parliamentary Procedure?". The program consisted of a model meeting and then breakout sessions for various officer roles. Our members have done the presenting for the past several years and develop a workbook for each year's presentation.

It is interesting to me that among our small membership we have members of organizations that use Demeter or The Standard Code as their parliamentary authority. We meet the first Saturday of each month Sept.-Nov. and Feb.-Jun. and visitors are always welcome. During this year we have two new chapter members, Lance Voorhees and David Morgan.

Sharon Daugherty
President, Emogene Emery Chapter
Abilene, TX

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There will be a reference hearing on the Wednesday evening in New Orleans prior to the opening of the Annual Session on Thursday. The members of the Committee are planning to be present at that time for further comment from the membership. We thank you for your interest in this project.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED MARCH - MAY

Between March and May, 32 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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