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Parliamentary Procedure in a Nutshell

NAPS Parliamentarian Dr. Bruce Bishop explained parliamentary procedure to NAPS first-timers Sunday afternoon. “The main purpose for having a meeting is to make decisions,” he explained. “Those decisions set the framework for the organization going forward.”

Parliamentary procedure encompasses the rules everyone agrees to follow in relation to how decisions are made. “Robert’s Rules of Order” is the parliamentary authority used by NAPS. Bishop described it as a tool box that provides the appropriate tool needed to run the convention.

Parliamentary procedure ensures everyone has an equal opportunity to vote. Be sure to vote! That is why you are here.

Also, parliamentary procedure insists on courtesy and diplomacy. It is designed to promote an effective and efficient decision-making process.

Wear Your Badge!

During this week’s convention, you **MUST** wear your badge **ALL THE TIME**. You cannot be admitted to any events without your badge. You must wear your badge for the breakfast and lunch meals provided by NAPS, as well.

Support SPAC!

Be sure and contribute to SPAC this week at the SPAC table. Contribution envelopes and materials are included in your convention bags. There are two SPAC credit kiosks for your convenience,

The contribution envelopes may be dropped off at the SPAC table. Also avail-

able are forms to sign up for PostalEASE payroll or OPM annuity withholdings.

You are encouraged to participate in the SPAC Walkathon Thursday morning. Sign up at the Auxiliary table to the right of the SPAC table; for \$20, you will receive a SPAC T-shirt.

The walkathon will get underway Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Meet in the front lobby at the front of the hotel at 6:15 a.m.

Credential Changes

Please note: The deadline for making any changes to credentials is **noon on Thursday, Sept. 2**. Visit the Credentials & Registration Committee in Dallas 1. No changes will be made after the deadline.

In Memoriam

There was an error in the list of deceased members: Michael Gaa and Michael Laswell were members of Heart of Illinois Branch 255, not Branch 265 as listed. Not included in the list was James Sheppard, Central Florida Branch 406.

If you have any additional names, please give them to Karen Young, NAPS editor, to publish in the *Daily Newsletter*. Please, do not announce any memorial notices from the floor:

67th National Convention Gets Underway

Host Branch Chair Bob Bradford welcomed delegates to the 67th NAPS National Convention. Reggie Quintero, San Antonio Branch 103, gave the invocation. The Grapevine City Fire Department Honor Guard presented the Colors.

Vesta Bartie, Dallas Branch 86, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bartie’s grandson, Marquis Barnes, sang a beautiful rendition of the national anthem. Manuel and Barbara Trevino, Fort Worth Branch 124, read the much-too-long list of the names of members who have died since the 2018 National Convention.

Bradford introduced Grapevine, TX, Mayor William Tate who told delegates it was an honor to address them. He acknowledged it’s been a tough couple years. “Our cemetery is filled with new graves,” he said. “We share your grief and loss.”

The mayor highlighted the history of Grapevine and encouraged members to visit the historic downtown area. “Be glad you’re an American and know you are free,” he exhorted.

Javier Falcon, Grapevine postmaster, welcomed NAPS members. He told delegates that, back in the 1800s, the city’s name was two words: Grape Vine. In 1914, though, the Post Office Department asked the town to make it one word.

Falcon said he had the honor of having been a former Lubbock Branch 265 president. He encouraged delegates to make great decisions this week that will have a lasting effect on the organization.

Next, Yulonda Francis Love, Dallas postmaster, thanked NAPS for keeping its members informed and more grounded for the Postal Service. “It’s part of your goals in your leadership circle and we appreciate that,” she declared.

Love talked about staffing shortages and other challenges. “You’re dealing with these issues while keeping your employees motivated and serving your customers,” she said. “For all the postmasters and district managers: Thank you for what you do! We don’t say that enough.”

She described supervisors as the truly

essential employees in the organization. “You are the MVPs of the Postal Service,” she stressed.

Love urged NAPS members to find mindful time for themselves during their workdays. “Take 30 minutes, one hour, to walk away,” she offered. “Go to your car, meditate, take a walk—commit time to yourself for mindfulness. We’re busy taking care of everyone else; we lose ourselves. Don’t lose yourself!”

Following the greetings, Bradford handed the gavel to NAPS President Brian Wagner. “Thanks to Bob and his posse for doing a fantastic job of hosting this convention,” Wagner declared. “And thank you for attending; it’s been a long time coming.”

Executive Vice President Ivan D. Butts expressed his appreciation to delegates for being at the convention. “Thank you for doing the business of NAPS and being our NAPS leaders to advocate for your members.” He introduced former NAPS Executive Board members in attendance.

Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Mulidore told delegates it’s great to be in Grapevine. “It’s been a tough year with a lot of loss,” he observed. He asked for a moment of silence to recognize the 13 Marines the United States just lost in Afghanistan, calling them heroes who were protecting our country. Mulidore introduced the current NAPS Executive Board.

Wagner introduced National Auxiliary President Patricia Jackson-Kelley and thanked her for being part of the NAPS team. Jackson-Kelley said her heart bursts with pride as she reflects on the Auxiliary’s accomplishments over the past three years. “With the support of my officers, I am proud to have been the leader of the Auxiliary,” she said.

Jackson-Kelley thanked her Executive Board members for going the extra mile on the organization’s behalf. She also thanked Wagner for his consistent support and the support of dedicated members.

She talked about the challenge of membership. “Let’s work together to increase our membership—encourage your family members to join. As I give the torch to others, I will always support NAPS.”

Butts told delegates he was honored to

work with the Auxiliary. “They help us with what we need to do legislatively,” he explained. “It makes a difference to have a strong Auxiliary backing us.”

SPAC is another vehicle that helps NAPS in its legislative advocacy. As of Sunday at the convention, Butts announced, over \$5,000 had been raised for SPAC.

NAPS also just held its second virtual SPAC raffle: over \$35,000 was raised. Butts said these contributions encourage him that NAPS will reach his goal of raising \$50,000 this year.

The 67th National Convention SPAC Hall of Fame members were recognized virtually earlier this year, and were called to the stage to be recognized in person:

Northeast Region: Raymond Amerigian, Branch 96 (not present)

Eastern Region: Darnel Crosswell, Branch 225.

Central Region: Sherry Maxwell, Branch 255.

Southern Region: Kym Mullins, Branch 81.

Western Region: James Salmon, Branch 246.

Butts thanked the hall of fame members for their commitment to SPAC. He talked about how rewarding it has been to promote legislation and said NAPS packs a punch in Washington, DC, thanks to the grassroots efforts of members.

“We have to keep you in front at the local level,” he stressed. “When you talk to legislators at the local level and ask for their support, it makes so much of an impact. We’re putting ourselves in a better position to be successful.”

He next presented the 2021 Stanley Gold Legislative Leadership awards. The award was named in honor of the late Stanley Gold, a stalwart of legislative activism.

Sadly, the two awards were awarded posthumously to Mary Burkhard, Branch 244, CA, and Frank Gallegos, Branch 295, NM.

Burkhard was a great legislative advocate for NAPS. She fought hard to gain MSPB rights for all EAS employees.

Gallegos was a legislative giant for New Mexico, as well as the entire organization.

Members of Branch 244 and 295 came to the stage to accept the awards.

Mulidore then made a very special presentation to Branch 244: a certificate renaming it the Mary Burkhard Branch 244. Branch members accepted the certificate, saying it was a fitting tribute to Mary.

Butts then invited members of Branch 548 up for a special presentation: a certificate renaming the branch in honor of the late Luther B. Manuel Jr. Butts called Luther the “Floor Parliamentarian” because of his knowledge of parliamentary procedure and his efforts at NAPS meetings and conventions to keep everyone informed and in line.

The branch now is the Luther B. Manuel Jr. NAPS Branch 548. Grimsley Nurse, a member of 548’s Executive Board, said, “We will not see anyone who was as dedicated as he was to NAPS.”

Representatives of Branch 466 were invited to the stage to accept a certificate renaming the branch in honor of former Pacific Area Vice President Hayes Cherry. The branch now is called Hayes Cherry Branch 466

Videos were shown remembering Mary Burkhard, Frank Gallegos, Luther B. Manuel Jr. and Hayes Cherry. It has been hard losing these members who were such strong leaders in the organization.

Mobile Meeting App Available

It’s not too late to download the app available on your Android or IOS device to have the convention agenda at your fingertips. Go to your device’s app store, then search for and install “EventRebels ER-Mobile.”

Once you have downloaded the app, you will be prompted to sign into your account with these login details:

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