

I began my service as your District Director late in 2014 when I was elected by the district's Association Presidents to fill an unexpired term. I was subsequently elected to serve a full term for the current NAP biennium. Over the course of that time, it has been my privilege to attend your association meetings, and get to know increasing numbers of parliamentarians in the Southern states. NAP is alive and well in our area, and despite some decline due to attrition, our numbers are quite steady, and we should all be proud of the work our associations are doing to attain NAP's goal of effective meeting management.

This newsletter includes a call to the next District Three Conference, which will be held in conjunction with the Georgia State Association of Parliamentarian's Annual Meeting on February 25, 2017 in Atlanta. I hope you will consider attending. There will be a variety of workshops, as well as the opportunity to network with other parliamentarians. Atlanta is about as central a location as is possible in our district, and of course there are always lots of things to see and do there!

The major item of business at our brief district business meeting will be the election of our District Director. Although I am technically eligible to serve an additional term, my work responsibilities have evolved and I am no longer able to dedicate to the District the number of weekends necessary to attend annual association meetings – which nearly all occur on Saturdays.

And so I want to encourage all Registered and Professional Registered members in the District to consider not only attending the conference, but also putting your names forward for election as our next Director. The primary duties are service as a member of the national Membership Extension and Retention Committee (MERC) – which meets electronically – and attending the various association annual meetings. Also, two of the eight District Directors are elected to serve on the NAP Board of Directors from among those willing to do so. If you want additional information, feel free to contact me.

If you have not already done so, please renew your NAP membership at your earliest convenience. Our organization is important, and its primary source of income is annual dues. In short, NAP needs you! And that is in addition to everything you gain by continuing to be an NAP member, including the many opportunities for learning, serving, and promoting parliamentary procedure.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Director. I look forward to seeing some of you in Atlanta. ▲



District Director Dr. Greg Goodwiller, PRP

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2017 District Three Conference

Saturday, February 25, 2017
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM EST Peachtree Christian Church
1580 Peachtree Street Northwest
Atlanta, GA 30309

District III Chartered Associations

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi,
North Carolina, South Carolina and
Tennessee

District III Un-chartered Regions

Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Africa
and the Caribbean

District III News

MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi Association of Parliamentarians, which became a chartered Association in 2009, recently formed its first Unit, which was officially chartered in October!

The Mississippi Alpha Electronic Unit meets entirely by means of the same Adobe Connect technology that the National Association of Parliamentarians utilizes for Board and committee meetings, as well as webinars and online recertification modules.

The unit meets on the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. Central Time (8:00 p.m. Eastern Time). Visitors are always welcome, but for the modest fee of \$7 per year, any NAP member can become an Affiliate Member of the Mississippi Association, and become eligible for full membership in the unit (the unit itself has no dues).

You are welcome to check out the unit's meeting room, where its bylaws, most recent unit meetings, and special rules of order in order for meeting electronically are all available for downloading.

Educational programs at meetings are currently general interest topics. But in the months ahead, the unit envisions dividing into several "breakout groups" (an Adobe Connect feature) so that some can focus on the NAP Membership Exam, others on the Registration Exam, and others continuing topics of a general interest.

The meeting room, which can be entered at any time, is: <https://nap.adobeconnect.com/alpha-unit>

For additional information, contact Greg Goodwiller: greg@goodwiller.org.

Greg Goodwiller, President
Mississippi Association of
Parliamentarians

GEORGIA

The Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians has two active units: the Atlanta Unit and the Dogwood Unit. Both Units meet monthly, except during the months of June-August and December, on the 4th Monday of each month.

In the Atlanta Unit, elected officers serving for fiscal year 2015-2016 were: President – Zenda J. Bowie; Vice President – Carolyn Hart; Recording Secretary – Becky West; Corresponding Secretary – Odessa Huff; and Treasurer – Mark Massey. Appointed officers during the period included Education Counselor - Ausker Morris, RP; Historian - Betty Brown Williamson; Parliamentarian - June Crawford, PRP; Inspirational Messages - Valencia Bean; Courtesy Committee Chair - Eleanor Dixon.

During the year, the Atlanta Unit had excellent education programming led by the Education Counselor and enjoyed its annual Friends and Family meeting, an outreach event to increase interest and awareness of parliamentary procedure. Also during that period, members attending the 40th NAP Biennial Convention were Zenda J. Bowie, M. Jean Cooper, Virginia Henderson Harris, RP, Gladys T. Reid, PRP, Dyann Wilkerson and Vincent Williams who all served as delegates. Gladys Reid, PRP, also served as a workshop presenter.

Election of officers for fiscal year 2016-2017 was held during the Annual Meeting in May. Those elected were: President - Gladys T. Reid, PRP; Vice President - Carolyn Hart; Recording Secretary - Betty Brown Williamson; Corresponding Secretary - Odessa Huff; Treasurer - Mark Massey.

Membership of the Atlanta Unit currently totals 50. There are 29 primary members (including 2 RPs and 3 PRPs) and 21 provisional members.

The Dogwood Unit boasts 16 members; 11 primary members and 5 provisional members. The officers of the Unit are: Trae D. Johnson – President; Ray Daniels – Vice President; Secretary- Dr. Bola Tilghman; and Treasurer – Pat Summers, RP.

The Dogwood Unit served as host for the annual GSAP's Convention in February 2016 and commemorated Parliamentary Law Month in April 2016 with its first annual sponsored workshop. The unit's members are actively involved in study preparation for the membership test and registered parliamentarian's exam. Study groups for each meet regularly.

On the State level, GSAP meets quarterly. Its officers are Carol Johnson Davis, PRP, President; Gloria Cofer, PRP, Vice President and Youth Coordinator; Rita Mauro, Secretary; Valerie Martin, Treasurer; Pat Summers, RP, Historian; Marcia Chandler, Auditor, Corliss Baker, Education Coordinator; and Todd Crowder, PRP as Parliamentarian. Members have participated in various trainings for the City of Atlanta's Planning Review Boards and Neighborhood Planning Unit representatives. Workshop topics have included What is Parliamentary Procedure, Procedure for Small Boards, Presiding and Decorum, How to Present a Main Motion, Point of Order, The Motion to Amend, Agenda and Officers' Responsibilities, Rules of Debate and Framework for Bylaws. Members who have presented during these workshops include Gloria Cofer, PRP, Dennis Conway, PRP, Todd Crowder, PRP, Carol Johnson Davis, PRP, Pat Summers, RP, Zenda Bowie, Valerie Martin, Corliss Baker and Marcia Chandler.

GSAP members have coached FCCLA parliamentary teams and have continued to serve as judges for FBLA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, and Phi Beta Lambda at their state and national competitions. ▲

District Three 2015-2017 Biennial Conference

The District Three Biennial Conference will be held at the Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m., and conclude by 4:00 p.m. As a joint meeting with the Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians, there will be both a state association business meeting, and a district business meeting, which will include the election of a District Director for the 2017-2019 Biennium. There will also be workshops and plenary presentations, with something for parliamentarians at all levels.

The following hotels are located in proximity to the meeting location, for those who need lodging (please make your own housing arrangements):

Marriott Marquis Atlanta – 265 Peachtree Center Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 521-0000

Atlanta Hilton – 255 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA, 30303 (404) 659-2000

Crowne Plaza – 590 W. Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30308 (877) 859-5095

Registration for the Conference is \$40, and is being handled by the Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians. See the form below for registration information.

Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians Conference and Parliamentary Workshops

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-georgia-state-association-of-parliamentarians-convention-parliamentary-workshop-tickets-30385302257>

OR REGISTER BY MAIL:

Complete the following form and mail:

Name
Address
Phone

Please check one:

- Member (unit member or member-at-large) - \$40
 Provisional Member - \$45
 Non-Member - \$50
 Student - \$ 20

Which concurrent workshop do you plan to attend?

Please check one:

- Workshop – Basic
 Workshop – Advanced

Registration fee includes continental breakfast and sandwich lunch (no meals included with onsite registration)

Sandwich choice (check one):

- Ham Turkey
 Roast beef Veggie

Make check payable to:

Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians

Mail registration form and check to:

Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians
P. O. Box 150786
Atlanta, GA 30315

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