

March 2021

Robert's Reflections

Welcome to Krista Anderson and Daron Gersch, both new Members-at-Large of NAP and MSAP and to Janice Strand, PRP-R who recently moved to Minnesota from Arizona and joined the St. Paul Unit.

As I stated in the past two newsletters, that these are “unusual times” is certainly an understatement. The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on our lives, including the cancellation of our 2020 Annual Convention. Please see the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Added Value (p. 10) for an additional example of what the pandemic has done.

We aren't certain when things become normal, again, or what the “new normal” will look like. But we have plans for the 2021 MSAP Convention which will certainly take place! It would be ideal if we could hold our convention remotely but, alas, our MSAP Bylaws do not provide for electronic meetings (or conventions). So we need to amend our Bylaws, but this can only be done by the delegates in-person at a MSAP Convention. Kind of a “Catch-22.”

But here is the plan: Our 2021 MSAP Convention will convene in-person on April 10th, at which we can amend our Bylaws to allow electronic meetings. Our meeting will be in a large meeting hall with plenty of room for social distancing (and we will wear masks). Then, on April 10th, we will Fix the Time to Adjourn to April 24th and continue the convention remotely.

Please see the Convention Call on page 2 for details.



But we really need everyone to attend our convention *in-person* on April 10th so that we can amend our Bylaws! We must have a quorum in-person on April 10th.

It has been a privilege to have served as MSAP President the past two years. It has been a challenge at times, and it has certainly been an education as well. The major purpose of our parliamentary organizations at every level (national, state, local units) is education, so I hope that I can continue to learn.

I know that it sounds like a cliché, but please be well and safe.

Robert Vokes
President

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Convention Call

The Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians will meet in convention on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at VFW 8752, 9260 East Point Douglas Drive South, Cottage Grove, MN for the purpose of considering and adopting amendments to the MSAP Bylaws to allow for electronic meetings. The assembly will then fix the time to adjourn to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24th.

The convention will continue remotely via Zoom on April 24th for the purposes of electing officers, hearing reports and conducting business that pertains to the organization, including electing delegates and alternatives to the 2021 NAP Biennial Convention.

All MSAP members are welcome to attend and will obtain voting delegate status upon payment of the registration fee. We also welcome Unit Members who haven't passed the NAP Membership Examination yet and other visitors.

**Robert Vokes
President**

2021 MSAP Convention

Calling all MSAP members! Your organization needs your help.

As you know, the MSAP 2020 Convention was cancelled due to the pandemic – we were not permitted to meet in person and were not in a position to pivot to a virtual event. Moreover, the MSAP bylaws did not include the situation where a convention could be held electronically.

This year, members will gather in person for a brief business meeting on April 10, with the goal of amending the bylaws to allow for electronic meetings. We must have a quorum of 12 members for this meeting. Once this is accomplished, a motion will be made to fix the time to which to adjourn to Saturday, April 24, where business will be concluded. The adjourned meeting will include an educational session presented by Larry D. Martin, PRP, District V Director. The educational session is a highlight of MSAP Conventions. Please join us!

There is a registration of \$5.00 to attend the Convention. The fee covers the cost of a mailing to attendees (convention rules, bylaws, standing rules, proposed bylaws amendments, nominating committee report, nominee bios, proposed budget, and various reports). Please see the Convention registration form in this newsletter and please plan to attend!

Miriam Simmons, PRP
MSAP Vice President and Convention Chairman

Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Saturday, April 10, 2021

VFW 8752

**9260 E Point Douglas Rd S
Cottage Grove, Minnesota**

10:00 a.m. Convention Convenes, Consideration of Bylaws Amendments

Assembly Fixes the Time to Adjourn to April 24, 2021

Saturday, April 24, 2021

9:00 a.m. Convention Continues, Conducted by Zoom

**Education Session, "Exceptions," by District V Director and
NAP Board Member Larry D. Martin, PRP**

Cost: \$5.00 by April 1st * \$10.00 postmarked after April 1st *

Please mail this form with your check made out to MSAP to:

Judy Twisk

6629 Humboldt Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Unit: MAL NLP SPU On-Line Visitor

*** Registration Fee will cover cost of meeting materials, which will be sent via U.S. Postal Service.**

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Bylaws Committee Report

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws for the 2021 MSAP Convention

Notice is hereby given of the proposed amendments to the governing documents to be considered by the delegates at the MSAP Convention on April 10, 2021. Advance notice of the proposed amendments allows members to consider the amendments and discuss them at unit meetings. Each amendment is presented in a formal manner and also in a three-column format. The three-column format is provided as a tool to assist the reader in visualizing the proposed amendment. It should be noted that the motion to be debated and on which the vote is taken is the formal statement of the amendment.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee received the following eight amendments to the MSAP Bylaws from the MSAP Board of Directors. The Committee recommends that all eight amendments be adopted.

Proposed Amendment #1, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Article VII (Meetings) by adding a new Section 4, “The Annual Convention and Special Meetings may be held by electronic means.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
	Article VII, <u>Section. 4 The convention and special meetings may be held by electronic means.</u>	Article VII, Section 4. The convention and special meetings may be held by electronic means.

Rationale: The advent of the Coronavirus and resulting pandemic has made it apparent that there needs to be a method for holding the Annual Convention and Special Meetings remotely, i.e., by electronic means

Proposed Amendment #2, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Section 2 (Meetings) of Article VIII (Board of Directors) by striking “shall” at the end of “directors” and inserting “Shall” at the beginning of Section 2a and at the beginning of Section 2b and by adding a new Section 2c, “May meet by electronic means.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Article VIII Section 2 The board of directors shall: a. Meet within thirty (30) days after the convention. b. Meet at the call of the president or at the request of five (5) members of the board of directors.	Article VIII Section 2 The board of directors shall : a. <u>Shall</u> meet within thirty (30) days after the convention. b. <u>Shall</u> meet at the call of the president or at the request of five (5) members of the board of directors. c. <u>May meet by electronic means.</u>	Article VIII Section 2 The board of directors: a. <u>Shall</u> meet within thirty (30) days after the convention. b. <u>Shall</u> meet at the call of the president or at the request of five (5) members of the board of directors. c. May meet by electronic means.

Rationale: The advent of the Coronavirus and resulting pandemic has made it apparent that there needs to be a method for the Board to hold meetings remotely, i.e., by electronic meetings

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Proposed Amendment #3, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Article IX (Executive Committee) by adding a new Section 4, “Meetings of the executive committee may be held by electronic means.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
	Article IX. <u>Section 4. Meetings of the executive committee may be held by electronic means.</u>	Article IX. Section 4. Meetings of the executive committee may be held by electronic means.

Rationale: The advent of the Coronavirus and resulting pandemic has made it apparent that there needs to be a method for the executive committee to hold meetings remotely, i.e., by electronic meetings

Proposed Amendment #4, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Article X (Committees) by adding a new Section 3, “Meetings of standing and special committees may be held by electronic means.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
	Article X. <u>Section 3 Meetings of standing and special committees may be held by electronic means.</u>	Article X. Section 3 Meetings of standing and special committees may be held by electronic means.

Rationale: The advent of the Coronavirus and resulting pandemic has made it apparent that there needs to be a method for committees to hold meetings remotely, i.e., by electronic meetings

Proposed Amendment #5, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Section 3 (Quorum) of Article VII (Meetings) by striking out “Twelve (12)” and inserting “Eight (8)”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Article VII, Section 3. Quorum Twelve (12) voting members shall constitute a quorum	Article VII, Section 3. Quorum Twelve (12) Eight (8) voting members shall constitute a quorum	Article VII, Section 3. Quorum Eight (8) voting members shall constitute a quorum

Rationale: Because some voting members are also members of other organizations which hold their annual conventions in April and May, it has been difficult to achieve a quorum of 12 voting members at MSAP Annual Conventions

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Proposed Amendment #6, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Section part a 1) (composition and election) of Section 1 (Nominating Committee) of Article VI (Nominations and Elections) by adding, “If the convention is meeting by electronic means, members may be elected by electronic means.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Article VI, Section 1a 1) Three (3) members shall be elected by ballot at the convention.	Article VI, Section 1a 1) Three (3) members shall be elected by ballot at the convention. <u>If the convention is meeting by electronic means, members may be elected by electronic means.</u>	Article VI, Section 1a 1) Three (3) members shall be elected by ballot at the convention. If the convention is meeting by electronic means, members may be elected by electronic means.

Rationale: If the Annual Convention is meeting electronically, paper ballots cannot be used

Proposed Amendment #7, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Section 2e (Elections) of Article VI (Nominations and Elections) by adding, “If the convention is meeting by electronic means, officers may be elected by electronic means.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Article VI, Section 3e. Election of officers shall be by ballot.	Article VI, Section 3e. Election of officers shall be by ballot. <u>If the convention is meeting by electronic means, officers may be elected by electronic means.</u>	Article VI, Section 3e. Election of officers shall be by ballot. If the convention is meeting by electronic means, officers may be elected by electronic means.

Rationale: If the Annual Convention is meeting electronically, paper ballots cannot be used

Proposed Amendment #8, MSAP Bylaws

To amend Section 3 of Article XII (Delegates to NAP Convention) by adding, “If the convention is meeting by electronic means, delegates and alternates may be elected by electronic means.”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Article XII, Section 3. Delegates shall be elected by ballot. Alternates shall be elected by a separate ballot. A majority vote shall elect.	Article XII, Section 3. Delegates shall be elected by ballot. Alternates shall be elected by a separate ballot. A majority vote shall elect. <u>If the convention is meeting by electronic means, delegates and alternates may be elected by electronic means.</u>	Article XII, Section 3. Delegates shall be elected by ballot. Alternates shall be elected by a separate ballot. A majority vote shall elect. If the convention is meeting by electronic means, delegates and alternates may be elected by electronic means.

Rationale: If the Annual Convention is meeting electronically, paper ballots cannot be used

Gloria de Meireles, Chairman
Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has contacted the persons below, and each agrees to serve in the following position if elected:

President – Miriam Simmons, PRP

Vice-President – David Staehlin

Secretary – Robert Vokes

Treasurer – Joshua Martin, PRP

Nominating Committee

Virginia Altman, PRP

Darleen Harens, PRP

Beverly Kennedy, RP

Except for the Treasurer who serves a two-year term, nominees will serve a one-year term from 2021-2022 once elected.

Lucy Johnson, PRP

Chairman

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

01 Dec 19 to 30 Nov 20

The account book, check book, payment vouchers, and bank statements from TCF Bank are in agreement as presented and are accurate.

Beginning Balance: 01 Dec 19	\$2,982.66
Receipts	597.67
Disbursements	68.98
Ending Balance: 30 Nov 20	\$3,511.35

Darleen A. Harens, PRP, Chairman

Richard Skimland

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Proposed Budget

MN STATE ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS	DEC 2019-NOV 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET	DEC 2019-NOV 2020 ACTUAL AMOUNT SPENT	DEC 2020-NOV 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
REVENUES			
1.DUES	\$700.00	\$597.67	\$700.00
2.SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
3.CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
4.EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL SALES	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
5.MISC PROJECTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6.DONATIONS	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
7.OTHER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
REVENUE TOTALS	\$1,825.00	\$597.67	\$1,825.00
EXPENDITURES			
7. SEMINARS	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
8. CONVENTION	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
9. NAP REPRESENTATIVE	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
10.NAP CONVENTION DELEGATES	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
11.OFFICERS EXPENSES	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
12.NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$50.00	\$8.97	\$50.00
13.STATIONERY/SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14.DISTRICT 5 CONFERENCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15.PARLI TEAMS SECONDARY	\$250.00	\$36.11	\$250.00
16.EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
17.HISTORIAN	\$15.00	\$5.73	\$15.00
18.MISC GIFTS	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
19.SPECIAL PROJECTS (meetup)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20.WEB	\$200.00	\$18.17	\$200.00
BANK CHARGES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES TOTALS	\$2,550.00	\$68.98	\$2,550.00
PROFIT/(LOSS)	(\$725.00)	\$528.69	(\$725.00)

Judy Twisk
Treasurer

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Financial Report

The Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians		
Checking Account		
Balance on Hand Dec 1, 2019	\$ 2,982.66	\$ 2,982.66
Receipts:		
Membership Dues	\$ 597.67	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 597.67
Disbursements:		
Historian	\$ (5.73)	
Newsletter	\$ (8.97)	
Website	\$ (18.17)	
Parli Teams Secondary	\$ (36.11)	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ (68.98)
Cash on Hand Nov 30, 2020		\$ 3,511.35
Certificate of Deposits		
	Certificate 1:	Certificate 2:
Balance 12/01/2019	\$ 2,644.11	2108.42
Receipts (Interest)	\$ 3.68	2.94
Disbursements	\$ -	\$ -
Balance 11/30/2020	\$ 2,647.79	\$ 2,111.36

Judy Twisk
Treasurer



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Ad Hoc Committee for Adding Value **End of Year Report**

Almost two years ago, President Vokes appointed an ad hoc committee to address the question *Are there ways in which our MSAP can add value to its members and others?* Darleen Harens, David Staehlin, President Vokes, and I met several times to discuss this issue. We set objectives, surveyed our members, and began an outreach to a community college student senate.

We met with a representative from that college and found them very interested in learning more about Robert's Rules. Plans were discussed for MSAP to provide a workshop at the student September 2020 Leadership Retreat. However, such plans and further meetings of the Ad Hoc committee have been on hold since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two of the committee's original goals were to increase attendance at our educational seminars, and to reach more community members. This was accomplished at the Annual Seminar held electronically January 29-30, 2021. Over 50 people attended at least one of four sessions with many attending all four. One participant attended from Quebec. While most were from Minnesota, many other states were represented, and the majority were non-members. The evaluations indicated that people are interested in many topics pertaining to parliamentary rules.

Adding value to the MSAP membership is important. This topic needs to continue to be addressed. Follow-up with the community college is needed. The planned workshop could be offered virtually like the Annual Seminar. Reaching more community members and college students will help to increase the awareness of MSAP and increase membership.

Lucy Johnson, PRP
Chairman



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Parliamentary Authority

A Parliamentary Authority is a book of procedures and rules that help a deliberative assembly conduct meetings and business. The Authority covers rules that aren't addressed in an organization's bylaws or standing rules. MSAP uses RONR as its Parliamentary Authority, but there are other such books.

One of the oldest Parliamentary Authority that is still in use today is the Jefferson's Manual. First published in 1801, President Thomas Jefferson based his work on parliamentary law and the House of Commons regulations. Today, the Jefferson's Manual is used in the United States House of Representatives

Many state legislatures use Mason's Manual. This Authority is geared to legislative bodies that meet daily in sessions or meetings that are public. Mason's Manual has been in existence since 1935 and is published by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (AIPSC) was first published in 1950 by Alice Sturgis. It was called the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure or Sturgis. The American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP) changed the title in 2012 when they began publishing it. The AIPSC is used by many medical and dental association,

As of 2016, AIP also publishes Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure. Demeter's is often used by labor unions in the United States.

As a parliamentarian assisting an assembly, it is important to be familiar with the Parliamentary Authority listed in their bylaws. It is highly recommended that all organizations list an Authority to address questions or issues that aren't specified in their bylaws or standing rules.

Lucy Johnson
MSAP Parliamentarian



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Annual Seminar

In a year with so many changes and challenges, our annual educational event, the Fall Seminar, fell victim to the pandemic. Instead, the Fall Seminar became a winter event. It was held January 29 and 30; it was open to the public, and it was held via Zoom. The subject matter was parliamentary basics, directed to an audience of nonprofit boards and members. An ambitious schedule was laid out, as follows:

Session 1 -- Order or chaos? Rules? What Rules? (Miriam Simmons, Ph.D., PRP) (46)

Session 2 --Rights and Responsibilities of Board Members (Jeanette N. Williams, PRP, CP-T) (48)

Session 3 --Managing a Marvelous Meeting: Maps, Minutes, \$ Money \$, Mutiny and Miscellany (Patricia Reymann, PRP and Ginny Altman, PRP) (41)

Session 4 --Who Let the Dogs Out--What is a Parliamentarian and Why Would You Need One? (Lucy Hamilton Johnson, PRP) (37)

Attendance for the sessions was capped at 50; registrants were required to respond to a survey. Attendees were not just from Minnesota but also from Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Oregon, and Quebec. Attendance is noted above after the Session titles.

There was no fee to attend and there are minimal expenses (the cost of a monthly Zoom account, donated) but a significant contribution of instructor time. There is a significant amount of time required to collect and confirm registrations. If we want to do this in the future, we could collect fees if we use an event software that would make that feasible. A no-fee workshop means we get broad participation, but we also get no-shows.

Evaluation comments were quite positive, with people finding they learned much about meeting basics and how to be effective and fair in a meeting.

It can be – and often is -- a challenge to produce a seminar via Zoom; there were a few technical glitches, though participants seemed undisturbed by that. The same cannot be said for the co-hosts running the Zoom.

Nonetheless, it was a very positive experience for instructors and attendees, and we hope to continue to reach out to people with seminars on the basics of parliamentary procedure.

Miriam Simmons, PRP
Education Chairman

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**Some of the folks who participated in the Annual Seminar
Screenshot photo by Bob Williams**

“FALL” SEMINAR

We had to turn people away! In no time at all the registration limit of 50 was reached for the free, virtual Seminar, “Have a More Effective Board Meeting: Get Home Before Midnight” that was presented on Friday evening and Saturday morning, January 29/30.

We presenters were thrilled that it struck such a chord with folks. We worked hard on our presentations and mustered up all the creativity and skill we could to make our topics interesting, informative, and interactive.

Seminar Chair Miriam Simmons used a variety of audio visuals to enrich her presentation, “Rules: Order or Chaos?” Jeanette Williams used Zoom “reactions” to interact with the audience as she explained “Rights and Responsibilities of Board Members.” Ginny Altman and Pat Reymann were a tag-team in presenting the “Roles of Officers” in managing a meeting. And Lucy Johnson told us - at last! - “Who Let the Dogs Out” by extolling the benefits of having a parliamentarian onboard.

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By contacting our clients and others who we thought might be interested, we were able to assist folks from Oregon to DC and from Quebec to Florida. Evaluations afterward were very complimentary. It was a heady experience - and a lot of work - and we'd love to do it again sometime (speaking for myself)!

Pat Reymann, PRP

Youth Judging and Education

Due to the coronavirus, the judging of Parli-Pro teams was done differently this year. Four of our members assisted with the judging: Bev Kennedy RP, Michael Orr, RP, Robert Vokes, and Darleen Harens PRP.

The team from Watertown Mayer High School submitted by January 21 a UTube of their presentation which the judges viewed. Each judge looked at all areas of the presentation – scoring them using the Rubric Criteria. Each judge's scores and comments were submitted to the coordinating committee. This way also comments were added to enable the team to prepare for the state level which is normally held in March or April.

Due to the current technology which is available students still are able to participate.

Darleen Harens, PRP
Chairman

Membership Report

Most members of MSAP serve on boards and committees or are otherwise active members of the deliberative assemblies to which they belong. Are there up and coming newer members of these organizations who would benefit from a better understanding of parliamentary procedure? Seasoned members who could benefit from better familiarity with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised? Do them a favor and invite them to attend a meeting of Northern Lights Parliamentarians or the Saint Paul Unit. Invite them to a seminar hosted by MSAP.

We can get our name out there in many different ways, but a personal invitation to try us out is our best opportunity to grow our membership. Imagine if each current member brought along a friend or colleague to a meeting and strove to bring someone new twice a year?

David Staehlin
Chairman

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Northern Lights Parliamentarians

We continue to offer our parliamentary educational sessions monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month except in December. We are hopeful that the new covid-19 vaccinations will offer opportunities for in person meetings soon. In the meantime, we will continue virtual meetings by way of Zoom. We still encourage and welcome guests. If you can join us, please request a zoom invite by emailing me at skimlandr@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

Richard Skimland
President

St. Paul Unit

The St. Paul Unit (SPU) meets virtually on the third Monday of the month at 9:30am. A study session which precedes the meeting at 8:30 a.m. is held electronically.

The education portion of the meeting has recently included the history of the Code of Professional Responsibility, a study guide to Help Navigate RONR 12th edition, and summaries from some of the NAP August Training sessions.

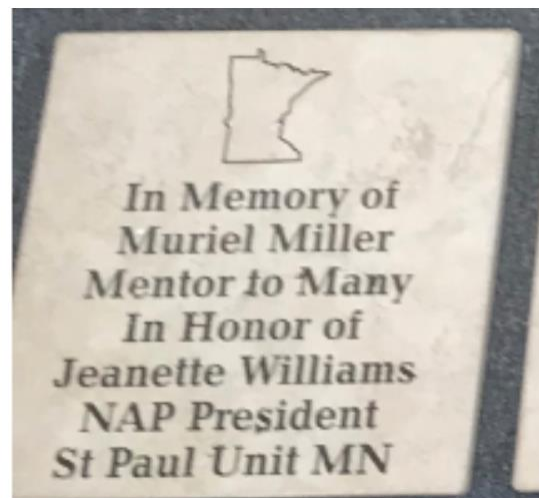
The SPU welcomes a new member, Jan Strand, PRP-R.

Officers for 2021 include President Lucy Johnson, PRP; Vice-President Gloria De Meireles; Secretary Alice Chapman; and Treasurer Ginny Altman, PRP.

Guests are always welcome at our meeting. Please contact me for the link.

Lucy Johnson, PRP
President

**Tile purchased by St. Paul Unit on
wall at NAP headquarters in support
of the NAP Building Fund**



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FUTURE EVENTS

MSAP BOD Meeting
March 11, 2021
VFW Post 8752
9260 E Point Douglas Rd S
Cottage Grove, MN

MSAP Annual Convention
April 10, 2021
VFW Post 8752
9260 E Point Douglas Rd S
Cottage Grove, MN

Continues Remotely
April 24, 2021

District 5 Convention
June 12, 2021 (Remotely)

NAP Biennial Convention
September 9-12, 2021
Atlanta

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE/JULY 2021

The Minnesota Parliamentarian is
May 1, 2021.

Please submit to Robert Vokes at
hisfootness@comcast.net

Photos are always welcome.

MSAP: www.friendsofrobert.org

Editor's Note:

Both the proposed amendments to the bylaws and the proposed 2020-2021 budget are included in this newsletter and will be considered for adoption by the voting delegates at the 2021 Annual Convention.