



**June/July 2023**

**President's Corner**

Greetings fellow parliamentarians! I hope that you are enjoying the summer weather.

Thank you for your confidence in me and for electing me to serve as the Association president for 2023-2024. It is an honor to serve this group of wonderful people.

We have educational opportunities available with our two local units--St. Paul Unit and Northern Lights Parliamentarians—and with our state Association. Please find information in this and future edition of the *Minnesota Parliamentarian* as well as on Facebook, [facebook.com/minnesotaparliamentarians](https://facebook.com/minnesotaparliamentarians), and soon on our website at [friendsofrobert.org](https://friendsofrobert.org).



There are many other Associations and Units which invite others to participate in their parliamentary lessons. In some cases, there may be a charge, but frequently, they are free. Opportunities should be appearing soon at the National Association of Parliamentarian's event calendar at the new NAP website. Visit [parliamentarians.org/membership/events](https://parliamentarians.org/membership/events).

In early June, I had the opportunity to teach a parliamentary procedure class at both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary's officer training institute and Auxiliary training school, respectively. The VFW and Auxiliary leaders and members from across the state of Minnesota learned a lot and enjoyed the lessons and question and answer sessions.

The 44<sup>th</sup> NAP Biennial Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from September 6-10, 2023. For those not attending in person, the education workshops will be available remotely. Cost and other details can be found at [napconvention.com](https://napconvention.com). Thank you for your membership. Please let me know if we can be of any assistance to you.

~David Staehlin, MSAP President 2023

**Minnesota Association Convention**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians was held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Cottage Grove VFW Post in Cottage Grove.

There were 13 voting members in attendance, representing our St. Paul Unit, Northern Lights Parliamentarians, and two members at large. Also attending was one provisional member of NLP and a guest.



Call to Order

## The Minnesota Parliamentarian

The officers and delegates heard the Historian's report and reports from the Bylaws & Standing Rules and the Nominations committees. Other reports were made available in writing. The following officers were elected for the 2023-2024 year:

President	David Staehlin
Vice President	Lucy Johnson, PRP
Secretary	Alice Chapman
Treasurer	Josh Martin, PRP

The nominating committee was elected: Miriam Simmons, PRP; Ginny Altman, PRP; and Chris Thorp.

The following members were elected as delegates to the 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians to represent MSAP: Alice Chapman, Gloria de Meireles, Lucy Johnson, Josh Martin, Carrie Roach, Miriam Simmons, David Staehlin, Jan Strand, and Bob Williams. Ginny Altman was elected as an alternate delegate.



2023-2024 Officers (l to r)  
Miriam Simmons (outgoing president), Lucy Johnson,  
Alice Chapman, Josh Martin, David Staehlin



2023-24 MSAP President Staehlin receives, from MSAP Parliamentarian Williams, the ingredient flour which is frequently the largest amount in cookie recipes.

Jeanette Williams, PRP, CCP-T, lead an excellent educational program titled "*Previous Question: Misunderstandings, Uses, and Abuses.*" Mrs. Williams also installed the new officers correlating each position with cookie recipe ingredients.



Convention Attendees on April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Members are encouraged to go to and review the 2023 photographs at <https://rw48395.smugmug.com/Groups/2023-MSAP/>. A very special thank you to Bob Williams for taking photographs!!!

Outgoing President Miriam Simmons presents MSAP gavel and Mason's Manual to 2023-2024 President David Staehlin.



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## MSAP 2023 Convention Financial Report

	Revenue	Expense	MSAP Financial Impact
<b>Revenue</b>			
Registration (17 @ \$15 each)	\$255.00		\$225.00
<b>Expense</b>			
<i>Provided by Chairman Staehlin</i>			
Paper and printing		(\$20.00)	
Gift certificate for President Simmons		(\$100.00)	
Jimmy Johns		(\$270.43)	
Reimbursement to Chairman Staehlin			(\$390.43)
<i>Provided by President Simmons</i>			
Breakfast		(\$76.89)	
Printing and copies		(\$34.92)	
Reimbursement to President Simmons			(\$111.81)
<i>Paid by Treasurer Martin</i>			
Donation to Eyota Food Shelf (honorarium to Jeanette Williams, PRP)		(\$50.00)	
			(\$50.00)
Net Income/(Expense)			(\$327.24)

### Summer Updates

Thank you for electing me Vice-President of MSAP. It is a privilege to serve in this position. One of the roles of the VP is to chair the Annual Convention. While the date of next year's convention has not been confirmed, most likely it will be around the same time as this year (April). As always, suggestions for speakers are greatly appreciated.

Speakers and topics are also needed for the Annual Education Seminar. The seminar is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2024 as a virtual seminar. Anyone wishing to present, please contact me at your earliest convenience. The recording from the seminar held in January 2023 can be found on-line at [Meetings: Marathon or Sprint](#) (YouTube).



I will be attending the NAP Convention in September as a delegate representing MSAP.

~Lucy Johnson, PRP | MSAP Vice-President

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Friday, 06.23.23

At our most recent Board of Directors meeting, the members humbly and unanimously voted asking me to offer our most gracious thank you to MSAP for donating to Front and Center, Inc., Eyota, Minnesota.

Words can never express how thankful we are for your financial gift. Because we have Jeanette Williams as our Parliamentarian, we are also anticipating a long, working relationship with you, as we continue to try to meet the needs of our community. It is our hope that many relationships grow through this endeavor and that we are all immensely blessed.

If it is possible, could you please send us a copy of your newsletter so we can keep it for our records as well as post it for our community members to see?

With respect, Deborah L. Vosler  
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AND...

Thanks to everyone who found items of interest in the materials I was giving away at the MSAP convention. Thanks to your donations, \$47.00 was given to Front and Center, Inc. [frontandcenter.live]

~Jeanette Williams, CP-T, PRP

## St. Paul Unit

The St. Paul Unit (SPU) meets on the third Monday of the month (except February) at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and occasionally in-person. A study session precedes the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The education portion of the meeting has recently included "Debate," "Incidental Motions," "Applying PowerPoint Options to NAP Toolbox Lessons," and "Judging Parliamentary Competition of Youth Organizations." Guests are always welcome at our meetings. Please contact President Carrie Roach, RP for the link at [Catherine.Roach@usfamily.net](mailto:Catherine.Roach@usfamily.net).

## Youth Judging and Education

Thank you to everyone who assisted this past year in judging students either for the BPA (Business Professionals of America) or FCCLA (Family Community Career Leaders of America) parliamentary teams. Once school is again in session and judges are requested, individuals will be contacted to assist in this endeavor. Members who have done so in the past have found the experience to be very rewarding.

~Darleen A Harens, PRP  
MSAP Youth and Judging Chairman

## Northern Lights Unit

Northern Lights Parliamentarians continue to meet on the Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

New officers elected at the May 9, 2023 Northern Lights Parliamentarians meeting:

President: Michael Orr, RP  
Vice President: Richard Skimland  
Secretary: Darleen Harens, PRP  
Treasurer: David Staehlin

Our most recent meeting topics have been 'Minutes' by Robert Vokes, 'Suspend the Rules' by Michael Orr, RP, and 'Brain Teasers 3' by Darleen Harens, PRP. Guests and visitors are always welcome! Join us!

~Michael Orr, RP  
NLP President

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### **MSAP BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024**

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<sup>1</sup> Offboard Position

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

- MSAP BOD Meeting  
August 17, 2023  
Zoom
  
- NAP Biennial Convention  
September 6 – 10, 2023  
In-person | Atlanta, GA  
September 9, 2023  
Workshops (virtual option)
  
- MSAP BOD Meeting  
October 19, 2023  
Zoom
  
- Dahms-Bierbaum Workshop  
November 3-5, 2023  
Hilton Kansas City Airport
  
- MSAP BOD Meeting  
January 4, 2024  
Zoom
  
- MSAP BOD Meeting  
March 14, 2024  
Zoom

### **MSAP MEMBERS (June 2023)**

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Please submit to Carrie Roach at [Catherine.Roach@usfamily.net](mailto:Catherine.Roach@usfamily.net) Photos are always welcome. MSAP: [www.FriendsOfRobert.org](http://www.FriendsOfRobert.org)

**Editor's Note:** the MSAP Standing Rules stipulate that the June/July issue of *The Minnesota Parliamentarian* shall include the MSAP *Bylaws & Standing Rules*. Rather than including these documents *within* the newsletter (which would make the newsletter inordinately long), they are attached to the email sent with this newsletter.