



# *Robert Said What?*

Rights of the Parliamentary Law: Majority, Minority, Absentees, Individual Members, All of These

## **From the Charlotte County Parliamentarian Unit**

May 1, 2017



From the desk of Sam King, incoming CCPU President:

It is my goal to email, as CCPU's President, this newsletter every quarter. This newsletter carries the name of the unit's previous newsletter that was provided to each of us for years by our wonderful, dedicated, and caring member, Doris Conboy. We cannot thank Doris and the many dedicated members enough for their successful efforts to make and keep this unit a place of learning and sharing.

As we move into our the next biennium, it is our hope that we will not only keep you up to date on what the unit is doing, but encourage each of you to further your studies in Parliamentary procedures by attending meetings and classes.

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At the Unit's Annual Meeting in March, elections were held and then we partied! The unit honored our outgoing President, Karen Price; for all that she has done for each of us and the Unit. She was a bit surprised and it was a miracle that we were able to keep it a secret from her! It seems that we were successful.

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### **The 2017-2019 Officers and Committee Chairs**

**President:** Stephanie (Sam) King

**Treasurer:** Luceal Curry

**Vice-President:** Joyce Gleason

**Secretary:** Libby Curnow

## The 2017-2019 Committees Chairs:

Audit - Mary Giddens

Bylaws - Mary Giddens, Libby Curnow, and Art Grimes (committee of three)

Education - Joyce Gleason (appoints committee members)

Membership - Barbara Holland (appoints committee members)

Publicity - Sam King (appoints committee members)

Web Master - Jane Skorina (appoints committee members)

Newsletter – Sam King (appoints committee members)

If you would like to be placed on a committee, please email your request to:

[RbtRule@gmail.com](mailto:RbtRule@gmail.com)

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## Practical Applications of Robert's Rules of Order

During the months of January and February, CCPU instructors taught the *Practical Class* and had fifteen graduates:

Ron Bick  
Debby Carey  
Sylvia Chatterton  
Valerie Colbert  
Mary Curtis  
Kathleen Cusimano

Kelly Gaylord  
Barry Jollett  
Dennis Lunsford  
Karen Noonan  
Rima Riggs  
Christine Sutherland

David Trombley  
Aaron Wagner  
Donald Warren

***Congratulations to all!***

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## Art of Presiding Class Graduates



The *Art of Presiding Class* was not held last spring after the *Practical Class*. There was interest in having the class this year, so we decided to offer the class during March and April. This class has little instruction time and lots of practice. The podium was a black

music stand, but no one seemed to notice as they were focused on being 'the chair' through some tricky, challenging, and exciting motions. The students were able to handle the concepts and walk away with a smile! I guess our toughest motions were still easier than what they have to face in their organizations.

On another note: Valerie Colbert passed the membership exam with flying colors!

### ***Art of Presiding Graduates***

Debi Allen, Valerie Colbert, Christine Sutherland, Carmen Oberio, Rima Riggs, and Barbara Davis

We couldn't have provided any of these classes without our Educational Chair, Joyce Gleason. Joyce has that really sweet way of encouraging individuals to 'volunteer' to teach. Kudos to those that taught: Karen Price, Art Grimes, Jane Skorina, Luceal Curry, Joyce Gleason, Dorothy Demarest, Larry Roduner, and Sam King. And kudos to those that assisted when and where needed: Libby Curnow, Christine Sutherland, and Barbara Holland. To do all of this, it really takes a team.

***Thank you all for giving of your time and talent.***

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Florida Unit of Registered Parliamentarians (FURP) Meeting April 8, 2017, in Naples, FL

CCPU Attendees: Sam King, Joyce Gleason, Christine Sutherland, Libby Curnow, and Jane Skorina

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### **Florida State Association of Parliamentarians (FSAP)**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>**

If you have had second thoughts about attending and want to find out what to do at this late date, please call or email Kay Stephens today.

Telephone: 407-658-9779

Email: [stephensmk@bellsouth.net](mailto:stephensmk@bellsouth.net)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT UNIT MEETING!**



**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 -11:30 am is our next meeting.**

Joyce's teaching moments will be held directly after our meeting, be sure to attend to find out more about Parliamentary Procedures.

Hope to see you there!

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There will be no summer meeting (July), due to changes in our Bylaws.  
The next meeting, after May 11<sup>th</sup>, will be **September 14<sup>th</sup>**.

For any primary chapter member that attends a State meeting and sends in an article for the newsletter or presents information learned from a State session at one of the chapter meetings (within 6 months) the chapter educational fund will reimburse your registration fee. Email your article including the meeting date and presenter to me at: [gammanuking@gmail.com](mailto:gammanuking@gmail.com) or contact Joyce Gleason at: [joycegle@earthlink.net](mailto:joycegle@earthlink.net) to schedule your presentation at a future meeting. It's a win-win for the chapter and for you!