



# Robert Says What?

August, 2019



## *Teaching Ourselves to Sewe The Community*

From the desk of  
Joyce Gleason

Is it true that a parliamentarian's work is never done? While I have been enjoying Cape Cod this summer, many of our CCPU members have been quite active: Luceal Curry, Barbara Davis, Dorothy Demarest, Mary Giddens, Barbara Holland, Sam King, Randy Moody, Karen Price, and Louis Rivera, all attended the FSAP Annual meeting in Brandon over the May 17 - 19 weekend. This fine representation was about one quarter of those in attendance! Go, CCPU!! At that meeting Karen Price was elected Treasurer of FSAP, and Sam King was elected chair of the Registered section (for RPs and PRPs).

Over the summer, members Louis Rivera and Brian Pelkie were actively studying for portions of the RP certification exam. Sam King proctored several parts of the test when they were ready to test, and they have made enough progress to be "grandfathered" under the old protocol. They are to be commended for passing several parts already, but I inadvertently declared them to have fully become RPs in a July email to the membership. While I am sure that this will occur, I jumped the gun. I do apologize. Brian and Louis have supported each other while studying for the exams. This always helps.

NAP held a Town Hall webinar in July to explain the new process for RP examination. Sam King and I listened in and even expressed concerns about details of the program. (After all, it is frequently those of us "on the ground" at the unit level who implement the program) The program is due to be rolled out in September, with explanations given during the Annual Convention in Las Vegas. I am certain we will be hearing much more about this in the fall.

Our thanks to Luceal Curry for attending the NAP Las Vegas meeting as our unit's official delegate. Mary Giddens and Karen Price also planned to attend but as

Delegates from FSAP. Dorothy Demarest was elected an alternate delegate. That meeting will occur September 5-8. I look forward to hearing more about that meeting from them.

Our next CCPU business meeting is September 12, at 9:30am in the FOP Hall in Charlotte Harbor. Vice-president Louis Rivera will be presiding in my absence. You may expect another "Teaching Moment" lesson following the business meeting. Anyone interested in teaching that lesson, on a topic of your choice, should contact me by August 31st.



You will find Minutes from the May business meeting attached to this newsletter. They have already been reviewed by the Minutes Approval Committee. My thanks to Libby Curnow, Barbara Davis, and Barbara Roduner for serving in this capacity.

In the attached minutes you will find the motion to hold a four-week Bylaws course in October and November for our members, at a charge of \$10. The course was to be similar to one Nancy Dauster taught about ten years ago. I am embarrassed to admit that when Sam King and I further examined the classes, we found that they had been based on an NAP publication which costs \$25. It would be impossible to gather related materials (when we do not hold the copyright), and offer hospitality at the cost in the original motion. I will ask the Education Committee to amend something previously adopted, i.e. changed and propose a revision of that motion to change the cost to \$30. (What a bargain after ten years!) In order to secure the booklet, interested members will be asked to sign up in advance (no later than September 20) and to commit by mailing a check for \$30 to Sam King, P O Box 495482, Port Charlotte, FL 33952-9055.

Watch for the related discussion at the September meeting and plan to vote.



The next deadline for articles for “Roberts Says What” is October 1.

FSAP will hold its annual Henry M. Robert Day in Brandon October 18-20. Expect workshops, business and fun, and even the opportunity for provisional members to take the membership exam. Our own Sam King will be supervising those tests. You may also seek proctoring from her locally on this, or after mid-October, from me. Ask Sam for more information.

As your president, I remain grateful to the many fine volunteers who dedicate their time to CCPU. The Unit needs them to function. Thank you!

Joyce Gleason, President



### Testing Information

NAP Membership Testing at the FSAP October Meeting

The NAP Membership test will be offered on October 19, 2019, at the Henry M. Robert’s Day session to be held in Brandon, FL. The Registered Section of FSAP is hosting the testing site for the NAP Membership test and it is available for provisional members and the public.

The test will be given after the Saturday workshops at approximately 6:00 p.m. It will be the forty question test (to be taken on paper) from the *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised IN BRIEF, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.* To schedule the exam at Brandon, the student will need to follow the link below to print out the application and submit the form with the required prorated dues to NAP.

<https://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/NAP-Membership-Application2019-2.pdf>

The dues are prorated for the remainder of this year and for next year. For a Florida provisional member the total fee is \$130 and the dues for a non-member is \$155. The dues are for both the Florida State Association of Parliamentarian (FSAP) and the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP). The difference in the registration cost is because the provisional member has paid dues to the FSAP for this year. If you are a provisional member, please pay the lower dues amount and mark on your application that you are a provisional member of FSAP.

**The test date is October 19, 2019**; the final date to send your application to NAP is **October 4, 2019**. The monitor information to be completed by the applicant is:

Stephanie M. King, PRP  
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Port Charlotte, FL 33952-9055 USA  
941-380-7702, [gammanuking@gmail.com](mailto:gammanuking@gmail.com)

The test study guide is available to download at this link: <https://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07StudyGuideforMembershipExam-TestBank-1.pdf>

Plan to attend the October session of FSAP and spread the word that the membership test will be offered along with interesting and educational workshops.

Sam King, PRP



### Proctors Available

Wish you had taken the membership test after the Practical Applications class? Strike while the iron is hot! Take your test while the knowledge is fresh in your mind.

In each case, you will need to register with NAP and must list a proctor on your form. During the month of September, Sam King ([gammanuking@aol.com](mailto:gammanuking@aol.com)) will perform that duty. It is also possible to make similar arrangements with a local neutral person, such as a librarian. You must contact the appropriate proctor to arrange a mutually-agreeable date and time for this testing. Then list that person on the NAP registration form.



**CCPU, September 12, 2019**

9:30AM—11:30AM

Fraternal Order of Police Hall  
23300 Harper Avenue  
Charlotte Harbor, FL

**FSAP, October 18-20, 2019**

Embassy Suites in Brandon  
Henry Robert Day Program

**Deadline** for next newsletter, October 1, 2019

## Florida State Association of Parliamentarians 67th Annual Session

FSAP held its annual session May 17 – 19, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Brandon, FL. There were 26 FSAP/ NAP members attending and 10 non-voting (Provisional) members for a total attendance of 36. CCPU Members attending were: Luceal Curry, Barbara Davis, Dorothy Demarest, Mary Giddens, Barbara Holland, Sam King, Randy Moody, Karen Price and Louis Rivera. At the Annual Meeting Saturday morning, FSAP Chaplain, Elizabeth Cogswell, paid tribute to the memory of Henry Roberts III.



L-R: Ann Guiberson, Henry Lawton, Helen Popovich, Elizabeth Coswell, and CCPU Member Karen Price.

The members elected new FSAP officers for the 2019-2021 term of office: President: Henry Lawton, PRP; First Vice President: Helen Popovich, PRP; Secretary: Elizabeth Cogswell; Treasurer: Karen Price, CCPU Member. No candidate was nominated by the nominating committee or from the floor for the office of Second Vice President, so Paul Rene will remain serving as Second Vice President.

Two proposed amendments to FSAP bylaws were presented and adopted. The amendments were:

- to authorize the Executive Board to fill board vacancies by appointment;
- the second amendment was presented to remove term limits for the office of Treasurer. This required a unanimous vote, since there was no previous notice.

Three FSAP members were elected as delegates to the NAP Convention in Las Vegas in September 2019. The three delegates are: Karen Price, Julie Palm and Mary Giddens. Elizabeth Cogswell and Dorothy Demarest were elected as alternates.



L-R: Sam King and Helen Popovich

Three workshops were presented Saturday after the Annual Meeting. They were:

1. “Is it in Order?” by Jason Abellada, PRP;
2. “Parliamentary Games” by Linda Laurendeau;
3. “Answering Parliamentary Questions and Writing Practice Parliamentary Opinions” by Tim Wynn, PRP and FSAP Education Chairman.
4. Sunday morning all FSAP members were invited to the Registered Section meeting and workshops. Non-registered members of FSAP were granted privileges of the floor during the registered meeting. During the brief business meeting of the Registered Section, the election of officers for the 2019-21 term resulted in our own CCPU past president, Stephanie King, being elected Chair, Ted Almand, Vice Chair and Linda Young, Secretary. It was also decided that the Registered Section shall offer the NAP membership exam prior to the fall meeting. After the brief business meeting there were two workshops:

1. “Legal Issues for Parliamentarians Encountering Nonprofit Organizations” by Attorney Ken Tinkler
2. “Writing, Teaching with Power Point” by Henry Lawton, PRP



Henry Lawton, Newly Elected President

The next FSAP meeting will be held in the same location at Embassy Suites in Brandon from October 18 – 20, 2019. I encourage CCPU members to attend. The business meetings are brief, and the workshops are excellent. The FSAP meetings provide an excellent opportunity to learn and advance your parliamentary knowledge.

Mary Giddens

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