



# Robert Says What?

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*Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community*

From the desk of

Joyce Gleason

Hello, all. Being back in southwest Florida just feels right. I do need to commend and thank Louis Rivera, CCPU Vice-president, for chairing the September 12th CCPU meeting.

I am still riding the wave of pride for this unit after being named number one unit for education within NAP's world-wide reach!!

Technically we were cited as MERC (Membership Extension and Retention Committee) First Place Award to a unit for Providing Parliamentary Education (June 1, 2017 -- May 31, 2019). The presentation was made in Las Vegas during NAP's 42nd Biennial Convention. Florida State (FSAP) was awarded a similar second place award from among the states, and Florida Alpha Parliamentarians Unit received the sixth place award for units, similar to our own. We certainly benefit from being in such a hot bed of commitment to outreach and education for our communities!

I am hoping to extend publicity of our award to the community. Volunteers would be appreciated. We are already known for the "Practical Applications of Robert's Rules of Order" course. CCPU's reputation



should be enhanced, perhaps even more than because of Parliamentary Law Month!

Our Education Committee is proud to be offering a lesson following each business meeting. In our area we are known for the "Practical Applications of Robert's Rules of Order" course offered every January. Every other year we have offered the "The Art of Presiding" course as well. We also have offered RP study groups to our members for many years.

NAP has extended the "old" version of the RP credentialing study and testing, while simultaneously proceeding with their new option for RP preparation. I expect to learn much more on the changes during the Henry M. Robert Day meeting of FSAP (after this publication was "put to bed") and should be reporting on this later. In the meantime you may want to read NAP's explanation:

<https://www.parliamentarians.org/New-RP-System-Implementation-09232019>

Based on the recent information, we should jointly decide if offering RP study for our members once again is warranted. Remember my theme for this biennium is Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community.

CCPU is fortunate to have so many committed and appreciative members. I am proud to serve as your president.

Joyce Gleason

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Next Meeting, Nov 14, 2019  
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## ***NAP Convention First Timer and Delegate Experiences exposure to Parliamentary Law***

I began to prepare in May of 2019, as this was my first National Association of Parliamentarian



Convention (NAP). So Las Vegas, Nevada here I come! The dates are September 4, 2019 thru September 8, 2019, As a First Time Delegate Attendee, I asked myself a ton of questions that I hope will be answered. My anticipation of this adventure was of mixed emotions. Upon my arrival at the hotel I quickly located NAP registration area, and was greeted by CCPU member Mary Giddens with a friendly smile and a hug. She kindly assisted me with understanding the registration process. My registration bag consisted of all the necessary documents that I would need. Then it was time for Orientation for First-Timers, which was already in process. First Timers were provided with information on the Guidebook App and how to download it to your media device. The first day ended with a welcome reception.



### **Opening convention day:**

Whoopie, I got my voting gadget! The assembly was given oral instructions on the voting machine usage. There were a few hick-ups, but that all got worked out. The assembly was called to order and

the Credential and Registration Report were given. Thursday and Friday afternoons were jam packed with workshops, as was Saturday's morning. While Saturday afternoon focused on Presiding Labs, lasting 2 hours and 15 minutes. And there were a few Education highlights:

### **Case Studies in Parliamentary Procedure by Kirk Overbey, PRP.**

.....exposure to critical and logic reasoning in applying RONR and insight into how the courts make Determinations in resolving issues.

### **Submit for Print: Putting your parliamentary Influence in Writing by Karen Watson, PRP.**

This workshop was packed full of suggestions for

“templates” to use for writing articles, as well as putting your parliamentary influence in writing. Also suggestions about writing articles for different organizations with a parliamentary law viewpoint.

As I conclude this article, I have provided the website for NAP 2019 Bylaws Update:

<https://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/NAP-Bylaws-2019-Final.pdf>.

I am forever honored to have been given the opportunity to experience this opportunity.

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### **Bylaw Class**

Hope to see you in our Bylaw Classes at on October 24, and 31 and November 7 and 22. at 9:00AM at the FOP Fellowship Hall.

### **Time for Dues \$\$**

Yes! It is that time again. Another year has quickly passed by and it is time for dues to be paid to Sam King, CCPU's Treasurer:

➤If you are a member of NAP and pay the National and State dues by sending your check to NAP – the Unit dues are **\$10**. ➤If you are not paying dues to NAP and are a provisional member – the State dues are \$25 and the Unit dues are \$10 – please pay **\$35** to CCPU. ➤All checks should be written out to **Charlotte County Parliamentarians Unit (CCPU)** and mailed to: Stephanie King, PRP, PO Box 495482Port Charlotte, FL 33949-5482



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