



Robert Says What?

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Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community

From the desk of

Joyce Gleason, RP

CCPU has been a chartered unit of NAP **since March 15, 1982**. Thus we have evidence of years of service to the community. In the process, we have educated ourselves, becoming stronger and more knowledgeable. This is our legacy!

We are Winners! Since the fall I have joined you in celebrating CCPU's 2019 MERC Award, representing 30 workshops. And I don't intend to stop now!



I need to thank **Brian Pelkie** for recently making me aware of the extent of our archives in the back cabinet at the FOP Hall. They contained previous citations (since 2003) from NAP over many years of effort by CCPU and its leaders. Keeping in mind that these awards are made in odd-numbered years, here is just a sampling of prior awards:



"Unit Recruitment Program" Award first place 2003; second place 2005; second place 2007

"Unit New Member Retention" Award first place 2003; second place 2005; third place 2009

"Unit Membership Growth and Extension" Award first place 2003; third place 2005

"Unit Education Opportunity" Award first place 2009

"15 Community Parliamentary Programs" Certificate of Achievement, District III 2013

"Increased Number of Registered Parliamentarians" Certificate of Achievement, District III 2013

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Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the invitation to a celebratory luncheon on March 12, following the Annual Meeting and special lecture by Dr. Leonard Young. *Breaking News!* Quite unexpectedly, an anonymous donor funded this lunch for the unit! We are amazed and grateful for this surprise donation. So please notice the invitation and reply form. This is a members-only event and free to our members.

Thanks to NAP for providing CCPU a copy of our charter.



CCPU has just finished a series of 6 lessons on the Practice Applications of Roberts Rules. We had 7 very enthusiastic students and one repeat student. Our teachers were wonderful and held interesting exercises at the end of their presentations. Hospitality was available at each lesson. So a big "Thank you" to our students, teachers and hospitality crew.



Next Meeting, March 12, 2020
9:30AM—11:30AM
Lunch at 12:30pm
RSVP on page 3

Fraternal Order of Police Hall
23300 Harper Avenue
Charlotte Harbor, FL
Email—rbtrules@gmail.com
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You Are Invited

to a Celebratory Lunch Buffet.!



Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

Lugi's Restaurant, Port Charlotte
3883 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL
941-624-3535

CCPU has been designated by NAP as the number 1 unit in the country for Educational Outreach, aka **MERC Award**.

This will follow our **Annual Meeting** on March 12, 9:30 am. at the FOP Hall – and that day's lesson at 10:30 with a very special speaker, **Dr. Leonard Young**, on "Henry Martyn Robert: Writer of the Rules, an American Hero".

The **cost of lunch is free** to members, due to a generous donation from an anonymous individual, and includes a soft drink. You must sign-up with Joyce Gleason no later than Friday, March 6 using form below, by phone (941-637-5921) or email joycegle@earthlink.net.

NAP Membership Testing at the FSAP Annual Session
The NAP Membership test will be offered on Saturday, May 16, 2020, during the FSAP 68th Annual 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 to 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*, 2nd ed. To schedule to take the test at Brandon, please click on 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>

For a Florida provisional member the NAP dues are \$56. For non-members the dues are for both the NAP dues (\$56) and FSAP dues (\$25), for a total of \$81.

The difference in the registration cost is because the provisional members have paid their dues to 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 paid provisional member of FSAP.

The test date is May 16, 2020; the final date to send in your application to NAP is **April 30, 2020**. The monitor information to be completed on the form is:

Stephanie M. King, PRP
171 Easton Dr., NW
Port Charlotte, FL 33952-9055 USA
941-380-7702 , samkingprp@gmail.com

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

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

Sam King, PRP



To amend or revise, that is the question...

Amending bylaws isn't supposed to be easy. Bylaws are a contract between the organization and its members, so you wouldn't want to be able to modify the terms any old time you feel like it. The CCPU Bylaws outline the process to amend in Article X. The criteria are straightforward: can be amended at any meeting by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting provided a notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members 10 days prior to the meeting the amendments will be considered. If previous notice requirement is not met, a unanimous vote is required to adopt.

Often proposed amendments target one aspect of the bylaws and inadvertent grammatical inconsistencies or ambiguities of intent may result. So, what does the bylaws committee do in those circumstances. Do we continue to amend? Do we continue to patch and correct the inconsistencies from previous amendments? How many are too many amendments to be considered? When is it time to stop amending and start revising? These are all questions the bylaws committee is currently pondering.

A bylaws revision is a major overhaul or wholesale replacement of the bylaws. It is usually done when there are too many changes to be made through the amending process. We are familiar with the straightforward process of amending bylaws. Let's review the revision process.

The notice requirements are the same as with amendments. The notice would include a complete set of restated bylaws. There is no scope of notice (See RONR p. 307, II. 28). Any and all changes to the proposed document can be made at the meeting itself. The revision committee would present a complete set of bylaws, and each Article and Section will be considered seriatim. Each is open to amendment, which requires a majority vote. If members decide to go further than the original committee and be more drastic, they are perfectly free to do so. If your board or members are sensible and thoughtful folks, this won't be a problem. But a faction could radically alter your organization on the spot, if they convince enough people of their views. A revision is adopted by the same vote that is required to amend the bylaws, two-thirds of those voting.

Bylaws can be like a dust magnet, and there may be an advantage to shake out the dust and restate the bylaws of CCPU. The bylaws committee welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Mary Giddens, Chair: diamondg@gate.net

Response form -- Due no later than Friday, March 6

Name of member: _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the free lunch buffet at Luigi's Thursday, March 12 at 12:30 pm.

I understand that I am responsible for any cost beyond the provided lunch and soft drink.

_____ No, I will not be able to attend.

Please respond to Joyce Gleason --

by paper form, phone -- 941-637-5921, or email -- joycegle@earthlink.net

no later than March 6th. Thank you.

Directions:

Harper to us 41

Turn right onto US41North

Turn left onto Gardner (1.4 Miles)

Luigi's is on your right.

