



Robert Said What?

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Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community

From the desk of

Joyce Gleason RP

Dear CCPU members and friends,

I now feel that we were all very brave to have attended the Annual CCPU meeting March 12th - and then there was the lunch celebration as well! What we could not have known was how much our daily lives would change since then. I do hope this finds you and your families well and safe.

In the interim, the Bylaws Committee with Chair Mary Giddens, Luceal Curry and Libby Curnow, plus your president *ex officio*, have diligently been "meeting" weekly via a conference call. The range of conversations has been extensive and, perhaps in the fall, the committee will return with a number of recommendations to make to the membership. Read Mary's report elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

April is Parliamentary Law Month! However, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Charlotte County Commissioners and Punta Gorda City Council meetings were canceled. Their lovely proclamations will be displayed at our next meeting. By now you should have seen that FSAP has postponed its annual meeting to the fall, with business being conducted before the traditional Robert's Day workshops.

I have been taking electronic sessions from NAP to improve my knowledge base. FYI -- Writers of the forthcoming 12th edition (to be released at the end of the summer at the San Antonio training sessions) have "previewed" wording on electronic meetings to be found in that next edition. To me, the most critical part is that such meetings will not be recommended for general business meetings.

Please note that this **August 28-30** NAP will hold its National Training Conference in San Antonio, TX. I refer you to **CCPU Standing Rule 12** for information on how to qualify for partial reimbursement of costs from CCPU's Scholarship Fund. (These can be found under the "Members' Section" of the CCPU website <http://robertrules.org/> using the password.) Contact me for further details and to make arrangement for your submittal of intent by June 1st. Thus, our slogan, *Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community*, continues to motivate!

I am pleased to let you know that Christine Sutherland is recovering nicely since her stroke. She is quarantined as we all are, and plans to work on her RP studies as her health improves.

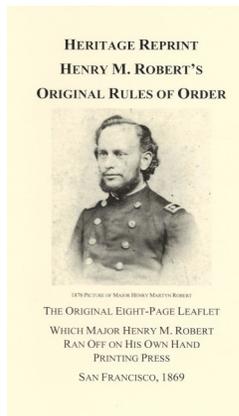
Stay safe and healthy.

Joyce

On March 12th, following the Annual Meeting, CCPU was graced with Dr. Leonard Young PRP as our guest speaker for the educational lesson. Dr. Young is now a seasonal visitor to Southwest Florida and has previously served as President, Executive Director and National Parliamentarian, all for NAP. He spoke on "Henry Martyn Robert: Writer of the Rules, an American Hero".



President Joyce Gleason presenting a certificate to Dr. Leonard Young



Henry Martyn Robert, as the son of an accomplished minister, was headed for great things. During his lifetime, he was involved with a number of varied academic and social service commitments. He held a commission in the Army during the Civil War, utilizing his background in engineering. As such and after the war, he moved several times throughout the country and eventually became a general. His desire for order in meetings is legendary. The pamphlet he produced was originally self-published and could be carried in your pocket. While not the only book of self-

governing protocol, Robert's version has remained dominant in the U.S. Eventually *Robert's Rules* and subsequent editions became the family business, with the involvement of his daughter-in-law and grandson.



September Newsletter
Deadline
August 17, 2020



Next Meeting, September 10, 2020
9:30AM—11:30AM
Fraternal Order of Police Hall
23300 Harper Avenue
Charlotte Harbor, FL

Email—rbtrules@gmail.com
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See us on Facebook



Our May 14 Meeting has been cancelled.

2020 Practical Applications of Robert's Rules

Our Committed Students



Cheryl Wellance
Brian Pelkie



Barbara Davis
Brian Pelkie



Diane Peake-Mushall
Brian Pelkie



President
Joyce
Gleason
Brian Pelkie



We had cake!!!



Justin Smith
Brian Pelkie



Clockwise L to R: Cheryl, Justin, Scott, Dianne, Ruth, & Libby

Bylaw Committee Report



The bylaws committee has been taking advantage of the COVID 19 motivated “stay at home” order to

meet weekly by conference call for the last 7 weeks.

During our discussions we have reviewed CCPU bylaws repeatedly to balance what happens in real-world practice at CCPU and the language NAP expects to see in the bylaws of its subordinate units.

The last newsletter article revealed the committee’s debate of whether to propose a revision or amendments to CCPU bylaws. The decision has been made to recommend a revision. There are too many proposed changes and tweaks to current wording to make individually proposed amendments realistic.

It never occurred to me before, but there are similarities between CCPU bylaws and RONR. The first edition of RONR had 176 pages while the 11th edition has 716 pages. The current CCPU bylaws have around 6 pages and the proposed revision plans to be around 8 pages. With RONR, each edition refines and clarifies its interpretation to answer newly arising questions.

The committee believes CCPU bylaws also need to clarify and refine certain areas. To give some examples, the bylaws committee thinks that adding the following provisions would be helpful:

- Officer duties;
- Committee duties;
- Clarify committee appointment process;
- NAP says we need to provide for an annual budget and an audit;
- Add a section (and a new committee) on Finance, to include fiscal year, audit, budget, when dues are due;
- Add a nominating committee, its election and its duties;
- In the event of an emergency, authorize the executive board to make meeting decisions and to take certain actions.

The revision process will be a super-workshop for CCPU. It is the committee’s intent that reviewing the revision will be a slow and deliberate process, involving member participation. Members will play an active part as we hone the proposed revision to be a user-friendly, NAP compliant, and meaningful governing document for CCPU.

The bylaws committee members are current and former officers and committee chairmen who bring with them a wealth of experience. The perspective of their experience adds tremendous value to our discussions. The committee has just begun review of the standing rules. The current debate is where officer duties and committee duties should go - - in the bylaws or the standing rules. What do you think?

by Mary Giddens, Bylaws Committee Chair
Members: Luceal Curry,
Libby Curnow,
Joyce Gleason, Ex-officio



L to R: President
Joyce thanking our
teachers
Libby, Shirley,
Sam, and Brian,
and Absent: Louis

For NAP members, there are currently three webinars available in the NAP Bookstore. See if any of these fit your interests while hanging at home:



“Will Your Organization Be Here in Ten Years?” Webinar Recording.

“NAP Body of Knowledge” Webinar

“Electronic Meetings Platforms” Webinar Recording

NAP recognized our unit as the number one unit in the United States for its educational efforts. So what did we do? We ate. A celebratory lunch on March 12 was held at Luigi’s in Port Charlotte.

L-R: Barbara Davis, Sam King, Deanna Rush, Libby Curnow, and President Joyce Gleason



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