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President's Post

To CSAP members, guests, leaders, the parliamentary-curious, to the civic minded and the civil servant, the student, the scholar, to the casual reader, to each of us and all of us, we all matter. For many, that realization sparked our interest in parliamentary procedure and the search for fair and cooperative decision making within a chosen group.

Parliamentary procedure provides a code of conduct indispensable to successful group decision making and planning.

Well, yes. But what is success in the context of group decision making? Does it vary with each group? Can fairness to members and value to the assembly be measured and aligned? What key factors enable consistent successful decision making in a deliberative assembly?

It is not irrational to think that success in group decision making is marked by the absence of objection. But is it? Are quiet members less present at the meeting than those who are more outspoken? An individual member could engage the services of a parliamentarian to attend a meeting as the member's guide to effective participation. There are those

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<u>April 7, 2021</u>

The Second Zoom Hall 2 sessions—Noon to 1 PM and 7 PM to 8 PM Register by email to: sally@losfl.com Subj: ZOOM HALL 2

<u> April 24, 2021</u>

Parliamentary Law Month Celebration See a panel discussion amongst parliamentarians Gen. Robert, Alice Sturgis, and Paul Mason. 2 PM (via Zoom)

times and places where this could be an incredibly wise investment by the member.

RONR Newly Revised points out that rules of parliamentary procedure are based on a regard for the rights of the majority; of the minority; of individual members; of absentees; and, of all these people together. p. xlix When each has been



Sally F. LaMacchia, Esq., PRP President

regarded, decisions made are more readily understood to represent the group's intent.

Are you a quiet member of your NAP unit, club, or assembly? If so, do you have one or more allies who can express your point of view in debate? Are you a more outspoken member, able to assist a taciturn

member of your group?

Every member has something to contribute, and every contribution adds to the strength of the group. Mentor your parliamentary friends and neighbors in CSAP. Reach out! Virtual walls are malleable, easily diffused and with time and practice, less frightening. Ask, and you might receive. Leap, and the net will appear!

I look forward to seeing you at CSAP's Celebration of Parliamentary Law Month on April 24th!

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CONGRATULATIONS IN RECOGNITION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN LAW MONTH APRIL 2021

CSAP Calendar 2021 Meetings Schedules

Northern Area July 17, 2021 November 6, 2021

Southern Area July 10, 2021 November 13, 2021

Annual Meeting October 21-24, 2021 Fresno, California

> D8 Conference July 30-31.2021

National Association of Parliamentarians Biennial Conference September 7-9, 2021

Go to the website <u>californiaparliamentarians.</u> <u>org/events/</u> for more dates

Putting One Foot in Front of the Other

CSAP President (2019-2022) CSAP Governing Documents Committee Chair NAP/CSAP Member (2011-present) Unit President (Multiple) CSAP Area Director (2015)

I joined NAP in 2011 and six years later

earned an RP credential. In those years I occasionally put my toe in deeper water, like the one time I served as Southern Area Director and the other time I served as Annual Meeting Coordinator. Despite



the number on my odometer, both were brand new ventures for me and a hugely mixed bag of organizational treats.

Over the years, toe-dipping lead to wading. I kept going to meetings and attending conventions. I was approached and asked to run for CSAP President in and around November 2019. Hmm, I thought. Later that month I dogpaddled onto the CSAP Governing Documents Committee, and soon after became the committee chair, and the swimming lessons began.



In 2020 I dogpaddled myself into the PQC where I treaded water for a full 12 weeks before the outcome was known.

In October 2020 I became president of CSAP. I ran unopposed. It remains my duty and privilege to serve this organization at this time.

I am semi-retired, working part time now in a decades-long career (10-20 hours per week for clients of Federal Workplace Services.) For that I owe all thanks to my employee Ms. Rivas (who works full-time from home 150 miles away) and my husband of 33 state-sanctioned years, also semi-retired thanks to his wife.

What kind of win-win situation can you imagine for yourself and for CSAP?

Do you see it this year? Maybe you are a candidate? A more informed, more participatory member? A standing or special committee chair? In time CSAP needs each one of us to *take the next step*.

Please check out **Committees Corner** in this issue (page 4) for present opportunities to advance your parliamentary education and personal growth through temporary service to CSAP.

Contributed by Sally F. LaMacchia, Esq., PRP (*Pictured with the noodle*)

Committees Corner

Before <u>*Presiding*</u>, the lesson theme on our CSAP website was "**Committees**". The homepage talked of **committees**, the Quick Quiz presented eight questions and answers from *In Brief* on committees, and the RONR Short Take topic? **Committees**. If you did not take the quiz or see the Short Take, please do, and avail yourself of a quick review on committees! And share your thoughts at the CSAP Second Zoom Hall!¹

It never hurts to be reminded of the following: that boards are "a form of assembly" while committees are not.² Standing committees "perform a continuing function"; a special committee is appointed "to carry out a specific task." ³ Committees are the Cat's Pajamas of any successful organization.

Put another way, "Exalted they should be!"

CSAP committees can count on consistent, pro-active support from leadership team members. Your CSAP leadership team will **share** in your committee experience and work with you for the benefit of CSAP. Call on us to help and we will! For a status report or information on the work of ANY committee, please contact President LaMacchia or the committee chairman. The power of applied parliamentary procedure



cannot be overstated. That power is beautifully displayed in the actions of a well-functioning committee.

Service opportunities are available on the following committees:

- 1. Annual Meeting Sites Committee (2022)
- 2. Financial Review Committee
- 3. Recognition Committee (Chair, Sandra Sanders)
- 4. Annual Meeting Committee & Coordinators
- 5. Educational Workshops Committee (Chair, Gail Lover, PRP)
- 6. Earned Certificates Committee (Bylaw Article VII, Sec. 1)
- 7. D8 Conference Host Committee (Chair, Sally LaMacchia)
- 8. Communications Committee (Chair, Barbee Heiny)

Committee work can be exciting and rewarding. Volunteer for a CSAP Committee! Contact president Sally LaMacchia to share your vision. President LaMacchia is reached by email at <u>sally@losfl.com</u>. If you prefer, text or phone to 805.704.4744. Sally will respond directly to each inquiring member.

Take that leap! See what you can do, and what we can do together! Join a CSAP committee <u>today</u>! *And Parli On*!

CP Staff Writer

¹ See page 11 for Zoom Hall details and registration!

² RONR (12th ed.) 1:24

³ RONR 9(12th ed.) 50:7, 50:10

Incoming Officers and Appointees FY 2020-2022

The 2021 Board of Directors is looking to CSAP members for its charge.⁴ CSAP's nonprofit purpose is to educate all interested persons on parliamentary procedure as codified in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. CSAP leaders know that CSAP members are our most important students.

CSAP welcomes learning and learning demands mistakes. We want to deliver a learning atmosphere conducive to learning success for our members.

CSAP boards and committees will apply parliamentary procedure to the conduct of meetings.⁵ ⁶ All NAP Units are encouraged to do the same at unit meetings. It matters that CSAP meetings demonstrate applied parliamentary procedure and learn from each experience. In keeping with NAP's mission, every moment is a teaching moment - and a recruitment opportunity.

Contact information for each member of the board is provided on the CSAP Website. Click on "About Us", and then click on the name of an individual in the listing of officers, the corresponding email window comes up already addressed.

Your 2021 board members:

President: Sally F. LaMacchia, PRP Member, Channel Islands Parliamentarians

Vice-President: Kimo Gandall, PRP-S Member at Large (Chair, Membership) and (Chair, Growth & Serv)



Secretary: Vicki Walter, RP (Editorial Committee)

Member, CA Epsilon

⁴ RONR (12th ed.) 1:22(a); 49:7
⁵ RONR (12th ed.) 49:15; 49:17; 49:21
⁶ RONR (12th ed.) 50:15-16; 50:21-28

Treasurer:	Maria Trujillo-Tough, RP
(Editor, <i>CP</i>)	Chair, Editorial Committee)

Parliamentarian : (Chair, Education)	Gail Lover, PRP
Director, Northern Area:	Esther Heller, PRP
Director, Southern Area:	Beverly Chandler
Communications	Barbee Heiny

Communications (Committee Chair)

Member, CA Epsilon

Member, San Diego East County

Member, CA Zeta

Member, San Diego East County

President, CA Theta, Long Beach



Webmaster	Alex Wang	Student Member, MAL
Budget & Finance: (Committee Chair)	Rick Sydor, RP-R	CA Epsilon
Governing Documents: (Committee Chair)	Pano Frousiakis	Student Member, MAL



Title: Unfinished Business and Air Balloons Author: Sally LaMacchia, PRP Type:True / False - 10 Questions Authority: RONR, Newly Revised § 41 ORDER OF BUSINESS § 41:5, § 41:21 - 27

Answer by circling "T" for *True* or "F" for *False*.

1.	Unfinished Business (UB) precedes Special Orders in the usu	ual Ord T	er of Business F
2.	UB usually is paired with General Orders.	Т	F
3.	UB refers to questions from a previous meeting not resolved	at that T	meeting. F
4.	UB is not taken up at an adjourned meeting.	Т	F
5.	One meeting's General Order, if not taken up, is the next mee Business.	eting's ∣ T	Unfinished F
6.	Any UB not taken up, continues as UB at the adjourned meet	ing. T	F
7.	Any UB not taken up, continues as UB at the next quarterly m	•	-
8.	UB and General Orders may be eliminated from the usual Orare none.	•	-
9.	When no question is pending, a motion to take from the table	may b T	e UB. F
10.	An informal understanding that an item will be addressed late next meeting.	er make T	es it UB at the F
	NUS QUESTION If an Air Balloon is filled with UB, is UB synonymous with "ger	neral or Y	der"? N
[An:	swers found of page 14].		

DISTRICT 8 NEWS

CP Staff Writer

2021 DISTRICT 8 CONFERENCE

PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

District 8 Director Mike Peck called a meeting of the D8 Conference Planning Committee on February 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM Mountain Time. CSAP President LaMacchia attended, as did



Ray Harwood, President Arizona Agua Fria Unit and gracious Zoom host, Kathy Boyer, President, Utah State Association of Parliamentarians (USAP), Josetta Kawana, President, Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians (HSAP), Marilyn Newman, President Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians (ASAP), and Maria Trujillo-Tough, CSAP Officer, *CP* Editor, and D8 Program Chair. This committee will next meet on **March 29, 2021** via Zoom.

PLANS SO FAR

From the D8 Planning Committee meeting on 02 25 2021:

- The 2021 D8 Conference will be held virtually.
- There will be a business meeting and six parliamentary workshops over two days.
- The Conference will be held on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31.
- A business meeting will be called to order on Friday morning at 11:00 AM Mountain Standard Time, 10:00 AM Pacific Time, and 8:00 AM Hawaiian-Aleutian Time.
- The business meeting will include election of a new District Director.
- Two (2) parliamentary workshops are scheduled for Friday afternoon, July 30.
- Four (4) parliamentary workshops are scheduled for Saturday, beginning at 11:00 AM Mountain Time, 10:00 AM Pacific Time and 8:00 AM Hawaiian-Aleutian Time.
- For NAP members, the fee for the two-day conference is \$15.00.
- For non-members (guests), the fee for this two-day conference is \$25.00.
- Registration will be open weeks before the conference itself; more information will be forthcoming.

2021 – ELECTION YEAR FOR DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR

The District Director serves for two-years and may serve two consecutive terms. District Eight Standing Rule number 5 on <u>Nominations and Elections</u> provides that elections are held in "odd-numbered years"; a candidate must have served as an elected state officer, submit written consent to serve, and be endorsed by "the candidate's state association, board of directors, unit, or three MALs from the district." (SR 5.c) ⁷

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Nominations may also be made from the floor as long as the aforementioned prerequisites are met. And finally, "election shall be by ballot" if there is more than one nominee; if not, voice vote will suffice.

⁷ District 8 Standing Rules are available in the "Members Only" download section of the CSAP Website.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR to any Association President no later than May 1, 2021.

Include letters of endorsement and a letter of consent from the candidate with each nomination.

CSAP PRESIDENT CAN BE REACHED BY EMAIL: SALLY@LOSFL.COM.

How's Your *RIB*?

David Mezzera, PRP

If a CSAP member is asked, "What's a good reference source to help me run a meeting?" a great answer and good advice is: "Robert's Rules of Order *In Brief*." Here's what every CSAP should know about Robert's *In Brief* (*RIB*)!

This compressed book (213 pages to RONR's 714) is a marvelous summary of how to conduct a meeting, and a quick read. For a parliamentarian or group president, *In Brief* is a quick reference guide to effective meeting management.

There are chapters on officers, meetings, voting, elections, and basic rules. While many parliamentary topics appear only in RONR, believe it or not, some are only in the Index of *In Brief*.

Your challenge: Which of the following headings are in *In Brief* Index but are <u>not</u> listed in the Index of RONR? Guess before you peek; but don't stop there - after you've made your predictions, look up the entries in the text of *RIB* and learn a little something new about each subject.

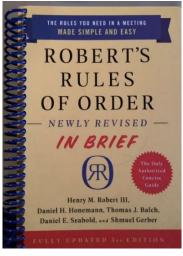
- A. "Settled" rule
- B. Super majority
- C. "Bigger bite" amendment
- D. Signed ballot

- E. Online meetings F. Sunshine laws
- G. Ranking of rules
- H. E-mail

Check the answers on page 12, and then delve into the subject matter to learn more about each term.



David Mezzera, PRP, is a past president of the California State Association of Parliamentarians and past District 8 Director.



RONR BY THE MEMBERS!

UNIT PRESIDENTS. MORE OF YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

This feature of the *California Parliamentarian* will depend upon sustained participation of members and units. The CSAP Communications Committee is asking <u>you</u> to step up. It works like this:



- > A challenging parliamentary question is presented in each issue.
- Written answers to the question are received from individual members, members working together, or units.
- > Answers are submitted to the *CP* editor or the Communications Committee Chair.
- The BOD will select at least two (2) correct answers for publication on the CSAP webpage and in the next issue of the CP.

Let's begin.....

Today's RONR by the Members challenge is -

Club rules require that new member applications be approved by a majority of existing club members. New member applications are considered in January and June each year. Because of the pandemic, in January 2020, existing members cast a vote for or against new applicants by use of Survey Monkey. It went smoothly. No problems. In June 2020, 2 new applications were considered and voted on by the members again using Survey Monkey. This time, 2 existing members complained that their vote concerning the second applicant could not be submitted. They tried multiple times but, on their end, Survey Monkey indicated the votes were not received. These members reported the problem as it occurred during the vote. Survey Monkey records do not confirm that votes were missed. These members are now demanding that the vote be retaken.

What should the President do?

Share this problem with your parliamentary friends and fellow NAP unit members. In our unit we conduct a "Problem Clinic" at each meeting. This problem is quite suitable for our clinic. Consider the problem, discuss the facts, compose a response.

Send your written parliamentary solution to the *CP* Editor or President LaMacchia with the subject line: *RONR by the Members*.

By CP Staff Writer

CSAP Zoom Hall Wants You! Come One, Come All to The Second Zoom Hall!

Fun last February Five! Easy as a Sunday drive. An hour here, an hour there, and VP Sims dropped in to share! Just an hour, less is fine. Share a little bit of time! CSAP will shine!

When:Wednesday, April 7, Noon to 1:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM.Where:Zoom, by invitation (link) on the morning of April 7, 2021.HowREGISTER by email to sally@losfl.com. Subj: "Second Zoom Hall



Register as late as 11 AM April 7th. The Zoom Invitation will be sent between 11:05 and 11:15 AM to all persons registered. If you don't receive an invitation by 11:15, feel free to email Sally. If you prefer phone or text, call or text 805 704 4744. If you forgot to register and want to attend, email Sally before the session you wish to attend. We will do our best.

Early Registrations are Appreciated!

The First Zoom Hall announcement (January 2021 *CP*) told members that the Second Zoom Hall would request ideas for the CSAP Annual Meeting (AM) program. We learned in the January *CP* that the AM will be held in Fresno, October 22 to 24. Education Chair Gail Lover and the AM team appreciate time, energy, and ideas from all CSAP members.

In part, a terrific Annual Meeting comes from knowing what educational benefits interest you. Whatever it is, CSAP wants to offer more of it at the Annual Meeting. Are you a natural **leader**? Learn to preside! Do you want to be more effective in your organization? Do you see yourself in a leadership role in 2 years, 5 years, 6 years?

Do you count on CSAP to help you prepare?

Then get yourself to the Second Zoom Hall!

Session One or Session Two. Options offered Just for You!



Wednesday, April 7, Noon to 1:00 PM and 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Zoom, by invitation (link) on the morning of April 7, 2021. REGISTER by email to <u>sally@losfl.com</u>. Subj: "Second Zoom Hall"

ANSWERS to.... How's Your *RIB*?

David Mezzera, PRP

Here are the four topics in the Index of *RIB* that are not in the Index of RONR. Pages references are to *RIB* 3rd edition. Get studying.

A -"Settled" rule for amendments - although RONR uses the word "settled," the context is different than a "settled" rule once an amendment has been adopted. See RIB, pages 50-51.

C - "Bigger bite" amendment - this too is on RIB page 51. It is hinted at in RONR 12:25, but the term is explicit only in RIB.

E - Online meetings - RONR makes extensive mention of "electronic" meetings, but never uses the term "online" meetings. RIB uses this term in its Index, but interestingly, "online" is not in this text either - only "videoconferencing" and "teleconferencing."

G- Ranking of rules - although RONR lists the various documents that govern organizations in §2, RIB shows this entry in the Index and has a specific list of the order or ranking of rules on page 84, so you don't have to piece together the priority list for governing documents. It helps to see a precise list in RIB.

For other terms that appear in RONR but <u>not</u> in *In Brief*, here are the references to the 12th edition of RONR for those four other terms:

B- Super majority - any vote whose threshold for adoption is greater than a majority (such as two-thirds or a majority of the entire membership) as explained in multiple sections of RONR. Check RONR's Index.

D- Signed ballot - actually a type of roll call vote using paper ballots where each voter self-identifies as explained in 45:46 and 46:25 of RONR.

F- Sunshine laws - mentioned only in RONR 9:28.

H-E-mail - Again only mentioned in RONR in multiple locations (see the Index).

Hopefully, you can see from just these eight terms that it is important and helpful to keep <u>both</u> RONR and *RIB* handy for parliamentary consulting. Happy researching!

David Mezzera, PRP

NP NPs - Notes and Plugs

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From the Editor, p. 2

"We are energized when we experience the enthusiasm of newness."

President's Message, p. 3

"Take the time to practice what you have learned."

Symbols of Authority, p. 4

"The fasces was a symbol of power and the executive authority of Roman leaders."

Retroactivity, p. 8

"Taking action retroactively is perhaps one of the few things that permit an assembly to conduct business during the pandemic."

The Birthplace of Robert's Rules of Order, p.12

"It is said that Mr. Robert vowed 'If he got out of the meeting alive, he would learn to control the next one he became involved in."

The Intrinsically Irrelevant Negative Vote, p. 15

"In each of these cases, a negative vote would not be illegal. It simply would be intrinsically irrelevant."

Dueling Parliamentarians, p.18

"If a faction in the organization has its own parliamentarian aside from the official parliamentarian advising the presiding officer, the parliamentarian's client clearly would be the faction that engaged the parliamentarian."

Formal Control and Penalties – *A Primer for Presiding Officers, Part* 2, p. 22 "Member self-control enhances meeting quality and productivity and can be improved by teaching."

GORP!, p. 26

"All members assembled can consolidate their knowledge just as the trail mix items are consolidated and shared by everyone."

Q & A, p. 28

NP NPs - Notes and Plugs(cont'd)

Zoom Study Group Graduates Four New RPs, p. 33

"The four participants from this one-of-a-kind, OAP Zoom RP study group, have each successfully passed the Registered Parliamentarian Examination and are now proud Registered Parliamentarians in the state of Ohio."

Promoting Parliamentary Law Month, p. 34

"One of Benjamin Franklin's most popular quotes is prescient regarding preparations: "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

NTC Through the Eyes of Youth, p. 36

"The workshop I presented, "All That and a Bag of Chips!", is as fun as it sounds, aiming to bridge the gap between youth and mature adults by promoting mentorship and friendly competition in a game revolving around generational slang."

See page 37 for NAP's "Parliamentary Law Month Proclamation April 2021".

by CP Staff Writer

ANSWER KEY TO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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CSAP's Reddit Page is here! Kimo Gandall

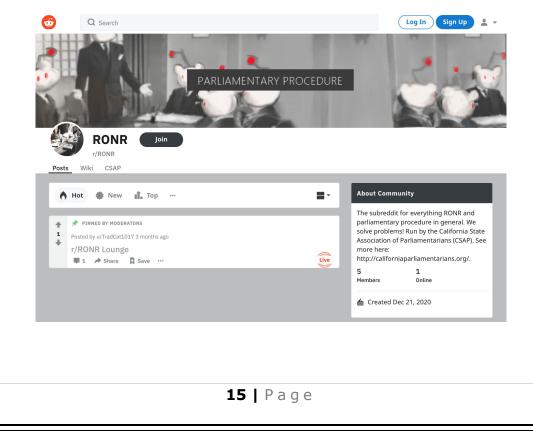
Hey everyone! It's been a busy new year, and in pursuing our objective to a more responsive and interactive CSAP, the Board of Directors recently approved a new tool: **Reddit**. This new tool not only allows all of us to interact consistently, but to attract new members, with new exciting questions. Find it here: <u>https://www.reddit.com/r/RONR/</u>.

How does it work?

Reddit is a thread-based, news aggregation website that allows virtually anyone to comment, question, and if lucky enough, get 'upvotes' or in Reddit jargon, 'karma.' In short, it allows people to create 'user profiles' that can visit pages and do various actions. Similar to Facebook, Reddit allows users to 'like' comments and posts - but unique to Reddit, these 'likes' translate to grant people ethos - either through official verification statuses, or increased appearances. Effectively, Reddit has a built in, collective and democratic market incentive to offer great posts - 'karma'!

I still don't get it - can you walk me through it?

Let's start here.



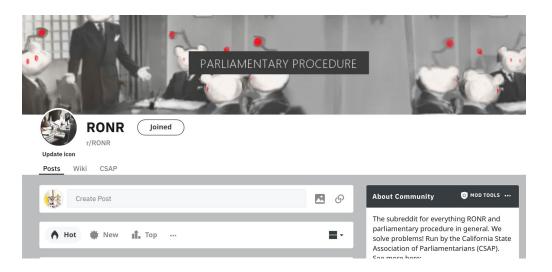
You just found the actual website link, and you are on the page. But you cannot comment. Why not? The reason is that like Facebook, you don't have a user profile. So, while you can view comments and posts, you cannot interact. As a result, let's make a profile.

First, at the top right click 'Sign Up'. You will appear to a page that will offer you several options to sign up - whether it be your email through Google or doing it from scratch. Simply put, pick your desired username (the name that will appear from your account) and password.

After doing this, find the page again (go to: <u>https://www.reddit.com/r/RONR/</u>). Now you can comment, post, and upvote (or downvote) on the page!

But wait. I still don't know how to make a post.

No problem!



Once you navigate to the main page, underneath the 'Posts', you will see a 'Create Post' option. Click it.

Next, the following should appear (if you are properly logged in).

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Under 'Title' type what you want to refer to your post as. I summarize mine with a short question. Next, you can enter text to be more specific. Look at mine below!

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Next, simply click 'Post' to fully post your topic.

What else can I do?

Lots! As you can already see with my examples above, parliamentary procedure questions can come in various forms: have a video of a confusing meeting problem? Post the video or link us to your YouTube. Have a question about a parliamentary custom? Post a poll if you want everyone to vote! Ultimately, it is up to you!

What is to come?

While our first trial run will have the minimum features, when the Board of Directors meets in June, we will have a comprehensive plan for additional features. This includes discussions on:

- 1. Verification statuses for users to confirm who is an RP or PRP and can offer good advice.
- 2. New markers and awards people can win for earning karma on the page.
- 3. New Wikipedia entries on parliamentary procedure for easy access for students, researchers, or even everyday people with questions.
- 4. Parliamentary essay contests.
- 5. Unique website interactions that conjoin both the Reddit and website interface, connecting accounts, people, and quizzes with user karma!

This sounds great, but is it secure?

The Reddit page is relatively safe - obviously with any internet forum, one should not extensively post private information. However, we have three implemented mechanisms to protect users:

- 1. Bots that can ban or suspend users for inappropriate language.
- 2. Live moderators who will regulate posted content this will also include regulating IP addresses for spam users.
- 3. Backup mechanisms for attempts to spam or attack the page including the option to turn off open posting and require moderator approval.

Moreover, your personal Reddit account is perfectly safe as long as you have a private password. Remember to keep those safe!

Questions? Comments? Feel free to contact me at kimokg@gmail.com.

April is Parliamentary Law Month! JOIN CSAP in Celebration via Zoom on Saturday April 24 at 2:00 PM CP Staff Writer



April 13, 1743 is the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, our third U.S. President. His manual of parliamentary procedure was the first of its kind in America. April is Parliamentary Law Month. This year CSAP HAS PLANS and YOU are INVITED!

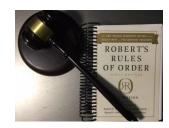
With the temporary loss of in person opportunities, new opportunities appeared. CSAP is please announce a 90-minutes ZOOM EVENT and a Special Program to Celebrate Parliamentary Law Month *that you do not want to miss*!

CSAP Parliamentarian Gail Lover, PRP is Master of Ceremonies for a special visit from these renowned parliamentarians, featuring:

Henry Martyn Robert, played by Gerry Olsen, PRP-R

Alice Sturgis, played by Director Esther Heller, PRP

Paul Mason, played by James Stewart, PRP



After a presentation by General Robert, these learned individuals will begin a panel discussion on 2 posted parliamentary questions that each attendee is also free to consider. When the discussion ends, a Zoom Poll will launch to ask how attendees decided the questions, and results will be shared!

And ... a surprise! The point is this and a point well taken: *Join CSAP on Saturday, April* 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM via Zoom for a fun and informative and interactive celebration of *Parliamentary Law Month*!

Watch for reminders, and the link!

SEE YOU THERE!

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