



Northwest Nugget – March, 2008

Northwest Region One of the American Institute of Parliamentarians



Kevin Connelly, CP, Governor
Stanley Sturgis, CP, Lt. Governor

Maxine Alloway, Secretary
Raynola F. Blackshear, CP, Treasurer

Call to Region 1 Conference!

May 30-31, 2008
Issaquah Holiday Inn
1801 12th Avenue NW
Issaquah, WA, 98027
425-395-1504

Friday, May 30:

7 pm – Social Time: Snacks and
Ice-Breaker, Presentation
Of *Jurassic Parliament*
Workshop I by
Ann MacFarlane, RP

Saturday, May 31:

8:00 a.m. – Registration
9:00 a.m. – Business Session
10:30 a.m. – Workshop 2
Noon – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Workshop 3
2:15 p.m. – Workshop 4
3:30 p.m. – Workshop 5
6:00 p.m. – Dinner and
Installations

Registration: Please use enclosed
form, or download it from:
www.paulmcclintock.com/nwr1

Costs: Registration postmarked
by May 15 is \$70 for AIP
members as well as for non-
members. Registration
postmarked after May 15 is \$75
for AIP members and for non-
members. This includes

refreshments on Friday evening,
and Saturday lunch and dinner.

Business Session: Reports from
officers, committees and chapters.
Any New Business.
Elections for region officers.

Nominations received to date:
Governor–Weldon Merritt
Lt. Governor– Maxine Alloway
Secretary – Grace Vera
Treasurer- Robbie Jackson

Additional nominations, if any,
will be taken from the floor at the
conference meeting.

Workshops:
Ann MacFarlane: *Jurassic
Parliament.*

North Sound Chapter members:
Preparing for the CP Exam.

Mary Randolph, CPP-T: *Boards
and You.*

Weldon Merritt: *Unfinished
Business and General Orders .*

Alyce Baker Chapter members:
*Meeting of the Do Nothing
Society.*

Region Website / Bylaws

The region bylaws are posted on
the region website:
www.paulmcclintock.com/nwr1
Also find the conference
registration information, and
minutes of past conferences.

To receive a copy of the bylaws
mailed to you, please mail a #10
self-addressed stamped envelope
to Paul McClintock, 22909 41st
Place W, Mountlake Terrace, WA
98043. It weighs under 1 ounce.

Guests Welcome

The AIP Conference welcomes
NAP members and others
interested in learning more about
parliamentary procedure to join us
at the Region 1 Conference.
Please pass the word to those you
know. It will be a great chance to
hear great workshops and meet
new and old friends.

Chapter Contacts

Joining a chapter of AIP is of immense benefit, giving members regular opportunity to practice and discuss parliamentary procedure with other knowledgeable parliamentarians.

Contact one of the three chapters located in Region One for meeting times and other details:

Spokane-Alyce Baker Chapter

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North Sound Chapter

#74 - Lynnwood, WA
Paul McClintock, President
22909 41st Place W.
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www.paulmcclintock.com/nsc

Or join the **Electronic Chapter of AIP** (e-AIP): www.e-aip.org. It has members worldwide, and meets in an internet "chat room."

CP Exam

The CP exam now tests on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, and *Cannon's Concise Guide to Rules*

of Order. Learn about Preparing for the CP Exam from the Conference Workshop.

A Challenge for You!

What improvements of parliamentary procedure have you seen or helped accomplish? What do you see as additional ways it can be improved, either by individuals or organizations?

Write or email your ideas and responses to Paul McClintock (see North Sound Chapter above).

Also from Paul McClintock:

Meeting Tip--Medicine for Meandering Meetings

Many meetings meander with irrelevant debate on motions, discussion before motions are pending, or a presiding officer not knowing what business will come up next. The chair can interrupt a member speaking in debate if the speech is not germane (relevant), or, after the speech, can remind members to keep their debate germane. If the chair does not do this, any member can say, "Point of order. Is this germane to the pending motion?" -- *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, p.371-372. Sometimes members discuss an issue before a motion has been made, often in response to an officer's or committee's report. The chair can remind the assembly that a motion needs to be made before debate occurs (p.373), or a member could move to refer the issue to a committee to consider it and report back with a recommendation (p.161).

To properly prepare for a meeting the chair or secretary should ask each officer and committee chairman if they have a report to make and what recommendations or motions they will make. The chair should prepare a detailed agenda at least for personal use, listing each item of business known in advance (p.342). The chair only calls for reports from those who have them to give (p.344), and does not announce classes of business such as *unfinished business* if there is none (but "new business" is always announced). Use "MRS SUN" to recall the standard order of business: **M**inutes read and approved; **R**eports of officers and standing committees; **S**pecial committees' reports; **S**pecial orders; **U**nfinished business and general orders; **N**ew business (p.342)

Meeting Myth

Myth: Discussion is never allowed on an issue before a motion is pending.

Fact: In general, "Until a matter has been brought before the assembly in the form of a motion proposing a specific action, it cannot be debated" (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, p.373).

But, in a board or committee meeting where there are not more than about a dozen members present, "informal discussion of a subject is permitted while no motion is pending" (p.470), and even larger assemblies may specifically authorize "that a particular subject be discussed while no motion is pending" (p.33). This practice also "may assist a member in framing a proper motion" (p.383).



AIP Northwest Region 1
 May 30-31, 2008
Registration Form

Name	Badge Name	
Address	City	
State/Province	Zip	
Phone	Fax	Email
Certifications: <input type="checkbox"/> CP <input type="checkbox"/> CP-T <input type="checkbox"/> CPP <input type="checkbox"/> CPP-T <input type="checkbox"/> RP <input type="checkbox"/> PRP <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Guest Name	Guest Badge Name	

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2008 for early registration discount. All fees to be paid in US Currency.

Cancellation policy: All cancellation requests must be in writing. Cancellations received after May 15, 2008 will be subject to a \$20.00 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations after May 20, 2008.

FULL REGISTRATION:	By 5/15/08	After 5/15/08	Total
AIP Member: Includes All Conference & Education Material, Friday Night refreshments, Saturday Lunch (Pike Place Deli Buffet) and Dinner(Prime Rib Au Jus or Champagne Salmon) See Description of Meals on Page 2 of this form. Please Choose Dinner Selection: ___ Prime Rib Au Jus ___ Champagne Salmon ___ The Hotel will provide a Vegetarian Dinner in limited quantities, so please note if you need one.	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ _____

Non-member: Includes same as above	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
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TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____
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Make checks payable to: AIP Region 1
 Mail to: Kevin Connelly, 1433 NW 64th Street, # 307, Seattle. WA 98107
 For information: Kevin Connelly, 206-789-1814, tdk91692@comcast.net

For Hotel Reservations, please see next page!
 PLEASE NOTE THAT TO RESERVE A ROOM FOR THE GUARANTEED RATE OF \$99.00 PER NIGHT + TAX FOR A SINGLE/DOUBLE, , RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AT THE HOTEL BY **APRIL 29, 2008**. RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER **APRIL 29, 2008** WILL B E PROVIDED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS AT PUBLISHED RATES.

Hotel Registration: Before April 29, 2008

Holiday Inn
1801 12th Avenue Northwest
Issaquah, WA 98027
425-392-6421

Rooms rent for \$99/night + tax at the Holiday Inn for “NW Region 1 American Institute of Parliamentarians.”

Meal Descriptions – Saturday, May 31, 2008

Lunch: Pike Place Deli Buffet

Roast Turkey, Beef and Ham, with Sourdough, Wheat, Rye and Potato Roll. Cheddar, Smoked Provolone, Pepper Jack and Swiss Cheeses, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Pickles, and Red Onion, Mayonnaise, Grain and Yellow Mustards, Caesar Salad Bar with Grilled Chicken, Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad, Homemade Potato Chips, and Chef’s Selections of Deserts. Regular and Decaf Coffee and Assortment of Teas and Sodas.

Dinner:

Prime Rib Au Jus

Slow Roasted Prime Rib Cooked to Perfection, Served with Rosemary Garlic Au Jus. Accompanied with Seasonal Steamed Fresh Vegetables.

OR

Champagne Salmon

Grilled Atlantic Salmon Drizzled with Champagne Sauce. Accompanied with Seasonal Steamed Fresh Vegetables.

All Dinner Entrees Include Green Salad with Chef’s Dressing and Warm Rolls & Butter, as well as Regular and Decaf coffee, Assorted Hot Teas and Sodas. Choice of One Starch: Roasted Red Potatoes, Baked Potato, Rice Pilaf or Wild Rice Blend.