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Proposed Bylaws Amendments

44th Biennial Convention
September 6-10, 2023



OFFICIAL NOTICE

This booklet contains notice of the proposed amendments to be considered by the delegates to the NAP 44th Biennial Convention, September 6-10, 2023.

Having the proposed amendments in hand allows time to consider the merits and discuss at local meetings. Make your thoughts known to your delegates if you are not able to attend the convention. Our goal, as parliamentarians, should be to come well-prepared and to contribute to expeditious handling of these issues at the business meetings during the convention.

In addition to stating the amendments in a formal manner, the proposed amendments are presented in a three-column format: **Current Wording**; **Proposed Amendment**; and **If Adopted Will Read**. Below each is the identity of the proposer, the rationale furnished by the proposer, the Bylaws Committee's recommendation, which may include a proposed amendment, and the Bylaws Committee's rationale for the recommendation if other than adoption.

Please keep in mind that your decisions must consider how all members, units, associations, districts, and NAP will be affected.

PLEASE BRING THIS BOOKLET WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION.

2021-2023 NAP Bylaws Committee

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Formatting used in printing the proposed bylaw amendments:

Underlined print = insert or add

~~Line through print~~ = strike out

AMENDMENT 1: CONVERSION OF UNIT TO ELECTRONIC FORMAT. Amend Article IV, Divisions, Section 5, Units, Subsection B, Electronic Units, by adding a new paragraph 3 to read:

3. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an existing non-electronic unit from amending its bylaws to become an electronic unit. Any such unit shall retain its original association affiliation, if any, unless the unit petitions the NAP Board of Directors to change its affiliation to a different association.

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<p>B. Electronic Units.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An electronic unit shall include NAP members interested in conducting electronic meetings. 2. When chartering, an electronic unit shall designate its association affiliation. After the initial designation, an electronic unit may petition the NAP Board of Directors to change its affiliation to a different association. 	<p>B. Electronic Units.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An electronic unit shall include NAP members interested in conducting electronic meetings. 2. When chartering, an electronic unit shall designate its association affiliation. After the initial designation, an electronic unit may petition the NAP Board of Directors to change its affiliation to a different association. 3. <u>Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an existing non-electronic unit from amending its bylaws to become an electronic unit. Any such unit shall retain its original association affiliation, if any, unless the unit petitions the NAP Board of Directors to change its affiliation to a different association.</u> 	<p>B. Electronic Units.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An electronic unit shall include NAP members interested in conducting electronic meetings. 2. When chartering, an electronic unit shall designate its association affiliation. After the initial designation, an electronic unit may petition the NAP Board of Directors to change its affiliation to a different association. 3. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an existing non-electronic unit from amending its bylaws to become an electronic unit. Any such unit shall retain its original association affiliation, if any, unless the unit petitions the NAP Board of Directors to change its affiliation to a different association.

PROPOSED BY: Land of Enchantment Parliamentary Unit (formerly, Santa Fe Parliamentary Unit); Point of Order Parliamentary Law Unit; Evergreen Research Unit; eNAP Unit; EastSide Parliamentary Law Unit; Inland Northwest Parliamentary Law Unit; Rose City Unit; Gulf Coast Parliamentarians Unit; Albuquerque Parliamentarian Unit; Electronic Association of

Parliamentarians Board of Directors; New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors; Washington State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Because of existing public health orders during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, all or most units were able to meet only electronically if at all, thus effectively becoming electronic units in all but name. Although in-person meeting restrictions have been rescinded in all or most states and provinces, some units have found that electronic meetings work better for their circumstances. While it may be possible for such units to continue meeting electronically using various “emergency” provisions in their bylaws (which may or may not have been validly adopted), some such units may want to officially become electronic units. The current NAP bylaws allow for the chartering of electronic units, but do not specifically allow for an existing non-electronic unit to become an electronic unit, except through dissolution of the existing unit and chartering of a new unit. Units that wish to convert to electronic units should not have to dissolve, and thereby lose their history, in order to validly change their format.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The NAP Bylaws committee recommends that the bylaws amendment be amended by striking "Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an existing non-electronic unit from amending its bylaws to become an electronic unit" and inserting "An existing non-electronic unit may amend its bylaws to become an electronic unit". The committee recommends that the bylaws amendment, as amended, be adopted.

AMENDMENT 2: CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS MARKETING THEMSELVES. Amend Article III, Section 1.B. Credentialed Members, by striking the period after parliamentary and inserting: (comma), provided they pay the annual membership dues required for the classification.

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PROPOSED BY: North Carolina Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Florida State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Currently, the NAP bylaws are not fully clear that a RP and PRP must continue to pay membership dues. There have been some credentialed members falsely claiming the credential in communication, on websites and in service to clients for almost a year after the expiration of their membership. We believe the requirement needs to be clearer and more prominent, especially since there is a very clear statement about how the authors of RONR who are PRPs must pay membership dues.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The NAP Bylaws Committee recommends that the bylaws amendment be amended by striking "required for the classification" and inserting "and meet all other requirements to maintain the credential". The NAP Bylaws Committee recommends that the bylaws amendment, as amended, be adopted.

AMENDMENT 3: CHANGE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Amend Article IV Divisions, Section 2., Paragraph C. Duties of the District Director by inserting a new clause “5. serve as a member of the NAP International Services Committee;”, with renumbering of clause following.

C. Duties of the District Director. The district director shall:
promote NAP programs through associations and unchartered states, provinces, or countries;

1. assist in the organization of associations and units within the district;
2. encourage states, provinces, and countries to conduct classes for preparation for membership and assist them in their organization;
3. preside at the district conference;
4. promote educational programs for the general public especially in unchartered areas;
5. serve as a member of the NAP International Services Committee;
6. appoint, with the approval of the NAP Board of Directors, a chairman of an unchartered state, province, or country within the district in accordance with Article IV, Section 4A; and
7. perform such other duties as may be designated in these bylaws or as directed by the NAP Board of Directors or the NAP President.

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<p>C. Duties of the District Director. The district director shall: promote NAP programs through associations and unchartered states, provinces, or countries;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. assist in the organization of associations and units within the district; 2. encourage states, provinces, and countries to conduct classes for preparation for membership and assist them in their organization; 3. preside at the district conference; 4. promote educational programs for the general public 	<p>C. Duties of the District Director. The district director shall: promote NAP programs through associations and unchartered states, provinces, or countries;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. assist in the organization of associations and units within the district; 2. encourage states, provinces, and countries to conduct classes for preparation for membership and assist them in their organization; 3. preside at the district conference; 4. promote educational programs for the general public especially in unchartered areas; 	<p>C. Duties of the District Director. The district director shall: promote NAP programs through associations and unchartered states, provinces, or countries;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. assist in the organization of associations and units within the district; 2. encourage states, provinces, and countries to conduct classes for preparation for membership and assist them in their organization; 3. preside at the district conference; 4. promote educational programs for the general public especially in unchartered areas;

<p>especially in unchartered areas;</p> <p>5. appoint, with the approval of the NAP Board of Directors, a chairman of an unchartered state, province, or country within the district in accordance with Article IV, Section 4A; and</p> <p>6. perform such other duties as may be designated in these bylaws or as directed by the NAP Board of Directors or the NAP President.</p>	<p>5. <u>serve as a member of the NAP International Services Committee;</u></p> <p>6. appoint, with the approval of the NAP Board of Directors, a chairman of an unchartered state, province, or country within the district in accordance with Article IV, Section 4A; and</p> <p>7. perform such other duties as may be designated in these bylaws or as directed by the NAP Board of Directors or the NAP President.</p>	<p>5. serve as a member of the NAP International Services Committee;</p> <p>6. appoint, with the approval of the NAP Board of Directors, a chairman of an unchartered state, province, or country within the district in accordance with Article IV, Section 4A; and</p> <p>7. perform such other duties as may be designated in these bylaws or as directed by the NAP Board of Directors or the NAP President.</p>
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PROPOSED BY: International Services Committee.

RATIONALE: At present, the members of the ISC are appointed by the President for the ensuing biennium. In the current biennium, the district directors were appointed. This structure is considered highly functional, and the committee wishes to have delegates consider embedding the current structure in the Bylaws. It is not proposed to change the appointment of the chair, who would continue to be appointed by the NAP President. The members of the ISC would include the appointed chair, appointed members, district directors, and the President ex officio.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption.

AMENDMENT 4: DECREASING DUES OF INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. Amend Article III Members, Section 3. Dues, by inserting the following subsection after subsection C. Student Dues Reductions, and re-lettering the succeeding subsection. D. International Member Dues Reduction. An international member who resides in developing counties with GDP per capita lower than 30% of GDP per capita in the United States according to recent world bank data, shall qualify for a 50% reduction in dues for the individual's membership classification.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
	<p>Article III Members, Section 3. Dues, <u>D. International Member Dues Reduction.</u> An international member who resides in developing counties with GDP per capita lower than 30% of GDP per capita in the United States according to recent world bank data, shall qualify for a 50% reduction in dues for the individual's membership classification.</p>	<p>Article III Members, Section 3. Dues, D. International Member Dues Reduction. An international member who resides in developing counties with GDP per capita lower than 30% of GDP per capita in the United States according to recent world bank data, shall qualify for a 50% reduction in dues for the individual's membership classification.</p>

PROPOSED BY: Wan Chun Sun, Fei He, Jing Lin, Hong Kun Wang, Jin Hui Cao, Si Jing Chen, Sheng Huang, Shu Hua Li, Sen Ling, Halcyon Shao

RATIONALE: Robert's Rules of Order plays an important role in human civilization, especially in developing or undeveloped countries that have more urgent need for the rules. However, For example, in China, the GDP per capita \$ 12556.33, one sixth of that in the USA^① and the per capita disposable income is lower, only one ninth of that in the USA ^②. Therefore, regular member dues (\$84) is the income of 5.8 days. In addition, many Chinese regular members have language barriers and thus get very limited service directly from NAP. We think that lowering the dues for the international members with much lower income will reflect the equality of access to the Roberts Rules of Order and participation to NAP. This will finally make the countries more developed and civilized.

① The GPD per capita is \$57466.79 in US and \$ 8123.18 in China in 2021.

(<http://data.worldbank.org.cn/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD>)

② Per capita disposable income: \$48510 in US and \$5241.41 in China in 2021. <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/A229RX0A048NBEA>
<https://data.stats.gov.cn/easyquery.htm?cn=C01>

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 5: ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTAINING RP AND PRP. Amend Article XI, Commission on Credentialing by adding a new Section 11. Content: The commission must include, at a minimum, the following measurements of each candidate for RP® and for PRP®.

- A. the knowledge of the rules based on the required readings identified by the Commission on Credentialing;
- B. the ability to apply the rules, including written assignments, that document that candidates can adequately serve clients for those tasks accomplished outside of a meeting;
- C. the ability to teach parliamentary procedure; and
- D. the ability to serve as a meeting parliamentarian.

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	<p>Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, <u>Section 11.</u> <u>Content. The commission must include, at a minimum, the following measurements of each candidate for RP® and for PRP®:</u></p> <p><u>A. the knowledge of the rules based on the required readings identified by the Commission on Credentialing;</u> <u>B. the ability to apply the rules, including written assignments, that document that candidates can adequately serve clients for those tasks accomplished outside of a meeting;</u> <u>C. the ability to teach parliamentary procedure; and</u> <u>D. the ability to serve as a meeting parliamentarian.</u></p>	<p>Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 11. Content. The commission must include, at a minimum, the following measurements of each candidate for RP® and for PRP®:</p> <p>A. the knowledge of the rules based on the required readings identified by the Commission on Credentialing; B. the ability to apply the rules, including written assignments, that document that candidates can adequately serve clients for those tasks accomplished outside of a meeting; C. the ability to teach parliamentary procedure; and D. the ability to serve as a meeting parliamentarian.</p>

PROPOSED BY: Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Director, Washington State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: This will ensure that the commission includes these essential items for a credentialed parliamentarian to competently serve clients.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend against adoption.

AMENDMENT 6: RETENTION OF RP CREDENTIALS. Amend Article III Members, Section 1. Classification., Subsection B Credentialed Members, 1. Registered Parliamentarian (RP®) by striking out the words “within each six-year period”

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b) To retain registered membership, the RP® shall successfully complete such requirements as designated by the Commission on Credentialing within each six-year period.	b) To retain registered membership, the RP® shall successfully complete such requirements as designated by the Commission on Credentialing within each six-year period.	b) To retain registered membership, the RP® shall successfully complete such requirements as designated by the Commission on Credentialing.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: The requirements to retain RP credentials will be defined by the Commission on Credentialing. This change eliminating the six-year period requirement will give the Commission on Credentialing the flexibility it needs to modernize RP credential retention policies.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 6a: REINSTATEMENT OF RP CREDENTIALS. Amend Article III MEMBERS, Section 2. Reinstatement, Subsection C. Registered., by striking the words “six-year” and inserting the word “renewal” in each place it appears.

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C. Registered. If a registered member’s reinstatement is within the six-year period of the member’s qualification as a registered parliamentarian, the member shall retain RP® status. If not, the member shall be reinstated as a regular member. A registered member’s six-year period remains the same.	C. Registered. If a registered member’s reinstatement is within the six-year <u>renewal</u> period of the member’s qualification as a registered parliamentarian, the member shall retain RP® status. If not, the member shall be reinstated as a regular member. A registered member’s six-year <u>renewal</u> period remains the same.	C. Registered. If a registered member’s reinstatement is within the renewal period of the member’s qualification as a registered parliamentarian, the member shall retain RP® status. If not, the member shall be reinstated as a regular member. A registered member’s renewal period remains the same.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: This change is a related amendment to the amendment of Article III Members. Section 1. Classification.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 7: REINSTATEMENT OF PRP CREDENTIALS. Amend Article III Members, Section 2. Reinstatement, Subsection D. Professional Registered., by striking the words “six-year” and inserting the word “renewal” in each place it appears.

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D. Professional Registered. If a professional registered member’s reinstatement is within the six-year period of the member’s qualification as a PRP®, the member shall retain PRP® status. If not, the member shall be reinstated as an RP®. The professional registered member’s six-year period remains the same regardless of the date of reinstatement.	D. Professional Registered. If a professional registered member’s reinstatement is within the six-year <u>renewal</u> period of the member’s qualification as a PRP®, the member shall retain PRP® status. If not, the member shall be reinstated as an RP®. The professional registered member’s six-year <u>renewal</u> period remains the same regardless of the date of reinstatement.	D. Professional Registered. If a professional registered member’s reinstatement is within the renewal period of the member’s qualification as a PRP®, the member shall retain PRP® status. If not, the member shall be reinstated as an RP®. The professional registered member’s renewal period remains the same regardless of the date of reinstatement.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: This change permits the time period to reinstate PRP credentials to be the same as the time period in the PRP retention policies that will be defined by the Commission on Credentialing.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 8: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING Amend Article XI Commission on Credentialing, Section 2. Authority, by striking out the words “full authority”, and insert in same place "the authority, consistent with the policies & procedures adopted by the NAP Board of Directors,".

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Section 2. Authority. The commission shall have full authority to administer the credentialing program of NAP and may appoint committees to carry out its duties.	Section 2. Authority. The commission shall have the full authority <u>authority, consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by the NAP Board of Directors,</u> to administer the credentialing program of NAP and may appoint committees to carry out its duties.	Section 2. Authority. The commission shall have the authority, consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by the NAP Board of Directors, to administer the credentialing program of NAP and may appoint committees to carry out its duties.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: Clarifies that the Commission’s authority is not unlimited and must follow the Board’s adopted policies and procedures.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 9: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING Amend Article XI Commission on Credentialing, Section 2. Authority, by inserting after “committees” the words “composed of Professional Registered Parliamentarians”.

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Section 2. Authority. The commission shall have full authority to administer the credentialing program of NAP and may appoint committees to carry out its duties.	Section 2. Authority. The commission shall have full authority to administer the credentialing program of NAP and may appoint committees <u>composed of Professional Registered Parliamentarians</u> to carry out its duties.	Section 2. Authority. The commission shall have full authority to administer the credentialing program of NAP and may appoint committees composed of Professional Registered Parliamentarians to carry out its duties.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: This change is necessary to protect the integrity of the testing materials for the Registered Parliamentarian Credentialing Examination and Professional Registered Parliamentarian Credentialing Examination, which will be continuously under review and revision. Only PRPs would have no conflict of interest in having knowledge of the content of any of the testing materials.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 10: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING. Amend Article XI Commission on Credentialing, Section 5. Term by striking the words “one term” and inserting the words “four years”.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 5. Term. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms or until their successors are elected. Members of the commission may serve two consecutive terms. Members may serve again after being out of office for one term.	Section 5. Term. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms or until their successors are elected. Members of the commission may serve two consecutive terms. Members may serve again after being out of office for one term <u>four years</u> .	Section 5. Term. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms or until their successors are elected. Members of the commission may serve two consecutive terms. Members may serve again after being out of office for four years.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: This change to “Four years” is a more exact expression of the length of one term and, therefore, more certainly and easily administered.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 11: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING. Amend Article XI Commission on Credentialing by striking Section 8. Chairman and insert the following new Section 8: Section 8. Leadership. The commission shall elect its chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary for a two-year term.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 8. Chairman. The commission shall elect its chairman for a two year term.	Section 8. <u>Leadership. The commission shall elect its chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary for a two-year term.</u>	Section 8. Leadership. The commission shall elect its chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary for a two-year term.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: This change reflects the current practice of the Commission on Credentialing of electing a vice-chairman and a secretary in addition to a chairman.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 12: SUBMISSION OF BYLAW AMENDMENTS BY THE COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING. Amend Article XVII Amendment of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, Subsection A. Amendment with Notice before Convention, 1. by inserting after the words “special committee,” the words “the Commission on Credentialing,”.

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1. has been submitted by the bylaws committee, the NAP Board of Directors, a standing or special committee, a district conference, two associations or their board of directors, three units, or at least ten NAP members-at-large;	1. has been submitted by the bylaws committee, the NAP Board of Directors, a standing or special committee, <u>the Commission on Credentialing</u> , a district conference, two associations or their board of directors, three units, or at least ten NAP members-at-large;	1. has been submitted by the bylaws committee, the NAP Board of Directors, a standing or special committee, the Commission on Credentialing, a district conference, two associations or their board of directors, three units, or at least ten NAP members-at-large;

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE: Currently, the Commission on Credentialing does not have the ability to submit bylaw amendments. This change provides the commission the ability to submit bylaw amendments.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Adoption.

AMENDMENT 13: INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING IN THE VOTING BODY OF THE NAP CONVENTION. Amend Article VI Meetings, Section 2., B Voting Body by inserting: “5. Commission on Credentialing Chairman;” with renumbering of sections following.

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<p>B. Voting Body. The voting body of the convention shall be comprised of the following NAP members who are delegates registered as in attendance and who have paid the appropriate registration fee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. members of the NAP Board of Directors; 2. district directors; 3. editor of the National Parliamentarian®; 4. standing committee chairmen; 5. NAP past presidents; 	<p>B. Voting Body. The voting body of the convention shall be comprised of the following NAP members who are delegates registered as in attendance and who have paid the appropriate registration fee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. members of the NAP Board of Directors; 2. district directors; 3. editor of the National Parliamentarian®; 4. standing committee chairmen; 5. <u>Commission on Credentialing Chairman;</u> 6. NAP past presidents; 	<p>B. Voting Body. The voting body of the convention shall be comprised of the following NAP members who are delegates registered as in attendance and who have paid the appropriate registration fee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. members of the NAP Board of Directors; 2. district directors; 3. editor of the National Parliamentarian®; 4. standing committee chairmen; 5. Commission on Credentialing Chairman; 6. NAP past presidents;

PROPOSED BY: NAP Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE: The voting body of the convention should include the Commission on Credentialing Chairman to ensure that the commission can report to the membership at the Biennial Convention.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption.

AMENDMENT 14: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING. Amend Article XI Commission on Credentialing, Section 1. Composition by striking the words “At least five members must be credentialed (PRP®/RP®) and one may be a regular member” and inserting the words “All members must be Professional Registered Parliamentarians”.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 1. Composition. There shall be six members of the Commission on Credentialing. At least five members must be credentialed (PRP®/RP®) and one may be a regular member. Members of the board of directors are not eligible to serve on this commission. Members of the commission cannot teach courses leading to initial credentialing at any level.	Section 1. Composition. There shall be six members of the Commission on Credentialing. At least five members must be credentialed (PRP®/RP®) and one may be a regular member. <u>All members shall be Professional Registered Parliamentarians.</u> Members of the board of directors are not eligible to serve on this commission. Members of the commission cannot teach courses leading to initial credentialing at any level.	Section 1. Composition. There shall be six members of the Commission on Credentialing. All members shall be Professional Registered Parliamentarians. Members of the board of directors are not eligible to serve on this commission. Members of the commission cannot teach courses leading to initial credentialing at any level.

PROPOSED BY: Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Commission on Credentialing.

RATIONALE: This change is necessary to protect the integrity of the testing materials for the Registered Parliamentarian Credentialing Examination and Professional Registered Parliamentarian Credentialing Examination, which will be continuously under review and revision. Only PRPs would have no conflict of interest in having knowledge of the content of any of the testing materials.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 15: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING. Amend Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 1 Composition, by striking out the second sentence, “At least five members must be credentialed (PRP®/RP®) and one may be a regular member.” and inserting, “All members must be Professional Registered Parliamentarians and have held that credential for at least two years.”

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PROPOSED BY: Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Washington State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, California State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Any RP or Regular members who is elected to the Commission would be automatically ineligible to either advance to an PRP, or receive an RP, as that member would have full access to all testing material, including the correct answers.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 16: REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Amend Article VII NAP Board of Directors, Section 2. Duties, B. Duties of the NAP Board of Directors. Subsection 22. by adding “Revocation of membership shall render the individual permanently ineligible for membership unless the board, either in the motion of revocation or later, limits the period of ineligibility for that particular individual by a two-thirds vote. Revocation of a credential shall render the individual permanently ineligible for any NAP credential unless the Board, either in the motion of revocation or later, limits the period of ineligibility for that particular individual by a two-thirds vote;”

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render the final decision on any recommendation made by the professional standards committee for suspension or revocation of any member’s membership or credential classification as a result of an ethics or member discipline complaint and consider and resolve all appeals by a respondent of a reprimand issued by the professional standards committee. A two-thirds vote shall be required to suspend or revoke any member’s membership or credential classification.	render the final decision on any recommendation made by the professional standards committee for suspension or revocation of any member’s membership or credential classification as a result of an ethics or member discipline complaint and consider and resolve all appeals by a respondent of a reprimand issued by the professional standards committee. A two-thirds vote shall be required to suspend or revoke any member’s membership or credential classification. <u>Revocation of membership shall render the individual permanently ineligible for membership unless the Board, either in the motion of revocation or later, limits the period of ineligibility for that particular individual by a two-thirds vote. Revocation of a credential shall render the individual permanently ineligible for any NAP credential unless the Board, either in the motion of revocation or later, limits the period of ineligibility for that</u>	render the final decision on any recommendation made by the professional standards committee for suspension or revocation of any member’s membership or credential classification as a result of an ethics or member discipline complaint and consider and resolve all appeals by a respondent of a reprimand issued by the professional standards committee. A two-thirds vote shall be required to suspend or revoke any member’s membership or credential classification. Revocation of membership shall render the individual permanently ineligible for membership unless the Board, either in the motion of revocation or later, limits the period of ineligibility for that particular individual by a two-thirds vote. Revocation of a credential shall render the individual permanently ineligible for any NAP credential unless the Board, either in the motion of revocation or later, limits the period of ineligibility for that

	particular individual by a two-thirds vote;	particular individual by a two-thirds vote;
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PROPOSED BY: NAP Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE: A further description of revocation of membership and revocation of credential is necessary to explicitly indicate the duties of the Board of Directors, when either recommendation is made by the Professional Standards Committee. This proposal gives the Board of Directors discretion to rule a member permanently ineligible or to limit the period of ineligibility for either membership or credential revocation.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption.

AMENDMENT 17: REMOVAL OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP. Amend Article IV, by striking out Section 8 Membership in Districts, Associations, and Units A. Definitions 7.:

“7. Provisionals shall be individuals who are preparing for NAP membership.

Provisionals are not NAP members and are not counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to which the association or unit is entitled at NAP conventions.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 3E2 and Section 5D2, provisionals may be members of associations and units.”

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
7. Provisionals shall be individuals who are preparing for NAP membership. Provisionals are not NAP members and are not counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to which the association or unit is entitled at NAP conventions. In accordance with Article IV, Section 3E2 and Section 5D2, provisionals may be members of associations and units.	7. Provisionals shall be individuals who are preparing for NAP membership. Provisionals are not NAP members and are not counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to which the association or unit is entitled at NAP conventions. In accordance with Article IV, Section 3E2 and Section 5D2, provisionals may be members of associations and units.	

PROVISO: Provided that Amendments 17, 17a, and 17b shall not go into effect until January 1, 2025.

PROPOSED BY: NAP Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE: Provisionals are non-members and not subject to NAP discipline. Provisionals are able to affiliate themselves with NAP indirectly without NAP’s consent, knowledge, or adherence to any and all of the rules of the NAP – Provisionals have no obligation to adhere to the Code of Professional Responsibility for Parliamentarians. NAP has no jurisdiction regarding provisionals. Historically, provisional membership was intended for individuals preparing for NAP membership who would soon become members of NAP. In many cases, however, individuals have remained provisional members for years, gaining many of the benefits of NAP membership in a unit without paying dues to NAP. As a result, provisional membership has not been a successful recruiting tool for NAP and should be discontinued. The Bylaws Committee recognizes that it will take some time for units and associations to make this transition and provides that the amendment shall not take effect until January 1, 2025.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption.

AMENDMENT 17a: REMOVAL OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP. Amend Article IV, Section 3, E, 2, by striking out “provisional, honorary, and life members as association members, in accordance with the definitions of these terms in Article IV, Section 8A. The association bylaws may limit the rights of provisionals who are association members.”, and insert “honorary and life members as association members, in accordance with the definitions of these terms in Article IV, Section 8A.”.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 3, E, 2 An association shall provide for primary and affiliate members and may include provisional, honorary, and life members as association members, in accordance with the definitions of these terms in Article IV, Section 8A. The association bylaws may limit the rights of provisionals who are association members	Section 3, E, 2 An association shall provide for primary and affiliate members and may include <u>honorary and life members as association members, in accordance with the definitions of these terms in Article IV, Section 8A.</u> provisional, honorary, and life members as association members, in accordance with the definitions of these terms in Article IV, Section 8A. The association bylaws may limit the rights of provisionals who are association members.	Section 3, E, 2 An association shall provide for primary and affiliate members and may include honorary and life members as association members, in accordance with the definitions of these terms in Article IV, Section 8A.

PROPOSED BY: NAP Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE: Provisionals are non-members and not subject to NAP discipline. Provisionals are able to affiliate themselves with NAP indirectly without NAP’s consent, knowledge, or adherence to any and all of the rules of the NAP – Provisionals have no obligation to adhere to the Code of Professional Responsibility for Parliamentarians. NAP has no jurisdiction regarding provisionals.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption.

AMENDMENT 17b: REMOVAL OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP. Amend Article IV, Section 5, D, 2, by striking “, life members and provisionals as members of the unit, in accordance with the definitions of terms in Article IV, Section 8A. The unit bylaws may limit the rights of provisional members of the unit.”, and insert: “and life members in accordance with the definitions of terms in Article IV, Section 8A.”.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Article IV Section 5, D, 2 A unit shall provide for primary and affiliate members and may include honorary members, life members and provisionals as members of the unit, in accordance with the definitions of terms in Article IV, Section 8A. The unit bylaws may limit the rights of provisional members of the unit.	Article IV Section 5, D, 2 A unit shall provide for primary and affiliate members and may include honorary members, life members, and provisionals as members of the unit, in accordance with the definitions of terms in Article IV, Section 8A. The unit bylaws may limit the rights of provisional members of the unit, and life <u>members in accordance with the definitions of terms in Article IV, Section 8A.</u>	Article IV Section 5, D, 2 A unit shall provide for primary and affiliate members and may include honorary members and life members in accordance with the definitions of terms in Article IV, Section 8A.

PROPOSED BY: NAP Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE: Provisionals are non-members and not subject to NAP discipline. Provisionals are able to affiliate themselves with NAP indirectly without NAP’s consent, knowledge, or adherence to any and all of the rules of the NAP – Provisionals have no obligation to adhere to the Code of Professional Responsibility for Parliamentarians. NAP has no jurisdiction regarding provisionals.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption.

AMENDMENT 18: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING; TERM OF OFFICE. Amend Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 5, Term, by striking the word “or” in the first sentence and inserting the word “and.”.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Section 5. Term. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms or until their successors are elected. Members of the commission may serve two consecutive terms. Members may serve again after being out of office for one term.</p>	<p>Section 5. Term. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms or <u>and</u> until their successors are elected. Members of the commission may serve two consecutive terms. Members may serve again after being out of office for one term.</p>	<p>Section 5. Term. Members of the commission shall serve four-year staggered terms and until their successors are elected. Members of the commission may serve two consecutive terms. Members may serve again after being out of office for one term.</p>

PROPOSED BY: Washington State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Oregon Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Clarifies that commission members may be removed only through disciplinary proceedings. See RONR 56:29-30.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 19: COMMISSION ON CREDENTIALING; REMOVAL. Amend Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 6, Removal, by adding “by roll call vote and in open session and following disciplinary proceedings as provided in the parliamentary authority.”.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 6. Removal. The NAP Board of Directors may remove commission members for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the entire board.	Section 6. Removal. The NAP Board of Directors may remove commission members for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the entire board <u>by roll call vote and in open session and following disciplinary proceedings as provided in the parliamentary authority.</u>	Section 6. Removal. The NAP Board of Directors may remove commission members for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the entire board by roll call vote and in open session and following disciplinary proceedings as provided in the parliamentary authority.

PROPOSED BY: Washington State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Oregon Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Clarifies that the board must hold a disciplinary hearing in accordance with RONR Chapter XX prior to voting for removal of commission members. If removal must be “for cause,” as provided in the current provision, there should be a formal proceeding to determine whether sufficient cause exists. Also ensures that the vote be taken at an open meeting that can be observed by the membership.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The NAP Bylaws Committee recommends that the bylaws amendment be amended by inserting the word “after” before the word “following” The committee makes no recommendation on the bylaws amendment, either as proposed or as amended.

AMENDMENT 20: DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF

COMMISSIONERS. Amend Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 6, Removal, by adding at the end “in accordance with the due process procedure in the NAP Standing Rules.”.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 6, Removal. The NAP Board of Directors may remove commission members for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the entire board.	Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 6, Removal. The NAP Board of Directors may remove commission members for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the entire board <u>in accordance with the due process procedure in the NAP Standing Rules.</u>	Article XI, Commission on Credentialing, Section 6, Removal. The NAP Board of Directors may remove commission members for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the entire board in accordance with the due process procedure in the NAP Standing Rules.

PROPOSED BY: Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Washington State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, California State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: It is unfair and undemocratic to remove a commissioner without a due process procedure.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation.

AMENDMENT 21: REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS BY THE NAP BOARD. NAP STANDING RULES: Amend by adding a new “Standing Rule #20 - PROCESS FOR REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS BY THE NAP BOARD”.

1. The board shall notify the commissioner of the specific reason for the impending removal and request a written response.
2. If the board is satisfied with the commissioner’s response, no further action shall be taken.
3. If the board is not satisfied with the commissioner’s response, notify the commissioner that a committee shall be appointed to investigate and resolve the conflict.
4. The committee shall consist of five members – two professional registered parliamentarians appointed by the board, two professional registered parliamentarians appointed by the commissioner, and a committee chairman selected by the four appointed committee members. Members of the board, the commission, and the Professional Responsibility Committee are ineligible to serve on the committee.
5. The committee shall investigate and make a non-binding recommendation to the board.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
	<p><u>Standing Rule #20 - PROCESS FOR REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS BY THE NAP BOARD”.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>The board shall notify the commissioner of the specific reason for the impending removal and request a written response.</u> 2. <u>If the board is satisfied with the commissioner’s response, no further action shall be taken.</u> 3. <u>If the board is not satisfied with the commissioner’s response, notify the commissioner that a committee shall be appointed to investigate and resolve the conflict.</u> 4. <u>The committee shall consist of five members – two</u> 	<p>Standing Rule #20 - PROCESS FOR REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS BY THE NAP BOARD”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The board shall notify the commissioner of the specific reason for the impending removal and request a written response. 2. If the board is satisfied with the commissioner’s response, no further action shall be taken. 3. If the board is not satisfied with the commissioner’s response, notify the commissioner that a committee shall be appointed to investigate and resolve the conflict. 4. The committee shall consist of five members – two

	<p><u>professional registered parliamentarians appointed by the board, two professional registered parliamentarians appointed by the commissioner, and a committee chairman selected by the four appointed committee members. Members of the board, the commission, and the Professional Responsibility Committee are ineligible to serve on the committee.</u></p> <p>5. <u>The committee shall investigate and make a non-binding recommendation to the board.</u></p>	<p>professional registered parliamentarians appointed by the board, two professional registered parliamentarians appointed by the commissioner, and a committee chairman selected by the four appointed committee members. Members of the board, the commission, and the Professional Responsibility Committee are ineligible to serve on the committee.</p> <p>5. The committee shall investigate and make a non-binding recommendation to the board.</p>
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PROPOSED BY: Minnesota State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Washington State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, California State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Georgia State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors, Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: It is unfair and undemocratic to remove a commissioner without a due process procedure.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation