

# THE GREEN GAVEL GAZETTE

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## GGEU President's Message

Dear GGEU Member,

Greetings! Greetings! We are truly ending our term as we began with excellence in parliamentary leadership under our banner of *Parliamentary Par Excellence!* I am thankful and grateful to our board members who worked so hard to improve the operational efficiencies of GGEU which allowed us to spread our wings and do more for our members.



We have many major accomplishments to be proud of:

- Capitalized on the improved efficiencies of our website with membership management system
- Experienced continuous steady growth of our general membership and celebrated members actively recruiting
- Maintained a strong educational platform with our outstanding monthly lectures from world class speakers, enriching summer study hall and added a fabulous speaker's lab
- Added the position of Financial Secretary and created a Financial Policies and Procedures Manual
- Began a new Youth Initiative including a new membership category with recognition encouraging their leadership
- Continued support of EAP and participated in

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## GGEU Monthly Speakers



**October 26, 2023**

**Monica Fontenot-Poindexter, RP**

***"New Presider: 5 Tips to Excel"***

**Parliamentary Moment by:  
Linda Nichols, RP**



**November 28, 2023**

**Esther A. Heller, PRP**  
***"What Do I Say Next?"***  
***Writing Useful Scripts***

**Parliamentary Moment by:  
Sharon Harris, RP**

## President's Message (cont'd from page 1)

Our goal is to encourage each of our members to grow in their parliamentary knowledge and become stronger and more confident in their knowledge of parliamentary procedure and meeting management. We have accomplished this goal and it is all thanks to you.

Thank you for your support of our pledge to engage our members and train the next generation of parliamentary leaders, *Parliamentary Par Excellence*. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your president.

Warm regards,

Karen Cole, MD, PRP  
President, GGEU



# Membership Milestone

## Professional Registered Parliamentarian



Regenia Lee-Moore, PRP

# Credentialing Renewals

Effective date: January 1, 2024

## Registered Parliamentarian

Must complete 10 hours of CEU credits including one (1) hour of Professional Responsibility, every two years. Hours earned after 9/1/2023 count.

## Professional Registered Parliamentarian

Must complete 15 hours of CEU credits including two (2) hours of Professional Responsibility, every two years. Hours earned after 9/1/2023 count.

**PROVISO:** For current PRPs, the Professional Renewal Certification will remain an option until 12/31/2025.

For more details, go to:  
[www.parliamentarians.org](http://www.parliamentarians.org)



# Congratulations

to our  
GGEU members serving in the  
2023-2025 NAP administration



Beth Sapp James, PRP  
Elected to serve as  
NAP Director-at-Large



Lucy Hicks Anderson PRP  
Elected to serve as  
NAP District Director  
Representative



Traci Bransford-Marquis, PRP  
Appointed to serve as  
Editor of the  
National Parliamentarian

# NAP District Six Parliamentary Workshops

## WE WANT YOU to be a NAP Member

### February 21 - March 20, 2024

The **WE WANT YOU** series presented by NAP District Six includes exam training meetings and a Q&A session designed to help GGEU Provisional members and other members of District Six to successfully complete the NAP membership exam. This event is chaired by Regenia Moore-Lee, PRP. **WE WANT YOU** as a member of NAP.

### Training dates are as follows:

- Orientation - February 21, 2024
- Chapters 1-3 - February 28, 2024
- Chapters 4-7 - March 6, 2024
- Chapters 8-11 - March 13, 2024
- Questions and Answers - March 20, 2024





**GGEU members at the Western Area Conference of The Links, Incorporated in Los Angeles, CA.**



**GGEU members at the Eastern Area Conference of The Links, Incorporated in Pennsylvania, PA.**



**GGEU members elected to serve as Western Area officers. (L-R): Brenda Kennedy, PRP, Area Vice Director; Karen Cole, PRP, Area Director; and Beth Sapp James, PRP, Area Secretary.**

## ***GGEU On The Move!***

Celebrating its 6th anniversary, Green Gavel Electronic Unit (GGEU) was chartered on June 15, 2017, with 62 members from 33 chapters and eight states of The Links, Incorporated. GGEU began as a Western Area (WA) initiative when Roxann Thomas Chargois, Western Area Director, appointed Lucy Hicks Anderson, PRP, as the Western Area Parliamentarian. Anderson formed a parliamentary study group of interested WA members of The Links, Incorporated.

To facilitate the process, Anderson taught a two-part training series with Margaret Winn, PRP-R, and Beth Sapp James, RP, to prepare the study group for the NAP membership exam covering Chapters 1-11 of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief*. As a result, 52 members of The Links, Incorporated became NAP members and GGEU was established with 10 other ladies who were already NAP members. GGEU is one of four units that chartered the Electronic Association of Parliamentarians.

Today, GGEU is one of the largest NAP units with over 200 members from 31 United States, Canada, and Japan.

# GGEU & NAP DUES RENEWAL

## GGEU Dues:

**Primary:** \$25

*NAP members who designate GGEU as its Primary unit*

**Affiliate:** \$25

*NAP members who are Primary in another unit*

**Provisional:** \$25

*Unit members preparing for NAP membership*

**Student:** \$10

*Primary, Affiliate or Provisional members who 25 years or younger and in school/college.*

**Annual dues are payable directly to the unit on December 1, 2023. Membership will be delinquent if not paid by February 1, 2024. Check your email for NAP reminders.**

Electronic Association of Parliamentarians presents:

## Build Your Skills ParliSeries: Monthly Parliamentary Procedure Workshop Series

### Featured Speaker

Cathy Blakeney, RP

Committees:  
Make it Work!



Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00pm  
(Central Time)

All Are Welcome to Attend this Free Series:  
ZOOM LINK: <https://eparliamentarians.org/BuildYourSkills>

Electronic Association of Parliamentarians presents:

## Build Your Skills ParliSeries: Monthly Parliamentary Procedure Workshop Series

### Featured Speaker

Dr. Mary Q. Grant,  
PRP

Transitioning to Leadership:  
Developing Good Leadership Practices



Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00pm  
(Central Time)

All Are Welcome to Attend this Free Series:  
ZOOM LINK: <https://eparliamentarians.org/BuildYourSkills>

## 2024 NAP Training Conference & Annual Meeting



San Antonio, TX  
September 5-8, 2024

Mark your calendar for the 2024 NAP Training Conference at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, TX. For more info, go to: [parliamentarians.org](http://parliamentarians.org).

NTC Coordinator: Sheryl Womble, PRP  
Asst. Coordinator: Paula Miles, PRP  
Workshop Coordinator: Edwin Miles, PRP

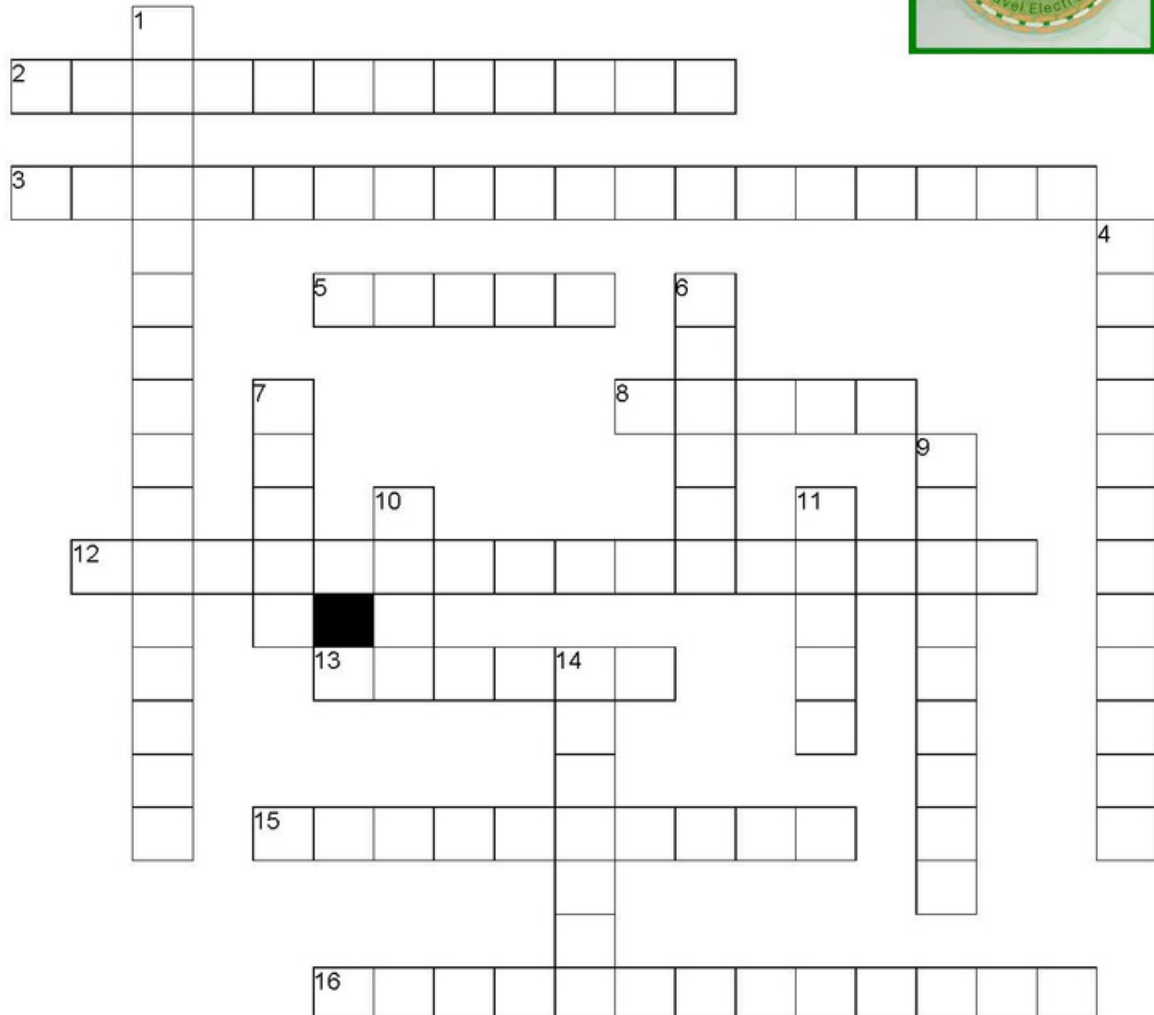


## 7th Annual Meeting & Education Conference March 2024

# PARLIAMENTARY PAR EXCELLENCE

## GREEN GAVEL ELECTRONIC UNIT

By Susan Hall Comrie



### Across

2. be quiet and orderly
3. Calls for a counted vote
5. that members should stand
8. One method of voting
12. Used to gain more information on a motion before voting
13. Changes a decision made by the chair
15. Used to get group approval for a new project or some other course of action
16. To postpone a motion to the next meeting

### Down

1. Used to stop debate and vote
4. Used when one believes a parliamentary error has been made
6. number of members required to conduct business
7. Symbol of authority
9. Used to change a main motion
10. means to be seated
11. the meeting is called to order
14. Used to end a meeting

ANSWER KEY: **Across:** (2) series of taps; (3) division of the house; (5) 3 taps; (8) voice; (12) refer to committee; (13) appeal; (15) main motion; (16) lay on the table; **Down:** (1) previous question; (4) point of order; (6) quorum; (7) gavel; (9) amendment; (10) 1 tap; (11) 2 taps; (14) adjourn



**2023 NAP Convention  
Atlanta, GA**

