

The Volunteer Voice

Volume 22, Issue 1

Summer 2019

TAP Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Tennessee Association of Parliamentarians (TAP) celebrated its 50th anniversary (1969-2019) at the annual meeting on June 29, 2019.

TAP was organized September 9, 1969, at McKendree United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. James E. Loveday issued the call to all NAP members-at-large and members of units residing in the state. Mrs. Edward B. Sydnor (TX), NAP Third Vice President and Mrs. A. O. Haislip (AL) District III Director represented NAP. There were 21 charter members of TAP.

continued on page 2

Officers 2019-2020

The following officers the annual meeting:

- Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP, President
- Olor W. Hughes, Vice President
- Nancy D. Gilley, Recording Secretary
- Jay Earheart-Brown, Ph.D., RP, Corresponding Secretary
- Annette Key, Treasurer

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 TAP Celebrates 50th Anniversary
- 1 Officers 2019-2020
- 1 From the President's Desk
- 2 Annual Meeting Highlights
- 3 Ben M. Carpenter, PRP Memorial
- 3 NAP District III News
- 3 Unit News
- 3 Calendar of Events

From the President's Desk

Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP, President

Greetings from the TAP President! It was such a refreshing experience to see so many people excited to get the association reactivated. There is hymn that has a line that says, "...it only takes a spark to get a fire going and then all those around can warm up to its glowing..." This is exactly what we experienced during 2019. The annual meeting was a huge success because the sparks across the state that pitched in and used their talents to help make the annual meeting happen.



In addition to having two outstanding educational sessions on organizing conventions and role of the teller, we spend some time working on strategic plan topics to strengthen our association and ensure its sustainability for years to come. I look forward to working with the officers and committee chairmen this year to advance the vision and mission of our association. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP





Pictured in the front row: Esther J. Taj, Cynthia Bryant, Annette Key, Olor W. Hughes, and Charles R. Smith. Pictured in the back row: Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP, TAP President; Eunece Waller; Gladys R. Carr, TAP Recording Secretary; Jay Earheart-Brown, Ph.D., RP; Caleb Marston; Janice E. Booker, Ph.D.; and Norma Drake. Not pictured is Charlotte Buchanan, PRP-R and Amos Taj.

Announcements were sent to the *National Parliamentarian* and NAP District III newsletter and an ad purchased for the NAP Convention Program Guide to publicize this achievement.

Annual Meeting Highlights

The TAP Annual Meeting was held on June 29, 2019, at the Courtyard Nashville SE/Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Registration and continental breakfast was at 8:00 a.m. The education sessions will began at 8:30 a.m. in the conference center. The workshops included the following:

- *It Only Happens Once!* Charlotte Buchanan, PRP-R
- *The Teller's Tale Told: Appointing Tellers, Serving as a Teller, and Preparing a Teller's Report*, Jay Earheart-Brown, Ph.D., RP
- *Where Do We Go From Here?* Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP

After the opening ceremonies, the annual meeting was organized followed by approval of the 2015 minutes introductions of past presidents, officers and board of directors, and first timers.

Committee chairmen presented annual reports. Chairman Hughes, Alpha Brown Awards Committee, presented the Tennessee Delta Unit with the Alpha Brown Unit Achievement Award to President Gladys R. Carr and the Alpha Brown Individual Achievement Award to Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP.

Membership data was provided to attendees. In 2017 = 48; 2018 = 64 (+16 provisionals); and 2019 = 73 (+9 provisionals). The membership breakdown includes: Alpha Unit = 7; Beta Unit = 2-PRP, 2-RP, 11, and 12 provisionals (Total = 27); Delta Unit = 1-PRP-R, 1-RP-R, 5, and 4 provisionals (Total = 11); and MAL = 2-PRP, 1-RP, 39, 2-Student (Total 44). Including provisional members, TAP is 89 members strong!

Unit reports included Jay Earheart-Brown, Ph.D., RP, stating that the Beta Unit meetings on the 4th Monday of each month except for August and December.

Chairman Taj presented the Nominating Committee report and officers were elected for 2019-2020. Cynthia Bryant, Chairman, Esther B. Taj, and Caleb Marston were elected to the Nominating Committee.

New business included selecting NAP Delegates to represent the Units and Association at the convention: Curtis D. Gomulinski, Alpha Unit; Martha P. Beard, PRP and Jay Earheart-Brown, Ph.D., RP, Beta Unit; Robert B. Blair, Ph.D., PRP and Charles A. Shulz, Ph.D., PRP, TAP.

Members approved a half page ad in the NAP Program Guide, a memorial for Ben M. Carpenter, PRP, and an invitation for the Beta Unit to host the 2020 TAP Annual Meeting.

Updates were provided about the NAP Criteria for Credentialing, NAP Body of Knowledge, NAP webinars, NAP resource revisions, RONR 12th Edition, and District III Director, Carol Davis, napd2d@gmail.com. Details about these updates can be found at www.parliamentarians.org.

President Blair announced that plans were underway to charter a Unit in Murfreesboro. All Unit officer changes are to be sent to President Blair. All Units will be provided with a Provisional Member Information form to make the communication of this information to TAP more efficient.

Ben M. Carpenter, PRP Memorial

A motion was adopted at the TAP Annual Meeting to honor long-time member of the association with a memorial tile to be placed at NAP headquarters. Ben attended numerous NAP conventions, training conferences, and district conferences over the years. He will long be remembered for giving many NAP presidents a handcrafted ebony gavel when they completed their term. He often donated one of his famous gavels for the NAP Silent Auction. One of his last gavels sold for \$500.

Mr. Carpenter was a past president of TAP, instrumental in forming the Tennessee Beta Unit in 1991. Ben was a pilot and in the early days, fly his own plane to the location of the TAP annual meeting. I fondly remember him arriving at a meeting with a carload of members that he drove to the meeting. He had a large car, but it seemed like an endless number of people kept getting out of the car.

Ben was married for 52 years to the late Lillie Walker Carpenter. He was a Navy WWII veteran. He died on August 23, 2014, at the age of 91.

NAP District III News

Greetings from Carol Davis, District III Director!

Director Davis reported that there was no news at this time. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the NAP Biennial Convention!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NAP® 42ND BIENNIAL CONVENTION

WESTGATE LAS VEGAS HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
SEPTEMBER 5-8, 2019

TAP ANNUAL MEETING

LOCATION (TBD)
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
MAY 30, 20120

NAP @ TRAINING CONFERENCE

HILTON PALACIO DEL RIO
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
AUGUST 28-30, 2020



Unit News

Alpha Unit. No unit news submitted.

Beta Unit. This unit meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:45 p.m, Poplar-White Station Library, Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117., except for August and December. *Keys to Effective Presiding-Parts 1 and 2* will be the topics of the September and October meetings, respectively. In November, *Keeping Your Orders Straight: Agenda, Orders of the Day, Special and General Orders* will be the program topic.

Delta Unit. The website host for the Delta Unit and TAP closed permanently. Please see the TAP Membership Handbook for the Facebook link until a new website host can be secured.

TAP Annual Meeting 2020

Save the date Saturday, May 30, 2020, Memphis, Tennessee (Location-TBD), for the TAP Annual Meeting.

Nancy Gilley, DAR Regent

In June, Nancy D. Gilley (MAL) was installed as General Jethro Sumner Chapter Regent of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Gilley was one of your president's high school business teachers. She is the person that first introduced me to parliamentary procedure in 1980 when I was elected as parliamentarian for the White House High School Chapter of the Office Education Association (OEA). We survived 1980-1981!

In the spring of 1981, I was elected president of the chapter and our team placed third in the Tennessee OEA parliamentary event my senior year. A few years later, while teaching at Portland High School, I coached two first place teams in the state FBLA event. The first year was for Mrs. Gilley, I owed her a first place. The second year was for me (okay, okay-it was really for my students; but I got great pleasure from seeing them achieve after they worked so hard.). Mrs. Gilley, you have been my teacher, mentor teacher (student teaching), colleague, and lifelong friend. Thank you for continuing to inspire everyone around you to be his or her best self!

***The Volunteer Voice* is the official publication of the Tennessee Association of Parliamentarians.**

