



DISTRICT ONE NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS



2024 IN REVIEW!

Dearest District One Members,

Reflecting on 2024, one word stands out: Proud! Despite a late start, we achieved so much together. We will continue to I.G.N.I.T.E. - Inspire, Grow, Network, Innovate, Train and Engage! The district and its units have turned this year into an incredible success, and it brings me immense joy to see our district flourish as we step into the second half of this biennium.

Mark your calendars! I'm thrilled to announce that the 2025 District One Biennial Conference will tentatively be held in New York on April 5th, 2025. Please save the date! We're currently seeking committee chairs and members— please use the QR code or link provided to sign up and be a part of this exciting event! Thank you to NYAP President, Adrian Stratton and his Board for hosting and assuring District One has unwavering support as the host association. Once again, I'm grateful to have everyone on this journey.

Our education sessions will continue on the last Sunday of odd-numbered months, with the next session scheduled for January 26th at 8:00 PM. Please use the link or QR code in the newsletter to register.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season!

Pleshette N. Shelton, MBA, RP
District One Director



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Silent Gavel

Carlene Burke, RP
PNSC
NYAP Association



2023

Robert Travers, Lebanon, ME
Caitlin Monjeau, Albany, NY
Jennifer Klug, Ashland, MA
Jordan Nichols-Hillian, Jamaica, NY
Rebecca Girrell, Morrisville, VT
Roberto Lara Aranda, New York, NY
Domenic Hoxholli, Somerville, MA
Gail Mitchell, Saint Albans, NY
Lenore Martinelli, North Haven, CT
Trudi McKenley, Freeport, NY
Susan Lipman, West Islip, NY
Arnold Goldman, Canton, CT
Kimberly Wells, Somerville, MA
Cecelia Millea, Moorestown NJ
Lorna Atmore, Laurelton, NY
Robert VanderSchaaff, Syracuse, NY
Briana Heymann, Merrick, NY
Janet Leslie, Staten Island, NY
Michael, Bernard, Croton on Hudson, NY
Charles Scruggs, Rochester, NY



2024

Dennis Brancato, Buffalo, NY
Jane Simpson, Clayton, NY
Allison (Alli) May, Mamaroneck, NY
Ami Faria, Exeter, NH
Joseph Beckmann, Syracuse, NY
Deborah Carter, Massapequa, NY
Joshua Topliffe, Sussex, NB
Gary Stocking, Naugatuck, CT



Members at Large (MAL's) would you like to belong to a unit in your area? Then reach out to one of the units below to inquire how you can join them. Some of the benefits for joining a unit are:

- Meet other parliamentarians in your area.
- Regular professional development opportunities to further your parliamentary knowledge.
- Opportunity to teach others about parliamentary procedure.
- Practice in applying parliamentary procedure.

To reach out to a local unit click on the hyperlink next to the units name.

Unit	Association	Contact
Buffalo-Niagara Parliamentarians of Western NY	NYAP	Contact: tomasinacook@aol.com
Gotham Parliamentarians of NY	NYAP	https://www.facebook.com/GothamParliamentarians/
Lee Demeter Registered Parliamentarians Unit	NYAP	Contact: jacksondi@aol.com
Parliamentarians of Albany, NY	NYAP	Contact: cellispany@gmail.com
Parliamentarians of Greater, NY	NYAP	https://allevents.in/org/parliamentarians-of-greater-new-york/19108318
Parliamentarians of Brooklyn, NY	NYAP	http://www.parliamentariansofbrooklyn.org/
Parliamentarians of Metro NY	NYAP	https://www.parliprosmny.org/
Parliamentarians of Nassau-Suffolk Counties, NY	NYAP	https://nypnsc.org/
Parliamentarians of Queens, NY	NYAP	https://pgnyc.org/
Parliamentarians of Westchester NY	NYAP	https://www.facebook.com/Parliamentarians-of-Westchester-New-York-100124795085643
Greater Parliamentarians of Brooklyn NY	NYAP	Contact: infogpbkeunit@gmail.com
George Demeter Unit	NEAP	https://www.linkedin.com/company/nap-george-demeter/ or https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeDemeterUnit/
Parliamentarians of Boston, MA	NEAP	https://membershippbma.wixsite.com/my-site

NEW UNIT FEATURE:

GREATER PARLIAMENTARIANS OF BROOKLYN, NY (GBNY)



Diana Duncan -Ramsden, PRP
President

The Greater Parliamentarians of Brooklyn New York Electronic Unit has officially been formed as part of the National Association of Parliamentarians. This new unit is dedicated to serving individuals across Brooklyn and beyond, providing a platform for members who are interested in learning and mastering parliamentary procedures.

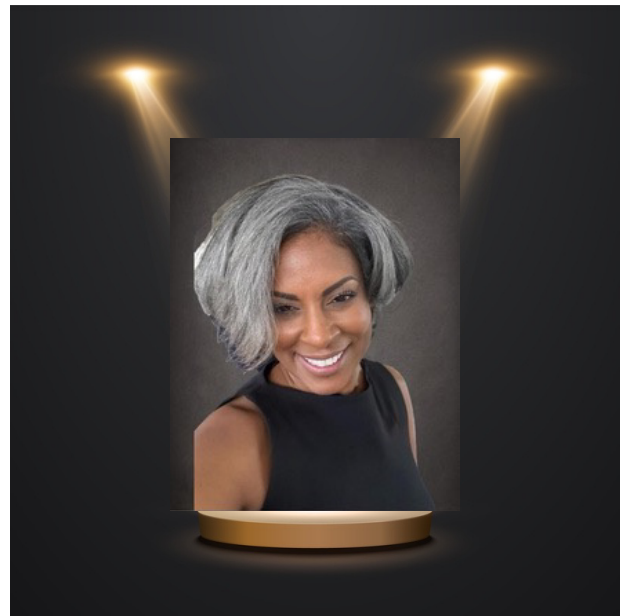
As an electronic unit, the Greater Parliamentarians of Brooklyn New York is open to members from any location, allowing for a flexible and accessible learning environment. Whether participants are just beginning their journey with parliamentary law or are seasoned professionals, this unit offers an inclusive and educational space for all.

"Our goal is to foster a deeper understanding of parliamentary procedures and to help individuals effectively participate in and preside over meetings," said Diana Duncan-Ramsden, PRP, President of the newly formed unit. "We are excited to bring this opportunity to the Brooklyn community and to anyone interested in joining, regardless of location."

For more information or to inquire about membership, please contact infofpbkeunit@gmail.com.



SABRA PACHECO, RP
VICE PRESIDENT, NYAP

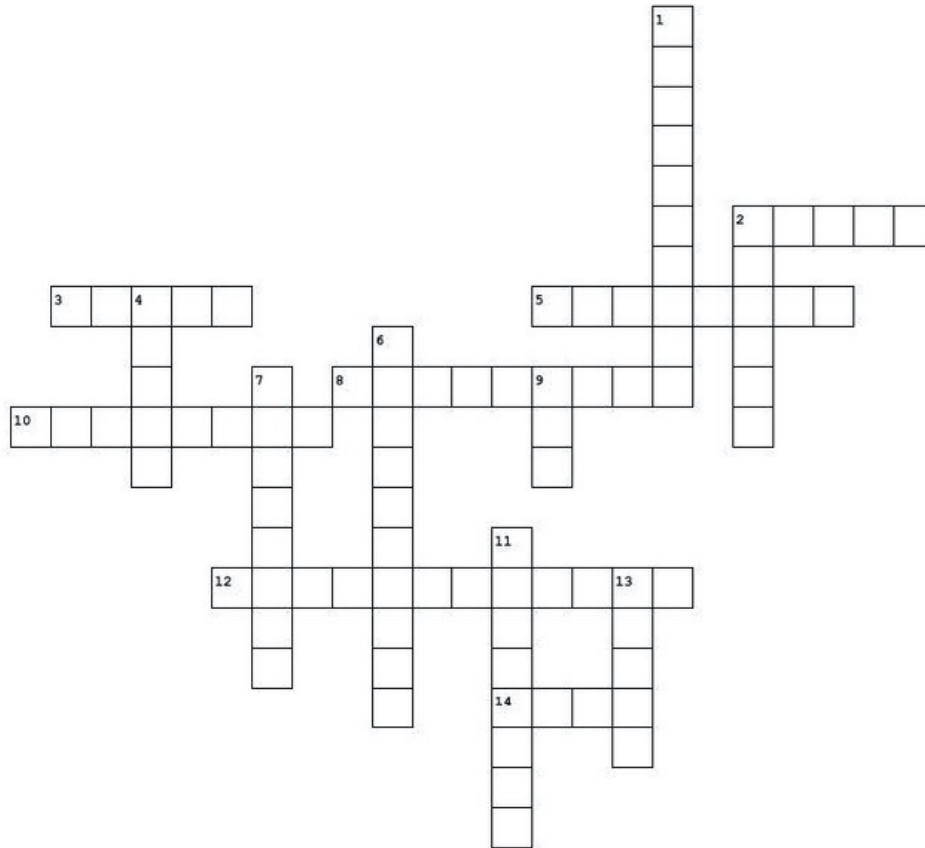


Sabra S. Pacheco is a dynamic parliamentarian with a passion for structure, organizational excellence, and ensuring that every meeting is both effective and engaging. Since earning her Registered Parliamentarian (RP) credential and joining the American Institute of Parliamentarians in 2019, Sabra has designed and delivered impactful workshops and training sessions for colleges and organizations of all sizes. Her expertise spans a wide range of parliamentary topics, from motions and meeting procedures to nominations, voting, and debate protocol. Known for her skill in helping organizations update their bylaws and build sustainable practices, Sabra goes beyond the rules—she transforms them into tools for success.

Sabra serves as Vice President of the New York Association of Parliamentarians and the newly elected Vice President of the Parliamentarians of Westchester, NY, while remaining active in several other parliamentary units. A proud Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, she holds a BA in Journalism and an MA in Speech and Interpersonal Communication from New York University. In addition to her parliamentary work, Sabra brings her governance expertise to her role as a career admissions professional at one of the most sought-after schools in New York City, as well as to her service on the Board of Directors for her NYC co-op.

A lifelong New Yorker now residing in Riverdale, Sabra co-captains a local running group where she helps coordinate events and training opportunities that inspire runners of all levels. She believes in the power of community—whether it's building stronger organizations or running toward the finish line. Currently, Sabra is pursuing the Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) credential and plans to earn the AIP Teacher Certification to expand her work as an educator and leader in parliamentary procedure. Whether she's navigating bylaws or charting a course for a 5K, Sabra brings energy, expertise, and a commitment to helping organizations and individuals find their stride.

Committees Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. designated reporter for the committee unless another is chosen by the committee
3. variation of #1 down where the presiding officer remains as chair
5. variation of #1 down where it is merely the relaxation of the rules of debate, " ... consideration"
8. members only session
10. quorum in a committee unless otherwise specified
12. a committee that the president should not be an ex-officio member of
14. coming out of the committee of the whole the assembly votes to "... and report"

Down

1. allows the full assembly to give detailed consideration of a matter, "committee ..."
2. motion to send something to a committee for review
4. type of committee that is discharged once its final report is given
6. committee member that is not counted for the purpose of determining quorum
7. type of committee formed to perform a continuing function
9. number of committee members that can call a committee meeting if not done so by committee chair
11. report from committee members not agreeing with the will of the committee
13. another name for the motion to send something to a committee for review

Submitted by: Orson Williams, RP, District Parliamentarian

DISTRICT ONE CALL TO ACTION

2025 District One Biennial Conference

The 2025 District One Biennial Conference needs all hands on deck! If you are interested in serving as Chair or on a committee please scan or complete the form below:

Conference Chairs:

- Awards
- Conference Secretary
- Conference Treasurer
- Credential
- Registration
- Timekeeper
- Technology
- Workshop



Committee Members:

- Awards
- Minutes Approval
- Workshop
- Tellers
- Technology



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Scan QR code to sign up

- or -

<https://tinyurl.com/2025D1-Signup>

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2025 DISTRICT ONE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Month	District Plan	Dates
January 2025	Education Workshop: Appeal From the Decision of the Chair and Special Orders, 1 CEU credit* To (re)register: https://tinyurl.com/D1-Jan2025	January 26 th  SCAN HERE
February 2025	New Members Training Session	February 11 th
April 2025	2025 District One Biennial Conference Toyin Ajasin, RP, Conference Chairman, PWNV	April 5 TH 2025, (Tentatively) NYC

* Awaiting approval on CEU credit



<https://districtonenap.org>



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Email:
Psheltonpnsc@gmail.com or
napd1d@districtonenap.org



Meeting request:
<https://calendly.com/psheltonpnsc/30min>



National Association of Parliamentarians®

DISTRICT ONE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

PLESHETTE N. SHELTON, RP, DISTRICT DIRECTOR

APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR AND SPECIAL ORDERS

PRESENTER: DR. JACQUITA WRIGHT-HENDERSON, RP



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
8:00 PM EST VIA ZOOM**

**NAP CREDENTIALLED
MEMBERS (RP & PRP)
EARN 1.0 CEU CREDIT**

MEETING LOGISTICS:

**CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR COPY AND PASTE
INTO YOUR BROWSER**

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/D1-JAN2025](https://tinyurl.com/D1-JAN2025)



SCAN QR CODE