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## DISTRICT EIGHT NEWSLETTER

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Where does the time go? Even though we have had a very strange and challenging year so far, life goes on. I would like to welcome our new members since our last newsletter, and I welcome you again if you are new to district 8.

Since the last newsletter, your district 8 director has attended the Arizona Annual meeting and the NAP NTC meeting. By Zoom software. It is a challenge and vastly different. I attended the California annual meeting on Oct 3. The new Zoom platform lets us save time and money attending functions we might not have been able to attend otherwise. I hope that all of you can experience attending meetings and seminars with the new technology available to us. Just think of the possibilities. How many of you are conducting Parliamentary consulting or training differently than you have in the past? Has the new technology opened new doors for you that we had not thought of in the past?

I have been attending my HOA meetings by Zoom and even have consulted and served as a Parliamentarian using the Zoom platform.

Some of you know I am also a Real Estate agent and I own my own real estate school. Yes, you guessed it I am teaching Real estate CE classes by Zoom as well.

I hate to even mention the word Covid 19, but it has opened some new doors that many of us would have found too challenging had we not been forced to learn new opportunities for personal growth and for income.

This director like everyone else is growing tired of COVID and all the precautions we are taking that few of us think are really helping. I am looking forward to when we can meet in person again and catch up on all the things we have missed. I miss the opportunity to meet and greet and shake hands. The challenge of the future is what does the new normal look like?

What is the future of Parliamentarians and renewing our credentials? It is time to remind you to renew your credentials both RP's and PRP's; time is short, and we need you as credentialed members of NAP!!

I am looking forward to our next in person meeting. Until that time please accept the challenge to upgrade your technology skills and attend your meetings with the various types of electronic meetings currently out there.

We hope to get back on track with a quarterly Newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or parliamentary challenges or maybe an article you were thinking of writing, there

are points for being published and for attending NAP Webinars. There are even points for conducting your parliamentary business.

Until we can meet and shake hands in person, accept the challenges and bring some new skills to your parliamentary life. Your challenge is to stay involved and continue to contribute to your organization and your personal growth!

Do the best you can to be a contributing member of NAP.

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**California State Association of Parliamentarians**  
**Sally F. LaMacchia, PRP, President**

**Greetings from California!**



Oh, my goodness, it's almost **THE END** of 2021! It seems only yesterday... We in California have experienced the shared ups and downs of our fellow Americans and Parliamentarians over these past two years. So much across District 8 and the rest of the country is uncertain. These are dynamic times. While momentum builds, the direction of our collective energy remains in question. What is crucial is that we continue to work together. Parliamentary procedure shines brightest when it provides a means for real communication to help solve real problems.

This past year has been a good one for CSAP and for District 8. Attendance at the District 8 Biennium was outstanding! It was therefore even more disappointing when attendance at the CSAP Annual Meeting in October was less than expected. Reasons for the low turnout not understood, but the incoming Board will do its best to learn from our members and on that basis, to take actions that will increase attendance in 2022 to this outstanding, once-a-year event. The CSAP Executive Committee met on November 17<sup>th</sup> and will propose an August date for our Annual Meeting to the full Board in January. CSAP is interested in knowing how other District 8 Associations plan to conduct their 2022 Annual Business Meeting. It was decided that a virtual meeting would be better attended.

CSAP distributed a series of polls prior to our October 2021 Annual Meeting. From those polls, which will be studied further, we have learned that more virtual workshops were wanted by our members. And not just workshops, but virtual Unit and Area meetings, too. Most who took the polls were clear though, that in an election year like 2022, an in-person Annual Meeting is preferred. So, this year, CSAP will strive to hold its Annual Business Meeting and Workshops *in person*. The remaining question is whether CSAP can find a way to host a hybrid meeting, so that members and guests who cannot attend in person can still attend virtually. Whatever the final arrangements, I look forward to all upcoming, 2022 meetings!

On a related note, as of November 1, I have begun a term as Unit President for the Channel Islands Parliamentarians, or "CIP". I have been a CIP member since 2010, when the Unit was

known as Zeta Chi. This Unit will always hold a special place in my heart, and it is my great honor to serve as Unit President once again. I appreciate the opportunity.

Now it is December 2021! It is Winter, crisp and pure! The Holidays are here! California is beautiful! All of us at CSAP wish all of you in District 8 the Very Best of this Holiday Season. It is a time for gratitude and patience, generosity, optimism, and hope. A time for smiling and yes, for hugging. A time to relax, recharge, and recommit to the greater good.

So, Enjoy! For the next few weeks cherish this time with family and friends, friends who **are** family, and all of the loves in your life. Let us be kind to ourselves and to each other. I cannot wait to work with CSAP members in the coming year, and with all of you, to make 2022 an exceptional year for District 8, for CSAP, and for NAP!

Happy Holidays to All of You, and Bless Us, Everyone.



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**China Association of Parliamentarians**

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**Wish you all the Happy Holidays**



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