

News From Your Department Parliamentarian

Fall is here! At least that's what the calendar says, but Mother Nature hasn't quite made up her mind yet. The leaves are changing but the temperatures are rising and dipping. Hope you get a chance to enjoy the beauty!

At Fall Conference PDP Pat Michalski tried to cover the main topics for Parliamentarian. She did a Great job. I will highlight for you a couple of fundamentals she discussed for those who could not be there.

The Constitution and Bylaws are both documents of our organization. The constitution is the main frame of the organization that determines the fundamentals of the organization. These fundamentals are matters such as: the organization's name, purpose, membership, officers, meetings, rules of procedure and amendments.

The Bylaws are based on the Constitution but determine the detailed guidelines of the organization and also states the daily work of the organization. The Bylaws consists of matters such as duties of the officers, duties of advisor, committees, elections, finance and amendments. As you can see , the Constitution is the main structure of the organization while Bylaws add the filling to the structure. In other words bylaws are the specifics of your organization.

Bylaws are due to the Department Parliamentarian every three (3) years. Notice must be given to the membership when bylaw changes are to take place. When making changes to your bylaws, make sure they are presented to your local auxiliary twice. They should be read at one meeting once, then read, discussed and voted on at the next meeting. Changes are to be voted on by the body.

I hope this helps some of you that may have been confused on differences between the Constitution as it relates to the bylaws. I will write about other parliamentarian subjects next time.

The following auxiliaries have bylaws due during this year: #115 due June 2020, #120 due November 2019, #121 due May 2020, #126 due February 2020, District II June 2020.

Remember that Revalidations now come to the Department Parliamentarian. You must file your 990 or 990e-postcard but you no longer have to send it to the Department.

Remember we are a family! Let's try to all work together as one. If there are issues, try to sit down with the family member that you are having issues with and try to work them out. It is sometimes easier to talk to someone face to face than through an e-mail or text.

If you have any questions or concerns about any issues please call me or e-mail me at: 586-598-8285 or 586-876-1827 kdgmo2@gmail.com

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