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Association Spotlight

Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians

The Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians was founded in 1953, by Dr. R. J. Parker, when Hawaii was known as the Territory of Hawaii. Hawaii became a state in 1959. And the association has been affiliated with NAP since 1964.



Governor of Hawaii Neil Abercrombie celebrates Parliamentary Law Month with the Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians.

With the following interview, *NP* takes a closer look at the Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians:

What do you do to attract How do you assist members new members? in becoming registered?

One effort—through the initiative of Steve Glanstein, PRP—targeted condo management organizations, resulted in the quadrupling of membership.

in becoming registered? We established a monthly

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d research exercise which we named
s, "Turner Classics," after the late Jim
of Turner who started the practice,
in which two research questions

quoted from the current RONR are provide practice in researching the presented at the end of each monthly current RONR, helpful for the RP Aloha 'Ohana Unit meeting, to exam.



HSAP President Dr. William Puette, PRP and Governor of Hawaii Neil Abercrombie

Names of HSAP past state presidents adorn wooden gavel pounder, which is passed to each new president

How do you encourage RPs to become PRPs?

We made a concerted effort to increase the number of PRPs in our state and developed an evolving course of study over about five months to help RPs gain the meeting skills and knowledge necessary to successfully complete the PQC

course. Subsequently six RPs successfully completed the PQC course and were certified as PRPs—Rachel Glanstein, Susan Govier, Jerry Govier, Sean Lucas, Janet Wilks, and Jim Turner.

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education

How do you engage the public and local organizations?

organizations and individuals to organizations to conduct meetings authored Meetings in Hawaiian, which, along with NeSmith, PRP and Richard Keaoopuaokalani Parliamentary Guide to Conducting publish the Na Lula Halawai: A Office of Hawaiian Affairs and other We have partnered with the in which will by William J. Puette, Hawaiian, in 2014, enable

English, is one of the two official languages of Hawaii. We have reached out to the leadership of the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE), one of the largest school systems in the US, with a statewide system to provide parliamentary procedure workshops to student leaders and to assist with mock student legislative

How do you spread the word about the benefits of parliamentary procedure and NAP?

sessions.

We have gotten the state gover- observation of the annual Parlianors, legislators, and the Mayor of mentary Law Month. Honolulu to sign proclamations in

What steps have you taken to increase the impact of parliamentary procedure in your communities?

We have lobbied in the state leg- I islature on parliamentary issues, i in keeping with the parliamentary

principles and practices contained in RONR.

What educational programs do you offer?

In partnership with the University units (CEUs) for those completing the of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, we sponsor 20-hour program, which focuses on an annual online class in Parliamen- the NAP membership exam. * tary Procedure,

tary Procedure, taught by Dr. Puette, PRP. The University now awards continu-

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