

**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF  
PARLIAMENTARIANS**

**STANDING RULES**

1. The permanent address of California State Association of Parliamentarians (CSAP) Headquarters shall be established in the City and County of San Francisco at a fixed address determined by the Board of Directors. \$100 shall be allotted annually for postage and necessary Headquarters expenses upon presentation of a bill. The archives, including Articles of Incorporation, previous minutes' books, and other records deemed necessary by the Board of Directors shall be stored at the permanent address.
2. The emblem for CSAP shall be the outline of the State of California with the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) mace super-imposed thereon. The colors of this Association shall be the cornflower blue and daisy yellow.
3. CSAP shall declare the month of April each year to be Parliamentary Law Month.
4. The CSAP roster shall not be used by any member for professional or business promotion.
5. No expenditures shall be made or reimbursed by CSAP unless included in a previously budgeted allocation or approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.
6. An expense fund in the amount of \$1000 shall be established annually for reimbursement to the State President for expenses incurred as a delegate for attending the NAP Convention and/or the Leadership Conference. In the event the President is unable to attend, the alternate shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred as the delegate, not to exceed \$1000.
7. An expense fund in the amount of \$1000 shall be established annually for reimbursement to the State Vice President for expenses incurred as a delegate for attending the NAP Convention and/or Leadership Conference. In the event the Vice President is unable to attend, the alternate shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred as the delegate, not to exceed \$1000.

8. The Treasurer shall be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$3,000, payable to CSAP, to be given to the new Treasurer in order to pay the immediate expenses while the changeover is taking place.
9. The Treasurer shall be authorized to issue and forward to the Mailing Chairman, each year, the following checks:
  - A. Appropriate funds deposited in advance to the postal imprint account as necessary.
  - B. Renewal fee for the mailing permit in the amount designated by US Postal Service.
10. After NAP has sent CSAP its share of membership dues, the Treasurer shall rebate to each Area three dollars (\$3.00) per Area member, using membership counts as of the NAP membership forfeiture date (March 1).
11. The Board of Directors shall institute or approve ways in which money may be raised by CSAP.
12. A designated area for private sale of related parliamentary law materials shall be provided at each Convention.
13. Areas shall be allowed to make approved materials available at Area meetings.
14. Education materials may be purchased by members directly from the CSAP Education Committee Chairman.
15. The *California Parliamentarian* shall be made available to Student and Provisional members at the rate of \$5 per term, which money shall be mailed to the CSAP Treasurer.
16. A notice shall be printed in the second issue of the *California Parliamentarian* each term urging Units to submit one or more names of proposed candidates for office stating the candidates' qualifications. The notice shall state that these proposed nominations are to be sent to the Nominating Committee before the May 1 deadline.

17. Any resolution to be considered by the CSAP Convention shall be received by the Bylaws Committee no later than 90 days prior to convention. Resolutions shall be published in the *California Parliamentarian - Call to Convention*. Emergency resolutions may be presented at the Convention with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates.
  
18. Units shall be designated by “California, (Greek alphabet name), a Unit of NAP”, with clearance of such name by the CSAP Growth and Service Committee Chairman.
  
19. The awards given by CSAP may include:
  - A. Honorary Service Certificate
  
  - B. President’s Award
  
  - C. And such other awards as may be adopted by the Board of Directors. The criteria for each award, with the exception of the President’s Award, shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The President’s Award may be awarded by the President to an individual for service to CSAP, criteria to be determined by the President.
  
20. CSAP shall publish the following information annually, unless otherwise stated:
  - A. Officers’ information for NAP, District VIII, Association, Areas and Units.
  
  - B. In years in which an NAP membership directory is not published, two membership rosters: One with members listed alphabetically and one with members listed by Unit and Members-at-Large (MAL).
  
  - C. Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Board Rules of Procedure, whenever those documents have been amended or revised.

- D. Explanation and application forms for awards and recognition as per Standing Rule No. 21; information on Unit officers' duties, Unit formation, and other information pertaining to the operation of Units.
- E. Other materials as ordered by the Board of Directors.
21. Each new member shall be provided with copies of CSAP's governing documents, membership rosters, and any other materials determined by the Board of Directors.
22. Areas will have the following relationships to CSAP:
- A. CSAP Areas shall be governed by CSAP Bylaws.
- B. CSAP Areas shall carry out the functions outlined in the CSAP Bylaws and in the Area Standing Rules.
- C. CSAP Board of Directors shall provide support, services and assistance to Areas, whenever possible.
- D. CSAP Areas may offer parliamentary institutes, co-sponsored by CSAP; CSAP Institute Certificates shall be issued to those who complete four or more hours of instruction by Registered or Professional Registered Parliamentarians.
23. By February 15 of year, each Area Director shall provide an annual financial report to the CSAP Treasurer for the previous fiscal year (Dec 1-Nov 30). The CSAP Treasurer shall designate a form and/or format for this purpose. The President or the Treasurer may require any other information necessary to comply with state or federal reporting requirements or that would assist the CSAP Board of Directors in managing CSAP's financial resources and assets.
24. If a CSAP member, in good standing, arrives at the Convention and seeks to become a delegate and is not granted delegate status because registration materials and/or payment, or credentialing authorization from appropriate authority was not received, the member may appeal for delegate status by: First, to the Registration or Credentials Committee, whichever is

appropriate; second, to the CSAP President; third, directly to the Convention at any Convention business meeting.

25. The CSAP Standing Rules may be amended by a majority vote of CSAP delegates when assembled in Convention, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors between Conventions. Amendments to the Standing Rules adopted by the Board between Conventions shall be published in the next issue of the *California Parliamentarian*.

AMENDED: Sept. 24, 1994; Sept. 9, 1995; Sept. 6, 1997; Sept. 12, 1998; Sept. 18, 1999; Sept. 16, 2000; Oct. 2, 2001; Oct. 2, 2004; Oct. 14, 2005; Oct. 19, 2007; Sept. 12, 2009; Mar. 4, 2010; Oct. 2, 2010; Oct. 15, 2011