



# Call to Order



## A Letter From Your FBLA National Parliamentarian

On behalf of the National Parliamentarian's Council, I am proud to announce this first edition of Call To Order. Each month, you will read articles about everything from challenging motions to people who truly "parli like pros."

We hope that this newsletter will make it easier for you to grow as a Parliamentarian and to share your appreciation of "Parli Pro" with the FBLA numbers you serve. We encourage you to spread the newsletter within your districts and states as well.

Please feel free to contact me at [FBLAParl@fbla.org](mailto:FBLAParl@fbla.org), or any of the other National Parliamentarian's Council members if you have any questions or suggestions.

Enjoy!

*Nadine Goldberg*

FBLA National Parliamentarian



## National Parliamentarian's Council Update

*by Brendan Hopkins*

The National Parliamentarian's Council has gotten off to an excellent start. The council has already had two conference calls, in which members have discussed plans for the upcoming year. A Program of Work has been solidified for the upcoming year, which focuses on increasing awareness of parliamentary procedure

and providing a set of tools that members can use to learn and effectively utilize parliamentary procedure. In order to provide these tools, the National Parliamentarian's Council is working on developing a toolkit that will be featured on the national FBLA website. This toolkit will include guides, videos, and pres-

entations on parliamentary procedure. In addition, the council is striving to improve relations with the National Association of Parliamentarians in order to utilize their collective knowledge, resources, and experiences.

The council is looking forward to a productive year!

## The Council:

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**Roopa Shankar**  
**Rachel Ford**  
**Janet Chu**  
**Caleb Goodness**  
**Brendan Hopkins**  
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FBLA National Executive Parliamentarian  
FBLA Southern Region Parliamentarian  
FBLA Western Region Parliamentarian  
FBLA North Central Region Parliamentarian  
FBLA Eastern Region Parliamentarian  
FBLA Mountain Plains Region Parliamentarian

# NAP Connection

## Becoming an NAP Member

by Nadine Goldberg

You probably know that the National Association of Parliamentarians partners with FBLA-PBL in order to help our members become the leaders of tomorrow. But did you know that you have the opportunity to become an NAP member?

NAP members have the opportunity to network with other Parliamentarians at the local, state, district, national, and even international levels, and receive a subscription to the NAP's quarterly publication, the *National Parliamentarian*. They're first to know about workshops and seminars in their area, and they can attend state and district conferences, the national training conference, and the NAP Biennial Convention. Finally, all members are eligible to serve in leadership roles at the local and state levels, and as delegates at state

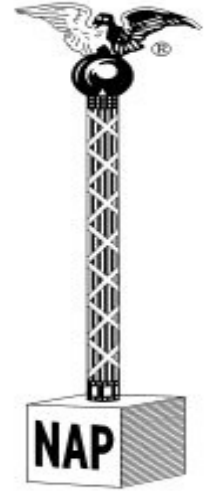
and national conventions.

Interested? Here's how to become a member:

1. Complete the appropriate NAP Application, which can be found at <http://parliamentarians.org/application.php>, and choose whether you will take the membership exam online or on paper.
2. Submit the application, along with your first year's dues, to the NAP headquarters. Dues for full-time students are \$37.50 *plus* the cost of your state's dues.
3. Take the membership exam under the supervision of a NAP member or other responsible community member.

4. Receive confirmation within a few weeks after you complete the exam.

**Best of luck!**



## National Parliamentarian's Council

### Spotlight

by Rachel Ford

The NPC works hard to help FBLA on "The Gateway to Greatness!" We also want all Parliamentarians to know who we are, and why we are on the NPC. For the first installment, I conducted an interview with the FBLA National Parliamentarian, Nadine Goldberg. Nadine works very hard as the leader of the NPC, and she is someone we can all look up to! I hope you all enjoy meeting a different officer each month.

#### WHICH HIGH SCHOOL DO YOU ATTEND?

Miami Beach Senior High School

#### WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER OFFICES IN FBLA?

Local Parliamentarian, 2010-2011, Florida State Parliamentarian, 2011-2012

#### WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO CREATE THIS YEAR'S NPC?

I created this year's NPC as a support system for state, district, and local parliamentarians across the country. Our goal is to make it easier for you to promote parliamentary procedure, through student-made resources and regular communication.

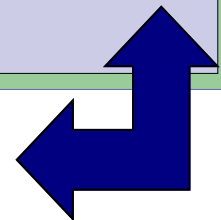
#### WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT FBLA AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE?

FBLA has continually pushed me out of my comfort zone, in the best way possible. My experiences in FBLA have made me more comfortable with everything from public speaking to meeting new people. I especially love being involved with parliamentary procedure because I have such a deep appreciation for the efficiency and fairness that "parli pro" can contribute to a meeting.

#### ARE THERE ANY OTHER AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS, OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

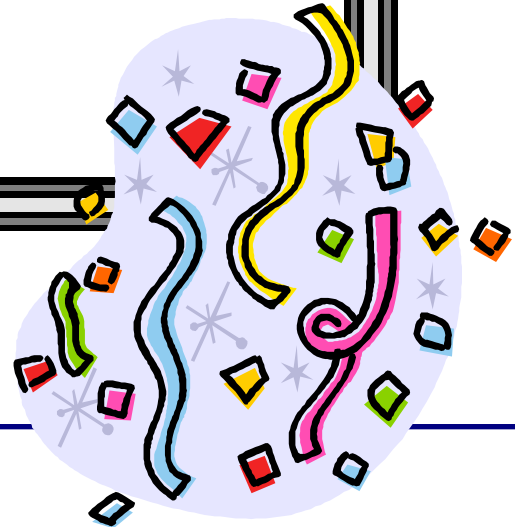
In addition to FBLA, I am involved in my school newspaper, my school's philanthropic organization, my temple youth group, and my coral reef education project. I hope to meet as many of you as possible during this exciting year!

**November Spotlight:  
Nadine Goldberg**



*Calling all State Parliamentarians!*

Have you done something noteworthy to promote Parliamentary Procedure in your area? We want to know!  
 Contact [roopashankar@gmail.com](mailto:roopashankar@gmail.com) for your chance to be featured in "Call to Order."



## Opportunities in Parliamentary Procedure

by Janet Chu

For those who are passionate about Parliamentary Procedure, or are just curious and interested, this calendar of events should prove to be a useful tool. Utilize it to get the most out of your Parliamentary Procedure experience!

See these websites for more information:

<http://parliamentarians.org/eventlist.php>

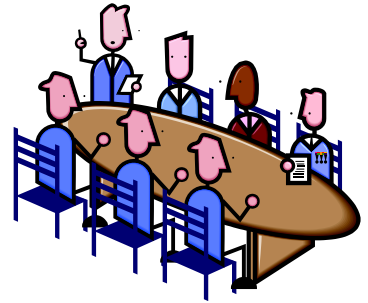
<http://www.jimslaughter.com/parliamentarycalendar.htm>

<b>January 23-29, 2012</b>	<b>American Institute of Parliamentarians Certified Parliamentarian exam period</b>		
<b>January 26-28, 2012</b>	<b>AIP West Coast Parliamentary Procedure Practicum</b> Ontario, CA	<b>April 20-21, 2012</b>	<b>Tennessee Association of Parliamentarians Annual Meeting (NAP)</b> Burns, TN
<b>January 28, 2012</b>	<b>American Institute of Parliamentarians Certified Professional Parliamentarian exam</b> Ontario, CA	<b>May 18-20, 2012</b>	<b>Texas State Association of Parliamentarians Annual Convention (NAP)</b> San Antonio, TX
<b>January 29-30, 2012</b>	<b>AIP Executive Board Meeting</b> Ontario, CA	<b>June 1-3, 2012</b>	<b>District Five Conference 2012 (NAP)</b> Omaha, NE
<b>March 16, 2012</b>	<b>American Institute of Parliamentarians Certified Parliamentarian exam registration deadline for June exam period</b>	<b>June 2-8, 2012</b>	<b>AIP East Coast Parliamentary Procedure Practicum</b> Baltimore, MD
<b>April 13, 2012</b>	<b>American Institute of Parliamentarians Certified Professional Parliamentarian exam registration deadline for June exam</b>	<b>June 2-8, 2012</b>	<b>American Institute of Parliamentarians Certified Parliamentarian exam period</b>
		<b>June 9, 2012</b>	<b>American Institute of Parliamentarians Certified Professional Parliamentarian exam</b> Baltimore, MD
		<b>July 18, 2012</b>	<b>AIP Pre-Annual Session Board Meeting</b> Fort Worth, TX

# Motions Made Simple

## Lay On The Table

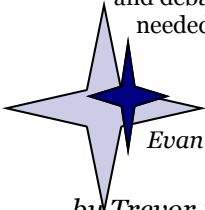
by Caleb Goodness



The motion to “Lay on the Table” is one of the most ill-used motions that I know of, and that is why I chose to write about it for the first article of “Motions Made Simple.” Lay on the Table is the highest ranking subsidiary motion, and can be applied to any main motion or incidental main motion. To “table” a motion is to set the motion aside in order to pursue more urgent business. This motion is commonly mistaken for Postpone to a Certain Time because both have similar effects on the motions they’re added to.

The difference is that Lay on the Table is only used when there is urgent business to attend to. To Postpone to a Certain Time moves the pending motion to a set time in the future. Lay on the Table is only in effect until a motion to Take from the Table is made, and business resumes on the motion. The motion to Take from the Table can be made at any point after the urgent business is addressed. If the motion is not taken from the table by the end of the next regular meeting, the motion dies. The motion to Lay on the Table is not debatable and cannot be amended. A second is needed and it takes a majority vote to pass.

The proper way to state this motion is “I move to lay the question on the table,” or “I move that that the question be laid on the table.” You cannot say: “I move to lay the question on the table until 3 pm.” If this is done, the chair treats this as Postpone to a Certain Time and debate begins. This motion is very important but is rarely used. When the time comes in your meetings and this motion is needed, I hope you understand how to properly move to “Lay on the Table!”



*Evan Lemoine is a professionally registered Parliamentarian and currently serves as National Treasurer for the National Association of Parliamentarians. He has been a national officer in both FBLA and PBL.*

by Trevor Sorensen

## Interview with Evan Lemoine

### 1. When and why did you first become interested in parliamentary procedure?

My interest in parliamentary procedure initially began when I was in middle school and was elected Student Council President in eighth grade. There were many other students I worked with and I knew our meetings needed to have some type of order to them. This is how I initially discovered Robert’s Rules.

When I joined FBLA in ninth grade, parliamentary procedure was vital as I progressed as a local, state, and national officer. It was also pivotal in college in PBL having served again as a local, state, and national officer; and also as Chief Justice of my university’s Student Government Association.

### 2. What drew you to become a credentialed parliamentarian?

It really wasn’t until I attended my first convention of the National Association of Parliamentarians back in 2007 when I realized I needed to become a credentialed parliamentarian. It truly sets you apart from others, as nearly anyone could proclaim they are a parliamentarian. The credentials though show you have a certain level of knowledge, and

earn you a lot of respect in organizations that you serve. While no one person “pushed” me to become credentialed, I did it because I know it will serve me in the long haul.

### 3. What has been one highlight of your career as a parliamentarian?

As an eight year FBLA-PBL member, and having now continued on as a Professional Division member, I find the biggest highlight of my career was being appointed Phi Beta Lambda National Parliamentarian and serving as a national officer. I had many opportunities to present workshops across the nation at various state and national conferences, and it is very rewarding to carry on your knowledge to other members to keep the torch of knowledge going.

### 4. What are your hobbies outside of parliamentary procedure?

I am a certified public accountant (CPA) and certified fraud examiner (CFE) who works as an auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Outside of parliamentary procedure and work, I enjoy traveling, reading, and reuniting with friends from high school, college, and FBLA.

### 5. What advice do you have for FBLA members interested in parliamentary procedure?

Reading Robert’s Rules won’t make you a parliamentarian any more than reading a cookbook will make you a chef. The best way to learn is to understand the basic principles. As an example, if you know anything which affects a member’s rights takes a two-thirds vote, you should be able to identify limiting/extending debate and the previous question require a two-thirds vote. It is generally easier to understand the principles and how it affects different motions, instead of learning the intricate rules of each motion without knowing WHY.

I also urge you all to consider becoming a credentialed parliamentarian in NAP, as it will help you later in college and in your professional careers even if formal parliamentary rules do not necessarily apply. I’ve participated in many good and bad meetings, and often the bad meetings were led by individuals who had no agenda, were uncomfortable with over-seeing discussion, and didn’t manage to bring the meeting participants together on one solution. Even in business, these skills will work well for you in addition to making a unique discussion point for job interviews.

