PARLIAMENTARY SOCIETY OF TORONTO - CHAPTER 51 AIP
Founded October 28th 1986

AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting April 2, 2024 at 5:45 pm

Room 308, Metro Hall at 55 John Street, Toronto
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5:45 PM – Introduction and Welcome **–** Doris Duni

1. Approval of the Agenda – Doris Duni, Chair

2. Minutes – Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2024 – Tim Sulisz, Secretary

6:00 PM - 3. Program – Kay Crews, CPP-T, PRP – Minutes Should Not Take Hours

7:00 PM - 4. Reports
a) Treasurer's Report – Henry Miller, Treasurer
b) Other Officer Reports
c) Report by the Nominating Committee – Michael Mouritsen

5. Unfinished Business
None

6. New Business
a) AGM and Election of Officers for 2023/2024 – Doris Duni
b) May Annual Dinner Meeting – Michael Kobzar

7:25 PM - 7. Quiz – TBD

7:35 PM - 8. Presiding Practice – George Meek

7:50 PM – 9. Member Problems – Doris Duni

8:00 PM - 10. Adjournment

Note: Please bring your Parliamentary Authorities to reference and learn from during the session.

Next Meeting: May Annual Dinner Meeting, May 7, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

Program Description

- **Chair** – This position is rotated to a different member each meeting to give them experience and confidence in chairing a meeting
- **Minutes** – the minutes of the previous meeting are confirmed (and sometimes amended)
- **Reports** – reports are presented from the Officers who have information on their responsibilities for the members
- **Unfinished Business** – any business from a previous meeting which needs to be addressed
- **New Business** – any action that the members desire to take regarding the Society
- **Program** – This is one of the most important parts of the meeting. At the beginning of the year the Director of Programs canvasses the members to research and present a particular parliamentary topic at a meeting for the coming year. This gives the member an opportunity to research a topic in depth using one or more Parliamentary Authorities and educates the rest of the members on the presentation. The presentation is usually done informally, with questions/comments by other members posed during the presentation.
- **Quiz –** A selected member on a rotational basis poses questions taken from AIP examinations or educational material to the members.
- **Presiding Practice Session –** Formerly known as the 'hot seat', this session can consist of either a prepared parliamentary script (with members assigned participant roles, including that of chair) or live presiding practice without a script, in which a member chairs a mock session using a motion prepared by a member. Members volunteer for the presiding practice session on a rotational basis and, depending on the level of challenge they are comfortable with, choose either to participate using a script or not. If they choose to use a script, they can either prepare it themselves or ask the Director of Programs to provide one. If they choose to preside live, they assume the Chair and try to manage the various motions made by members (and it is recommended that a parliamentarian be appointed to assist the Chair during the live presiding session). This session teaches chairmanship and the practical handling of, at times, some very challenging parliamentary situations. There is an evaluation of the session at the end of the session.
- **Member Problems** – Members are able to bring forward parliamentary issues and obtain advice from other members