

Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians



RP Study Group (RPSG - Next Generation!)

WELCOME MEMBERS!

RPSG-Next Generation is an advanced study group designed to assist our members, who wish to become credentialed as a Registered Parliamentarian (RP) with MAP's parent organization, the National Association of Parliamentarians® (NAP).

RPSG-Next Generation is a facilitated peer-learning group that meets once a month to promote motivation, monitor progress, share experiences and analyze the complex issues identified in the study materials. This group uses an open dialogue format to increase the students' understanding of the numerous parliamentary situations within Robert's. The facilitator will lead discussions, answer questions, and provide study tips to help the students achieve success.

Although this group is designed for RP aspirants, all credentialed members are welcomed to join any class and share their expertise on the subject matter(s) under discussion.

These sessions are free, but the members need to purchase their own resources and make all examination arrangements directly with NAP.

Curriculum: Review of the *Performance Expectations* in Parts 1 to 8 of the Step One process.

RPSG Schedule: 3rd Monday of the month from 2-4 p.m. (September-May).

Study Materials needed for each class:

- *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th edition), cited as RONR (12th ed.).*
- *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief (3rd edition), cited as RONRIB (3rd ed.).*
- *Professional Practices in Parliamentary Procedure (2015, NAP), cited as PPPP.*
- *Pathway to Proficiency: Parliamentary Playbook (2014, NAP), cited as Playbook.*
- *Code of Professional Responsibility for Parliamentarians (free download from NAP website).*
- *The RP Performance Expectations (free download from the NAP website).*
- *What Will Be Tested documents & the Practice Questions for all Parts in Step One (free download)*

To become an RP you will need to successfully complete all 3 Steps* listed below, to wit:

Step One: Seven online 40-question quizzes, each of which has a 60-minute time limit and evaluates the ability to apply a different category of commonly used parliamentary rules, and an eighth "open book" quiz of 17 individually timed questions that evaluate a candidate's ability during a meeting to quickly look up and advise how to apply less commonly used rules (Time: 270 days to successfully complete Step 1**).

Step Two: Several written assignments (all "open book") demonstrating skill in performing the work a parliamentarian should be able to do outside of meetings, like drafting bylaw amendments, answering parliamentary questions, providing workshops, and preparing scripts, and a teaching demonstration (Time Limit: 180 days after completing Step 1 to successfully complete Step 2**)

Step Three: The capstone: serving as parliamentarian during a meeting simulation (Time Limit: 90 days after completing Step 2 to successfully complete Step 3**).

*Candidates for registered parliamentarian will be evaluated sequentially starting with Step 1. They will need to successfully complete Step 1, proceed to Step 2, successfully complete Step 2, and proceed to and complete Step 3.

**It is anticipated that most candidates will be able to complete the process in much less time.

For more information go to: <http://parliamentarians-mb.ca/study-groups/>