



**American Institute of Parliamentarians
Floyd M. Riddick Practicum
“Points of View: Celebrating Diverse Approaches”
June 13-17, 2008
Conference Center at the Maritime Institute (CCMIT)
Linthicum, MD (Near Baltimore-Washington International Airport)**

NEW LOCATION –

The 2008 AIP Riddick Practicum will be held at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, one of the largest training and conference centers in the Baltimore/Washington area. Although there are overnight guest rooms, attendees can feel free to stay anywhere or commute in daily, as the fees for the conference are separate from the sleeping rooms. Included in the registration fee is daily lunch in the 500-seat dining room (salads, hot entrees, grill, desserts, ice cream, etc.), break snacks morning and afternoon, free parking, and free shuttle service from BWI and the BWI Amtrak station for guests. Reserve your room before May 19.

NEW SCHEDULE–

The practicum will begin on Friday evening, June 13th, with registration, introductions, and a short presentation, and will conclude on Tuesday with a closing luncheon in a private area of the dining room. The rest of the days will be filled with excellent workshops, cameo presentations, and a special new activity with prizes. Classes will begin each day at 9:00am and end promptly at 5:30pm, with an hour for lunch and networking and a half hour break mid morning and afternoon so we can get our share of those great snacks the chef creates fresh each day.

NEW INSTRUCTORS–

Our faculty includes **Sarah Merkle, W. Craig Henry, and John Stackpole.**

Sarah Merkle, CPP is the youngest member of AIP to attain the CPP credential. Sarah serves local, regional and national clients including homeowner associations, professional associations, non-profit organizations, political groups, and churches. She has also taught beginning and advanced level university courses in parliamentary procedure. Sarah has been an active member of AIP, most recently serving as AIP Secretary.

W. Craig Henry, CP is President of dbaMeeting, LLC, and has over thirty years of experience as a meeting management consultant. Craig is the author of *Parliamentary Parallels: A Comparison of Parliamentary Sources*, published by NAP in 1997. Craig serves clients and the public as a teacher, professional presiding officer, meeting facilitator, convention parliamentarian, expert witness, and organizational strategist.

Dr. John D. Stackpole, CPP-T is best known as the chairman of the AIP Opinions Committee. John has served many organizations over the years in both a volunteer and professional parliamentary capacity. He has written numerous articles on parliamentary topics.

They are all working hard to bring you some new concepts and points of view. Topics will include: Previous Question (with scripting), Amendments, Governing Documents – Which Rules Rule?, Elections and Secret Ballots, Reports of Boards and Committees, and lots of discussion, networking, and hands on practice.

NEW STAFF –

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