

Charting the Course: Cruise Around Florida

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The NAP Biennial Convention is done and members are back in Florida absorbing the experience. Florida's delegates to the convention have written their reports for you to share what it was like. Read about a first-timers impressions along with how experienced members took it all in, including reports on how the voting on bylaws amendments turned out and the election results.

Thank yous go to Annjeanette Mitchell, Carol Prahinski, Karen Price, and Barbara Proctor for such thorough descriptions and recaps.

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**Barbara Proctor, PRP
FSAP President
2025-2027**

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FIFTH TUESDAY September 30, 2025 EXPLORE THE MOTION PATHWAY



**September 30, 2025
7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. ET**

First Vice President Sarah Russell, RP continues the learning with the program on Explore the Motion Pathway. This program is free!

[Register Here](#)

The Makings of a Successful Convention



Many years ago I had the pleasure of visiting the District 6 conference in Oklahoma City. It was there that I met Mary Davidson, RP. Mary gave a presentation on "Preventing Convention Disasters," one of the best presentations I'd heard on this subject. Not only was the presentation a standout, but she had wonderful handouts as well. Since I am a handout hoarder, I was not surprised to find that I still had some of her handouts in my files.

With September being a big convention month for parliamentarians, I thought I would share this handout with all of you even though it is now over 17 years old. It is an extensive checklist for everyone involved in a convention.

The fact that this work is nearly two decades old is a lesson, too. Old parliamentary books and old parliamentary handouts never go out of style. They are worth collecting and sharing. I hope you all enjoy Mary's work.

-Ann Guiberson, PRP
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