

UTS Parliamentarian Position

Duties of the Parliamentarian

- A. The Parliamentarian shall advise the President on matters of procedure and shall interpret actions of the organization according to ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, REVISED EDITION.
- B. The Parliamentarian shall be the Chairperson of the Election Committee and shall be in charge of all elections. Votes will be tallied on the day of the election by at least two (2) members of the Election Committee that were not on the ballot. The Parliamentarian will report the results at the next Executive Board meeting.
- C. The Parliamentarian shall be the Chairperson of the Constitution/By-Laws Committee.

Candidate Statements

Listed in alphabetical order:



Joanna McCloskey

Hello fellow UTS brothers and sisters. I would like to introduce myself and express my wish to serve on the UTS as your Parliamentarian.

I came to Seaford in November of 2000 as the Harbor Librarian and am now an 18-year veteran teacher librarian at Seaford High School. In 2002, I was appointed Library Chairperson for the Seaford School District and moved from the Seaford Harbor Library to the Seaford High School Library. In these roles, I have run meetings, taken minutes, and organized initiatives and projects that have required extreme attention to detail.

I have an undergraduate degree in Sociology and Anthropology with an Art minor from Hunter College, a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Queens College (City University of New York), and an SDA in Administration from Queens College. I also hold my Wilson Reading Certification.

Before becoming a teacher librarian, I owned and ran my own retail business in Sea Cliff, NY.

When I joined the education sector, I quickly learnt the strength and importance of being a UTS member. Over the years, I have watched my fellow members serve as Presidents, building reps, officers and Parliamentarians. I have seen people work tirelessly to achieve goals that benefit every member. I have watched their deep commitment to their different UTS roles knowing the time and commitment they were pledging. I have always wanted to serve, but in the past I have not been able to pledge my full commitment. I am now able to commit and wish to do so within the position of Parliamentarian.

As Parliamentarian I will act in accordance

with Robert's Rules of Order.

I will be dedicated to protecting the rights of union members to accomplish common goals, participate in fair and open debate, and making sure that action is taken in a fair manner. I will make sure that the elections are run correctly and, if revisions are needed to the bylaws, I will oversee and head the committee in order to facilitate this. I believe in the right for the majority to decide, the right of the minority to be heard, the rights of individual members; and the rights of absentees.

I believe that with my past experience and motivation to serve, I am the right fit for the Parliamentarian position. I ask for your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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Yours in Unity,
Joanna McCloskey



Jennifer Walsh

My name is Jennifer Walsh and I am running for Parliamentarian of the UTS. I have been working in Seaford for 15 years as the Occupational Therapist at the Harbor School. In this position, I evaluate and screen students that are at-risk for fine

motor and visual perceptual skills, assist children with their sensory processing difficulties, and serve on the Committee on Special Education (CSE) for the students on my caseload to make decisions about their programs and goals. This position requires a great deal of organization, flexibility, and cooperation between myself and other staff members to successfully schedule and implement students' services. My door is always open to discuss strategies, lend materials, or talk through difficult cases. I am also an evaluator on the Committee for Preschool Special Education (CPSE), which involves meetings with parents, preschool teachers, and representatives from Nassau County Department of Health. At the Harbor, I serve on the IST and 504 Committees in my building, which are problem solving and decision making teams for struggling students. In addition, I am the Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) trainer in the district. In this role, I give classes to teach staff members to identify, de-escalate, and

manage crisis situations with students in their care.

I believe that all of the above acronyms and responsibilities of my job would make me the best candidate for your Parliamentarian. As a CPI trainer, I am comfortable leading and managing groups, and as a therapist, I am comfortable participating in meetings, interpreting data, and following procedure. Most importantly, as a staff member in the building, I have extensive experience working as a team to promote success and independence for the students. I have wanted to become more involved in the UTS since I became a member, and I believe that this position offers me the opportunity to give back to the organization and make it stronger. I also know that in this day and age with so many forces working against our union, like a possible adverse decision in the Janus case, it is more important than ever to take an active role to support the UTS. I thank you for your consideration :)

Please VOTE:

Monday, June 4th

