



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
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Good morning, Madam Department President,

The first half of this year has been spent actually performing Parliamentarian duties. Madam President Thank you for returning Unit Development and Revitalization as a viable program to assist our units. While I am on the UD&R committee task force, our capable Chairman has developed a system of positive feedback and providing the units the tools to fix their own problems. While our UD&R Chairman is very capable of handling this big task, it can be overwhelming, as I know very well. It takes a committee to handle the various issues that can sometimes plague our department. If you were in attendance at the Program Show, you may have seen the skit "As the table turns" performed by myself and Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Sharon Moore. Did anyone learn anything from the skit? If so, it was successful. The point of that skit is that we are an organization governed by rules. Not everyone will follow our established rules. There may be consequences for not following the rules. We cannot allow individuals to break and bend the rules because that leads to anarchy. We may not agree with the rules and as a member of this organization, you have the right to enforce the rules and you have a right to request changes to the rules by way of a resolution or amendment. Of course, changes to the bylaws and standing rules take place at our department convention. Instead of complaining about the way things are, you might be able to make a change to the way you want things to be. My advice is to stay involved, communicate with your fellow members, do not gossip, cut it off from the source and don't spread it. As Maya Angelou says, we can do better if we know better. So, stay informed and let's make this organization the best it can be.

This concludes my report.

Madam President may I take a point of personal privilege? I cannot begin to thank you and the wonderful members of this department as well as the country, for the many cards, calls and texts received for the unfortunate untimely death of my son-in-law Milton and the illnesses that have befallen my daughter Chiara. Your prayers have lifted us, and your continued prayers sustain us. Thank you for all the love, we appreciate you all so much.