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United States Women of Today Daniel Kaiser, 2025-2026 Parliamentarian **1st Trimester SIP**

Welcome to the 2025-2026 USWT Year!

I am Daniel Kaiser from Pawnee, Illinois. I am so excited to be your 2025-2026 USWT Parliamentarian and will be using a Sherlock Holmes inspired theme "Parliamentary Dear Members".

Allow me to introduce myself – I have been married to my wife Aimee for 22 years and we have two children Brice (21) and Elizabeth (18). I am a Licensed Practical Nurse and work as a Clinical Informatics Nurse for Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, IL. I am also an Advanced EMT and serve my local community on our volunteer Fire Department with our ambulance service.

I am the current President of the Pawnee Chapter and have also served that chapter as Secretary. I am also the Membership VP for Illinois.

This year we are going to continue to learn about Parliamentary procedure from Robert's Rules of Order. I will be offering some challenges throughout the year and look forward to seeing everyone's By-laws and Policies.

Let's get off to a Fast Start for 2025-2026

1st Trimester Fast Start Challenge

Complete your Fast Start by August 15th

Send me an email to parli@uswomenoftoday.org

Tell me about yourself and how long you have been a member of Women of Today.

Include your Theme & Logo (if you have one)

Send your State or Chapter By-laws and/or policies

Parliamentary Tips & Tricks:

- Handling of a Motion
 - A member makes a motion by stating "I move that..."
 - Another member seconds the motion by stating "I second the motion"
 - If no one seconds the motion, the chair normally asks, "Is there a second to the motion?"
 - The chair states the question on the motion and indicates it is open for discussion
 - This step moves the motion to the floor for discussion
 - The chair will then ask "Is there any further discussion on the motion?"
 - If no further discussion, the motion is moved for vote
 - Voting on a motion viva voce (by voice)
 - The chair first calls for the affirmative vote by stating "The question is on the adoption of the motion to/that [restate the motion]. All those in favor say, aye."
 - The chair must always call for the negative vote, no matter how nearly unanimous the affirmative vote may appear by stating "Those opposed, say no."

Orders of the Day

(Can be used for State or Chapter Meetings)

- Please keep side conversations to a minimum.
 - Your attention should be on the front of the room and any conversation should be taken out of the room.
- Have all cell phones turned off or in silent mode during the meeting.
- As a matter of courtesy, please do not enter or leave the room when a speaker has the floor.
- Any member in good standing may present a motion, second and enter into discussion.
- Please keep all motions in the positive.
- An amendment to an amendment cannot be amended.
- Please be ready to second a motion to expedite the discussion.
 - Seconding simply means you would like to discuss the motion.
- Each person wishing to address the chair should stand, wait to be recognized by the chair and then give your name and chapter (if a state meeting).
- If you disagree with a motion do not hesitate to vote against it or abstain.
- Discussion will be limited to 10 minutes on any issue.
 - The chair may make exceptions to this rule.
 - Alternating view-points will be heard.
 - Once your view point has been presented all others who wish to speak shall be heard before you will be allowed to speak again.
- Who can vote?
 - Members in good standing (chapter meetings)
 - Chapter Presidents or their appointed representative and the Chairman of the Board may vote. (State meetings depending on your state by-laws)
- A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members.
 - We have ___ of ___ voting delegates in attendance.
 - A quorum has / has not been established. (___ voting delegates are required for a quorum).