



Dr. Rhoneise Barnett-Smith, RP serves as the Secretary of the Delaware State Association of Parliamentarians and is currently in her second 2-year term as the Recording Officer of Sigma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.®

During her 24-year tenure in the sorority, Dr. Rhoneise has served on numerous committees and in multiple leadership roles including Sergeant-at-Arms, Membership Chairman, Rituals Chairman, Board Member of the chapter's charitable arm, Diamond State Pearls, Inc., and Chair of the

Special Needs Committee for the sorority's 2013 North Atlantic Regional Conference.

Long before Dr. Barnett-Smith became a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians® in September 2020, she developed an understanding of parliamentary procedures while actively engaging in organizational meetings as well as chairing and serving on multiple committees.

Dr. Barnett-Smith's parliamentary acumen increased as she began studying to become a Registered Parliamentarian. As a result, she earned the credential and became the third woman of color to achieve this status in Delaware. Dr. Barnett-Smith, RP continues to enhance her parliamentary skills by attending and presenting professional development opportunities and learning opportunities through the National Association of Parliamentarians.®

Dr. Rhoneise Barnett-Smith, RP serves as the parliamentarian for the Parliamentarians of Kent County, Delaware, the 2nd unit chartered in the state of Delaware. Her family members are also charter members of the unit: husband, Elton Smith, MD, RP, 17-year-old son, Aidan Smith, RP - who at 16 became the youngest Registered Parliamentarian in Delaware; 14-year-old daughter, Ryann Smith; and her mother, Dr. Yvonne Barnett, RP is the unit's Vice President.

Professionally, Dr. Barnett-Smith, RP is a medical doctor and a board-certified family medicine physician at United Medical Clinic of Bear, Delaware responsible for supervising and guiding physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and medical assistants.