



Canadian Study
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Parliamentary Business Seminars 2009 - 2010

Designed for Parliamentary and Government Relations Specialists

The Canadian Study of Parliament Group (CSPG) is pleased to offer a series of seminars on the Canadian Parliament and on parliamentary procedure and issues. Designed to provide an overview of topical issues of particular relevance to parliamentary relations officers and government relations specialists, they will appeal both to persons new to the fields of parliamentary and government relations, and to more experienced practitioners.

The CSPG is a non-profit organization made up of individuals with an interest in the role, function and reform of parliamentary institutions.

Features

- ❖ Presentations by former Parliamentarians, senior staff of the Senate and the House of Commons, experienced parliamentary relations officers, academics and other experts.
- ❖ Seminars structured to facilitate networking and to ensure that your questions are answered.
- ❖ Register for one seminar at a time, or for the entire series at a reduced rate.

Format

Seminars will be half-day sessions, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be two sessions, each lasting approximately one and a half hours, with three or four presenters followed by a question and answer period. A continental breakfast with refreshments is available, and each seminar is followed by a buffet lunch. All seminars are held on Parliament Hill, in Room 200, West Block.

2009 - 2010 Seminars

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Parliamentary procedure 101: what you need to know about how Parliament works.

Enhance your knowledge and understanding of the body of rules and practices that regulate the proceedings of various Parliamentary activities and how they are different in each House. Find the answers to such questions as: What and who determines the daily order of business in the Senate and in the House of Commons. What information is found in the Order Paper? What determines the length of a debate and the timing of a vote? Why are there Opposition days?

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Follow the money: Understanding the federal budgetary cycle

The budgetary cycle is a year-long process that incorporates such elements as the Budget speech. However, before collecting and spending the hundreds of billions of dollars it needs every year, the government needs the approval of both houses of Parliament. This seminar will provide an overview of this complex process, and highlight the role of Parliament, through the standing committees that review each department's estimates, through the institutions that provide the necessary information, and through parliamentarians themselves who, with their vote on the budget, demonstrate their confidence in the government.

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Parliamentary Diplomacy

The role of Parliamentary Associations and Exchanges in promoting Canada's interests abroad and achieving Canada's policy objectives is a very important one, however it is not very well understood and can be easily overlooked. Participants will learn about how the Parliament of Canada through International and Interparliamentary Affairs (IIA) establishes and maintains relations with other parliaments, enhances ties with other countries, and facilitates the exchange of ideas, values, knowledge and experience; gain an appreciation for how Canadian delegations are organized and how foreign delegations are received, as well as the numerous actors involved in their success; and, hear from Senators and Members of Parliament about their experiences with multilateral and bilateral associations and interparliamentary groups.

Registration Form (Please Print)

Check one

- \$200 October 14, 2009
 \$200 January 13, 2010
 \$200 May 19, 2010
 \$500 Series of three Seminars*

*(if you are already a member, the cost is \$150 per seminar and \$400 for the series)

Please indicate how you wish to pay for your registration fees:

- We will send an invoice to your office
 You will be paying by cheque at the registration desk

Registration is transferable but not refundable. You must advise the CSPG's Secretariat 48 hrs prior to the event of any changes to your registration. If changes are not communicated within the delay, your organization will be billed for the event.

- Please check if you will be joining us for the buffet lunch

Name: _____

Title: _____

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Address: _____

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In order to ensure your participation in the seminar, please send in your registration form without delay to the Canadian Study of Parliament Group, 131 Queen Street, 4th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. You may also register by fax at 613.943.9949. Thank you