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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Advisory Neighborhood Commissions  
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From: Annette B. Elseth *ABE*  
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Date: March 2, 1999

Subject: Follow-up Question from February 27, 1999 Training Session: May ANC funds be used to pay for commissioners to attend a parliamentary training session offered by the Institute of Parliamentary Procedure on April 17, 1999?

At the ANC training session on February 27, 1999 a question arose about the use of ANC funds to pay for commissioners to attend a parliamentary training session being advertised on a flyer that was passed around the room. Neither the Auditor nor I knew the answer to this question at the time, although we had some idea that there were previous opinions on the subject, and we agreed to find out and let you **know** the answer. We have since conferred and found a prior opinion of the Office of the Corporation Counsel, dated March 13, 1991, which states that current ANC law does not provide for the payment of training expenses of ANC Commissioners from ANC funds. While you may not use ANC funds to attend the parliamentary procedure training, I would urge anyone who is interested to attend the session. It appears to be a very useful session, and a bargain as well at \$25.00, lunch included. If you have any questions about other permitted expenditures, please contact the D.C. Auditor at 727-3600 or myself at 724-6527.

cc: Debra Nichols  
D.C. Auditor

The Honorable David A. Catania  
Chairman  
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