

Annual Meeting - Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:30am-12:30pm

The Annual Meeting will be held in-person at the Seabury Bishops' Chapel and Terrace Room, 200 Wintonbury Ave, Bloomfield, CT, with a continental breakfast provided.

We are pleased to announce **Miles Rapoport** as our keynote speaker
by Steve Law

Miles has had four careers. The most relevant is his current role as Executive Director of **100% Democracy**, which advocates for universal voting as a civic duty.

Prior to that, he was President of **Dēmos** from 2001 to 2014, a non-profit working to build a just, inclusive, multiracial democracy and economy. Next he was President of **Common Cause** from 2014 to 2016, an organization with over one and a half million members that promotes accountability and removes barriers to participation.

He then served as a Senior Practice Fellow in American Democracy at the **Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center** from 2017 to 2022, where he co-authored a Brookings Institution report "*100% Democracy: The Case for Universal Voting.*"



Earlier in his career, he served five terms in the **Connecticut House of Representatives** from 1984 to 1994, chairing the elections committee. He then served as **Connecticut Secretary of State** from 1995 to 1998, leading initiatives to expand voting participation.

The common thread across these careers is a **forty-plus-year commitment to free and fair elections** — the foundation of our democracy. His expertise is especially timely given our nation's 250th anniversary and the election of the 120th Congress just five months away.

Miles is a compelling speaker whose insights will deepen our understanding of and pride in our shared civic life.

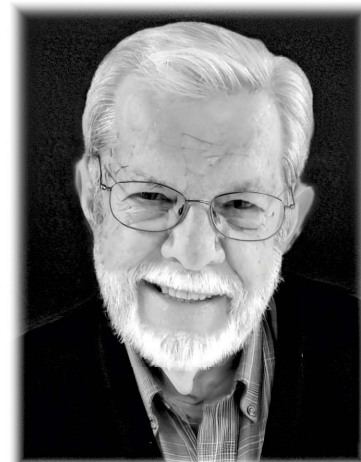
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9:30 Check-in & socialize with members
10:15 Meeting call to order
10:30 Keynote speaker in Chapel
11:30 Business meeting in Chapel

In Memoriam: **Bob Ellis**

Bob Ellis was a force — *irrepressible humor, sharp intellect, and outstanding attention to detail.*

Presenter: Bob presented nine different programs for ALP from Spring 2015 through Spring 2023. Among the most beloved was his 10-hour in-depth look at *The Good Old Days of the 1940s and '50s*. An enthusiastic researcher of cultural history, he also created programs on *The Meaning of Nursery Rhymes* and *The History of Comedy*.



(Bob Ellis 1936–2026)

Board Member & Webmaster: Bob's impact extended far beyond presenting. He served *ten years* on the Board of Directors of ALP, first as Webmaster — working with John Waiveris of Invisible Gold to create and maintain the ALP website. John reflected: *"He was just warm and kind."* Tom Gworek noted that Bob's wry humor ensured no one left a board meeting without a chuckle — *"which was not a small thing at times."*

ALP Horn Editor: When the Horn's editor departed, Bob came into his own. He brought humor and personality to a newsletter focused on curriculum for over five years. Carol Matzke fondly recalled his *"Meandering Musings of a Mutant Mind"* as one of the most memorable features. On the Curriculum Committee, everyone depended on Bob's eagle eye for catching every typo, misspelling, and punctuation error.

His Legacy: It's the humor Bob sprinkled through *everything* — the Horn, the board meetings, the presentations — that his ALP friends will remember and miss most.

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A Fresh Look for ALP

We've updated the newsletter name and logo. We are trading the *"Horn"* for a more modern aesthetic. It's the same content, just with a fresh face.

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