

# LTS Bulletin #1

Timing is everything, as they say, and the timing of this year's LTS couldn't be better.

When NAPS leaders step onto Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 11, two different postal reform bills will be awaiting Senate and House floor action. And once again, NAPS members will play a crucial role in educating Congress about the critical need for the right kind of action that stabilizes the finances of the Postal Service and preserves dependable service.

Be sure to attend the LTS, March 9-12, 2014, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA.

To register on-line for the LTS, [click here](#). For a hard-copy registration form, [click here](#).

To make your reservation at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, [click here](#).

## **The Power of You**

When you come to Washington and attend the LTS, you will have power -- the capacity to change minds and make a difference on Capitol Hill.

That power lies in telling the real story about the consequences of Congressional delay in passing postal reform. The real story speaks to the impact that Congressional delay has already caused on mail service, delivery standards, plants, post offices and the fleet, jobs and the postal brand itself. And what will happen if Congressional delay continues.

Congressional delay cannot continue, no matter how polarized and dysfunctional Congress is. You have the power to make a difference, to change minds, to make meaningful postal reform happen in Congress this year.

## **Our Focus**

Our meetings with Congressional lawmakers will focus on postal reform legislation, specifically:

- The need for Congress to take action on legislation that stabilizes the Postal Services' finances, preserves service, and provides postage revenue and product innovation;
- The consequences of Congressional delay in failing to act on postal reform;
- and

-- The two very different postal reform bills awaiting Senate and House floor action (S. 1468 and H.R. 2748).

### **Scheduling Meetings with Lawmakers**

State Legislative Chair are beginning to coordinate the scheduling of their state's LTS meetings with their House and Senate lawmakers. These meetings will occur anytime on Tuesday, March 11 and if necessary, Wednesday, March 12. The focus of these meetings is on postal reform legislation.

For a list of the phone and fax numbers of all House and Senate lawmakers in your state, [click here](#).

### **LTS Program**

The program will feature:

**Sunday:** Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Nondenominational Worship; First Timer's Orientation; Town Hall with NAPS Resident Officers; and State Legislative Chairs Dinner.

**Monday:** Legislative Training by NAPS Legislative Counsel Bruce Moyer, providing you with the tools and confidence to make an impact in your meetings with Congressional offices. The day will include speeches by USPS officials and Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA). A SPAC Reception for eligible PAC donors follows in the evening.

**Tuesday and Wednesday:** Meetings with House and Senate offices; and debriefings.

### **Next Steps**

Here's what you should do:

**1. Register for the LTS Today!** The online LTS registration fee is \$130 and the mailed registration fee is \$125 if the registration form is received by NAPS HQ on or before Feb. 28. There is no online registration after Feb. 28. After that date, mailed registration and on-site registration is \$250.

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### **2. Make Your Reservation at the Crystal Gateway Marriott**

The comfortable and convenient Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia will again host the LTS.

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**3. Schedule Your Congressional Visits.** Members of both the House and the Senate will be in Washington this year during the LTS. Consult with your branch and state legislative leaders about plans to visit House and Senate lawmaker offices in your state.

**SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON, DC!**

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