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LTS Bulletin #3

Coming to the LTS? Be Sure to Read This!

If you are coming to the LTS in Washington this weekend, this email contains important information, so please be sure to read the entire message.

Also, please forward this email to everyone in your branch who also plans to attend the LTS.

- 1. Maps and Transportation to the Crystal Gateway Marriott --** Need directions to the LTS host hotel? [Click here.](#)
- 2. LTS Program.** The LTS program schedule is available by [clicking here.](#)
- 3. NAPS Issue Briefs.** The official NAPS Issues Brief that LTS delegates will take to the Hill to educate Congressional offices is posted on the NAPS website and is [available here.](#)

In advance of your meeting, please provide the Issues Brief to Congressional offices with whom you'll be meeting. Either send it as an attachment or send the link:

<http://www.naps.org/images/uploads/2014LTSIssuesBrief-FINAL.pdf>

Be sure to personally study the Issues Brief before you arrive in Washington. **Please pay particular attention to pages 3-6, which describe the consequences of Congressional delay in responding to the Postal Service's financial crisis.** Are there examples and anecdotes from your area that correspond to the service problems noted in the Issue Brief? Be prepared to address them when you attend the LTS training on Monday.

The analyses of the Senate and House postal bills, S. 1486 and H.R. 2748, on pages 7-17 are technical papers primarily for the benefit of Congressional staff who want to acquire a detailed understanding of each bill.

All LTS delegates will receive a set of talking points at the LTS to streamline your presentations during meetings on the Hill.

4. NAPS-Endorsed Bills. A list of NAPS-endorsed bills that LTS delegates will ask Members of Congress to co-sponsor is [here](#). Lists of existing co-sponsors of these bills are [here](#).

5. Got an iPad? Bring it to the LTS! If you have a light, easy-to-carry electronic tablet (iPad or similar device -- not a laptop), it could come in handy during your meetings on the Hill -- to show several charts and photos that underscore your talking points.

NAPS will make an electronic file available at the LTS that NAPS delegates can download to their tablets before hitting the Hill. If you don't have a tablet, don't worry, this additional approach is only optional.

6. USPS Economic Impact Data. USPS state and Congressional district economic impact data may be downloaded in advance from the NAPS website as a zip file by [clicking here](#). You'll be provided this data at the LTS as well. (Data for 2014 is not yet available, so we'll be using 2013 data, which is expected to be relatively current.)

7. Confirm Your Hill Appointments! In advance of your Hill meetings, be sure to contact the Congressional offices with whom you'll be meeting to confirm your meeting time and alert them to the NAPS Issue Brief on the NAPS website, or simply forward the Issue Brief to them. They will appreciate having the chance to review the materials before your meeting.

8. What to Wear? Packing your suitcase? The LTS "dress code" is:

-- Business-casual for the LTS general sessions at the hotel; and

-- Business attire (coat/tie, etc.) for Congressional meetings on Capitol Hill.

Be sure to bring along comfortable walking shoes for the time you will spend on Capitol Hill. LTS first-timers are always surprised at how much walking is involved to and from their Congressional meetings.

And be sure to bring along a small, collapsible umbrella -- just in case. (Fortunately, no snow is forecast for Washington!)

8. Win Great Prizes! Sign Up via SPAC Payroll Allotment -- for Retired Members Too!

Stop by the SPAC Café at the LTS and begin or increase automatic contributions from your paycheck or pension to SPAC. This is open to Active AND Retired NAPS Members.

All NAPS members who sign-up for a SPAC payroll deduction through PostalEASE or OPM at the LTS (along with those already registered for a SPAC payroll deduction) will earn extra tickets for this year's LTS SPAC Raffle. This year, prizes include: \$1,000 in Visa gift cards, credit with Marriot Hotels worth \$500, one Microsoft Surface 2, one iPad Mini and one Kindle Fire HDX! Active employees will need their 8-digit Employment Identification Number (it's on your pay stub) and your 4-digit PIN. Retirees will need their 7-digit CSA number and password for servicesonline.opm.gov.

All donors who contribute through payroll deduction become members of the Continuous Contributor Club (CCC). CCC members will receive an exclusive CCC pin and special recognition in the Postal Supervisor magazine!

Safe travels, LTS Delegates. See you soon in Washington!

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