

**NAPS Branch 105 Regular Meeting # 3 Minutes:  
Wednesday, 21 September 2022**

Meeting Place: Santa de Prata Society Hall, 29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI

Members present: 14 (12 general, 2 associates)

Our President, Sabir "Jamal" Salih called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Bourque

Roll Call of Officers: President, Sabir (Jamal) Salih, Vice President, Shaun Branch, Secretary, Treasurer interim Susan Evans, Legislative Rep, Dave Costa.

Executive Board Members who were present: Jim Bourque

Absent: Bill Downs, Jason Caffrey.  
Excused: Rich Wilson, Vic Giorgio.

**Shaun Branch gave the Vice President's report:**

0 Discipline pending. No action currently.

Motion to accept the Vice President's report by Susan Evans, Betty DaSilva. All were in favor.

**Jamal gave the Secretary report:**

Most recent DCO for sept 1, 2022, we have a total of 139 members, 15 of which are associates. Jamal signed up 4 new members in August but still show as non-members. There are 23 non-members with the 12 PS 1187 being processed by NAPS HQ.

We also have received one solicitation for a donation from "holiday cheer operation" which the branch historically supported to honor the service men and women deployed abroad.

Motion to accept the Secretary report was made by Shaun and seconded by Jessica. All were in favor.

**Susan Evans gave the Treasurer's Report:**

By end of august financial report including the national convention expenses accrued the total expenses of 18179 \$, with a total funds deposited and available for the branch is 69007.80. income for the year is 16180.48 and spent 18179.00 in this convention year which is very low number compared to previous expense amount for a similar year.

Motion to accept the Secretary report was made by Bob Conroy and seconded by Shaun Branch. All were in favor.

## **Dave Costa gave the Legislative's report:**

The House of Representatives may vote on **H.R. 82**, the Social Security Fairness Act, during the week of September 19. The legislation, introduced by Reps. Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) would repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The WEP reduces Social Security benefits for individuals entitled to certain public pension plans, such as the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). The GPO reduces or can eliminate the Social Security survivor benefits for public service retirees, including CSRS annuitants. H.R. 82 presently has 296 cosponsors and will need 290 votes to pass, since H.R. 82 will likely be considered under a special voting procedure called "suspension of the rules." This accelerated procedure requires a 2/3 majority for a bill to pass.

On July 19, a broad coalition of representatives from the beverage and postal employee community participated in a virtual lobbying day to promote the USPS Shipping Equity Act (**H.R. 3287/S. 1663**). This legislation would enable the USPS to convey alcoholic beverages in the mail to states where legally permitted and under conditions established by each state. If enacted, the USPS could generate \$190 million per year in new revenue.

Other supported Legislation by NAPS:

### **H.R. 304: Equal COLA Act**

H.R. 304 was introduced by Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA). The bill would create parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to a Federal Employee System (FERS) annuity and a Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuity. This bill revises the formula used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment for annuities paid under the Federal Employees Retirement System.

### **HR 1623: Postal Supervisors and Managers Fairness Act**

Legislation would provide for timely commencement of the consultations for pay and benefits, and that the findings and recommendations of a Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service fact-finding panel to be binding.

### **HR 1624: Postal Employee Appeal Rights Amendment Act**

Legislation would provide equity for all EAS-level postal employees by enabling them to appeal adverse personnel decisions to the Merit System Protection Board.

Motion to accept the Legislative report was made by Betty and seconded by Susan Evans. All were in favor.

## **First timer recognition:**

Daniel Hernandez from Elmwood Post office, Danny shared with the members his postal carrier path and was welcomed to branch 105

At 6:47 pm, Jamal said we would break for dinner. The meeting was resumed 7:21 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Old budget review:

Budget for 2022 was reviewed by the attendees. the concern was the total budget exceeded the revenue for the year. Susan spoke to the methods used historically by the branch and the figures put forward to project and allocate the funds for the branch activities. Susan broke down the Budget analysis by each event planned and the funds allocated for them. discussion in the floor has come to agreement to use data from this year as a base to forecast for upcoming years.

### **New Business:**

Motion made by Jamal to donate 500\$ to Operation Cheer of Rhode Island. Motion Passed by the floor.

President assembles the scholarship committee, he explained the duties of the scholarship committee and the member volunteered were Jessica Cusack, Liz Perez. Daniel Hernandez.

### **General discussion:**

Jamal provided the National convention in the floor with the results of the national race, he stated that it was a very unusual election year due to only 3 Races from the western Area. The rest of the positions has run unopposed.

Our president expressed his intention to invite Dillard Financial solutions INC for presentation and Blue cross blue shield to the members and the lack of attendance has been hindering all the activities planned by the executive E board, it has been a great concerned to bring in a valuable speaker to the meetings for those reasons.

Jessica Cusack also spoke in favor of the student loan forgiveness program and the deadlines set for the acceptance of the applications and what entailed for the process.

Jamal spoke about membership and the challenges facing to receive timely information in regards of newly promoted EAS and the lack of engagement by the district to provide updated lists, Mr. Bob Conroy Sr spoke about engaging to enroll new members and shed light to what APWU and other craft unions strategies to obtain new members.

Also, Jamal brought up the delivery Mega centers the and the unclear path the USPS HQ is taking with this consolidation, and the little information produced to NAPSHQ in regards of this move.

**Motion to adjourn** the meeting was made by Jamal and seconded by Jim at 8:22 pm.

SPAC was pulled by Daniel Hernandez and Tony Parente had the winning ticket. Half of the winning is sent to NAPSHQ for Spac.

Jason Caffrey  
Secretary