

NAPS Branch 105 Regular Meeting # 1 Minutes: Thursday, February 24, 2022

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

Members present: 13 active members and 4 associate members

Our President, Sabir "Jamal" Salih called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Anthony Alviti

Roll Call of Officers: President, Sabir (Jamal) Salih, Vice President, Shaun Branch, Secretary, Jason Caffrey (excused), Treasurer, Tony Alviti, Legislative Rep, Dave Costa.

Executive Board Members who were present: Victor Giorgio, Richard Wilson.

Excused: William Downes, James Bourque, Jason Caffrey

Absent: Michael Imondi

There were no first timers.

Shaun Branch gave the Vice President's report: there is one pending emergency placement and no active Discipline pending.

Motion to accept the Vice President's report: made by and Victor Giorgio seconded by Rose Russo. All were in favor.

Jamal gave the Secretary report: As of the most recent DCO for January 2022, we have a total of 144 members, 15 of which are associates, and 129 are general. There are 26 non-members. Barbara said we received two holiday cards, one from Senator Reed and one from Chuck Mulidore. Also received an invitation from Senator Jack Reed for the 33rd annual spring family breakfast that will be held on Sunday May 1ST at the Rhode Island convention center, Mr. Costa will be reaching out to NAPS HQ to support the funds if any members will attend the event.

Motion to accept the secretary report: The motion was made by T. Alviti and seconded by Shaun Branch All were in favor

Tony Alviti gave the Treasurer's Report: Tony said our balance as of January 31, 2022, money market acct balance is \$66,223.35 and a checking acct \$ 3,010.72 with total assets of 70,185.42. Mr. Alviti said that he was working closely with our past treasured Sue Evans to understand the tasks of his duties and she has been a great help he also stated that he will be filling the IRS form needed for the branch.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: The motion was made by Bob Conroy Jr and seconded by Steve Ravo. All were in favor

Dave Costa gave the Legislative's report: Dave spoke about HR 3076 postal service reform ACT of 2022 stating that it has been voted in the House on 02/08/2022 and has great feeling about it passing in the senate and signed to a Law, Dave said HR 3076 addresses the finances and operations of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), it also requires the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to establish the Postal Service Health Benefits Program within the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program under which OPM may contract with carriers to offer health benefits plans for USPS employees and retirees

The bill provides for coordinated enrollment of retirees under this program and Medicare.

The bill repeals the requirement that the USPS annually prepay future retirement health benefits.

Additionally, the USPS may establish a program to enter into agreements with an agency of any state government, local government, or tribal government, and with other government agencies, to provide certain nonpostal products and services that reasonably contribute to the costs of the USPS and meet other specified criteria.

The USPS must develop and maintain a publicly available dashboard to track service performance and must report regularly on its operations and financial condition.

The Postal Regulatory Commission must annually submit to the USPS a budget of its expenses. It must also conduct a study to identify the causes and effects of postal inefficiencies relating to flats (e.g., large envelopes).

The USPS Office of Inspector General shall perform oversight of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

Dave also spoke about the efforts made by all of NAPS delegates to bridge the need of the organization and the congressional delegates of each state and bring postal issues to the understanding of politicians.

Jamal has also reaffirmed Dave's position by saying that the major issues facing NAPS members are stemming directly from US constitution title 39 and the need of a collective efforts within each state to bring awareness of the need to amend the sections that affect the Executive administrative schedule pay and benefits and hold the postal service accountable to the process and that's the reason why the legislative efforts made as a grassroot of each branch is very vital to our organization.

Motion to accept the Legislative report was made by Rose Russo and seconded by Bob Conroy. All were in favor.

At 6:43 pm, Jamal said we would break for dinner. The meeting was resumed 7:10 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Emergency fund introduced last meeting by Bob Conroy Sr is withdrawn.

2. Audit committee chair Rose Russo gave the annual audit report by saying the committee has met and all books are in order. C. Narciso made motion to accept the report and Dave Costa seconded it, all in favor.

3. Tony Alviti presented the budget for 2022 on behalf of the budget committee by allocating the total amount of \$40,156.00 towards this year's expenses with following breakdown:

\$23,603 convention training
\$3,760 events and gifts
\$250 retiree gifts
\$4990 meetings
\$3668 postage\supplies\insurance
\$1000 reimbursements

Jamal sent the budget report back for review after the discussion and concerns brought up due to large amount projected for the budget, the members will discuss on the May's meeting.

4. motion introduced by Donna Machala to allocate an additional \$ 500 for scholarship funds voted and passed.

New Business:

Made a motion to review budget at next meeting.

Jamal spoke about attending the Legislative Training Seminar in Washington, DC. The meeting dates are March 27-29, 2022. The meetings this year are in person. Jamal asked the members if anyone would like to attend and assist with the branch obligation to this process, as of now only Jamal and Dave Costa will be representing Branch 105. Jamal spoke in favor about the legislative process and why it's vital to NAPS members.

New England Convention will be held this year on May 19-22, 2022. We have a budget for 5 attendees. It's a local event and Jamal will look to see if he can get more attendees to go.

National Convention: When attending the National Convention, you must stay for the entire event to be reimbursed. A motion was needed at this meeting to attend the event. Victor Giorgio made a motion for Jim Bourque to attend. The event is August 8-12, 2022. Jamal spoke about the requirements to attend a national convention within the language of the branch's constitutional by laws. The attendees must provide a copy of the registration to the president in the May's meeting and attend at least 2 general meetings within the past calendar year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jamal and seconded by Tony Parente at 8:15 pm.

Jason Caffrey

Secretary