

NAPS Branch 105 Regular Meeting #4

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

Members Present: 25 Members total (20 active members and 5 Associate members)

Our President, Shaun Branch called the meeting to order at 6:15pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by William Downes.

A motion was made by Bob Conroy Sr. to not follow the regular agenda according to Robert's Rules of Order and let Marc Gagnan from Blue Cross/Blue Shield give his presentation first, Seconded by Shaun Branch.

Marc Gagnan from Blue Cross/Blue Shield gave a presentation and provided material for everyone in attendance. He also stated there should be no changes thru 2025, but nothing was guaranteed. Marc answered questions and stayed around to assist individual members who had specific questions. Webinars and health and wellness seminars are available on FEPblue.org

Roll Call of Officers: President, Shaun Branch, Treasurer, Susan Evans, Legislative Rep David Costa - *all present*

Executive Board Members: Bill Downes, Richard Wilson, Jim Bourque - *present*

Excused: Victor Giorgio

Vice Presidents Report: Shaun stated there is no pending disciplinary action at the time.

Motion to accept Vice Presidents Report made by Jim Bourque, seconded by Dave Costa

Secretary Report: Shaun stated gave the member count from the most recent DCO; 142 regular and 12 associate members. 39 non-members

Motion to accept Secretary Report made by Betty Disalvia, seconded by Susan Evans.

Treasurer Report: Susan Evans gave the treasures report. From October Financial Statement – there were no expenses during the month of October. The total expenses for the year are \$ 17,142.10. Our 2023 total assets are \$ 81,098.97. Total income from DCO and other deposits is \$ 23,370.68. With total expenses being \$ 17,142.10. We are ahead for the year \$ 6,228.58.

Motion to accept was made by Betty DiSalvia and Seconded by Bob Conroy Sr.

Legislative Report: Dave Costa stated The NAPS Legislative Training Seminar (LTS) is coming up in March 2024 in Washington D.C. The in-depth multi-day training event educates NAPS members on current legislative and political issues confronting them and the U.S. Postal Service. In addition, key Senators, Representatives and USPS leadership will address the LTS Delegates.

Current NAPS Supported Legislation:

H.R. 82: Social Security Fairness Act of 2023 I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

H.R. 594: Postal Supervisors and Managers Fairness Act of 2023 I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

H.R. 595: Postal Employee Appeal Rights Amendment Act of 2023 I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

H.R. 866, the Equal COLA Act I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

H.R. 3005: The Postal Police Reform Act I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

H.R. 3721, the USPS Shipping Equity Act I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

H.R. 4260, the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

H.R. 716: Fair COLA for Seniors Act of 2023 I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

S. 597: Social Security Fairness Act I 2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

Motion to accept was made by Steve Rodowicz seconded by Susan Evans.

Old Business:

Scholarship winners were drawn as follows.

Callie Paulo, daughter of Tim Paulo

Alexander Campbell, son of Joseph Campbell

Shannon McNally, daughter of Lisa McNally was drawn as an alternate.

New Business:

No election was required, results as follows-

President – Shaun Branch

Vice President – Jim Bourque

Secretary – David Costa

Treasurer – Susan Evans

Legislative Rep – Alison Peter

Executive Board:

Victor Giorgio

Bill Downes

Richard Wilson

Jennifer Deandrade

Dan Hernandez

Janet LaPage

One vote was cast for all.

Motion to accept by Dave Costa and seconded by Alison Peter

Bob Conroy Sr read a letter he wrote to the NAPS National President. It discussed the raise in dues for members. After speaking with Bill Austin, he decided not to send it. The issue should be brought up at the National Convention in August. Bob expressed an interest in attending the convention regarding this issue. He also thanked 3 new members who stepped up to be on eboard.

Shaun asked for 3 members to be on the Audit Committee:

Bob Conroy Jr., Bill Downes, and Jim Bourque.

Shaun asked for 3 members to be on the Budget Committee:

Susan Evans will chair, Betty Disalvia, and Bill Downes

Shaun asked first timers to stand and introduce themselves.

1. Chris Truppi, Plant Logistics Supervisor
2. Tiffany Posey, T-1 Plant Supervisor
3. Gerry Pierce, Portsmouth PM
4. Joe Laviano, T-2 Plant Supervisor

All attending members were provided with an order form for a NAPS 105 Polo Shirt

Every attending member was also given a raffle ticket for four (4) \$25.00 gift cards from Stop and Shop.
Winners were:

1. Tiffany Posey
2. Jen Deandrade
3. Bob Conroy, Jr
4. Alison Peter

Sue Evans made a motion at 8:10 PM to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Downes

The SPAC 50/50 pulled by Gerry Pierce, was for \$160.00 Susan Evans was the winner of \$80.00.