

NAPS Branch 105 Regular Meeting #1

Thursday, February 1, 2024

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

Members Present: 31 Members total (24 active members and 7 Associate members)

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by our President, Shaun Branch and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Bourque.

Roll Call of Officers: President Shaun Branch, Vice-President Jim Bourque, Treasurer Susan Evans, Secretary David Costa, Legislative Rep Alison Peter - *all present*

Executive Board Members: Jennifer DeAndrade, Victor Giorgio, Janet Lepage, Richard Wilson -*present*
Excused: William Downes

President Shaun Branch started the meeting by introducing our special guests, National Secretary/Treasurer Jimmy Warden and New England Area Vice President Bill Austin. We were also joined by Former NAPS Executive Vice President and longtime Branch 43 member Jay Killacky and his wife Susan as well as immediate past President of Branch 105 Sabir Salih.

Vice Presidents Report: Jim Bourque reported there was currently (1) LOW pending. Jim also noted we are still having problems with TACS/Clock Rings. Integrity is a big issue and being monitored by OIG. Also, New boss in MPOO D, Gary Fahey.

Motion to accept Vice Presidents Report made by Bob Conroy Sr., seconded by Dave Costa

Secretary Report: Dave stated the member count from the most recent DCO; 139 Active and 12 associate members. We also have 40 non-members listed but have 15 applications currently in process. Associate dues letters will be going out.

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

Treasurer Report: Susan Evans said there were \$ 1,289.38 for expenses in December with the biggest expense being the (2) \$500 scholarships. Total expenses for the year \$ 19,823.62. Ending the year with total assets \$ 81,312.24. Total income was \$ 26, 265.08 and total expenses were \$ 19,823.62. We ended the year ahead of the game \$ 6,441.46.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report made by Betty DiSalvia, seconded by Bob Conroy Sr.

Legislative Report: Alison stated The NAPS Legislative Training Seminar (LTS) is coming up March 3rd- 6th in Washington D.C. The training event educates NAPS members on current legislative and political issues confronting them and the U.S. Postal Service. Alison will be attending this training along with executive board members Jennifer DeAndrade and Janet Lepage. 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 Bob Conroy Sr., seconded by Bob Conroy Jr.

Old Business:

Polo shirts were handed out to everyone who attended the November meeting.

Audit Committee met to review all 2023 financial records, report was given by Bob Conroy Jr.
All finances from 2023 were found to be correct and accurate.

Motion to accept made by Dave Costa seconded by Jim Bourque

Budget Committee meet in January to review the anticipated expenses for 2024. The Proposed budget was presented by Treasurer Sue Evans and accepted.

Motion to accept Bob Conroy Jr. Seconded by Bob Conway Sr.

Meeting broke for dinner and resumed @ approx. 7:15pm

National Secretary/Treasurer Jimmy Warden swore in all elected officers and executive members. Pictures were taken.

Shaun acknowledged First timers Judy Ferriera and Jennifer Croft who introduced themselves to members in attendance.

Shaun asked National Secretary/Treasurer Jimmy Warden to say a few words:

- There are still many problems with misuse of government credit cards.
- Membership is now over 27,000. There was a big jump in January DCO with Postmaster being added.
- Bob Conroy Sr asked why the postmasters were on the DCO. Jimmy said NAPS now represents all EAS.
- Members will vote for increase in dues at the National Convention in August.
- There are still vacancies in the building at NAPS HQ where they own the building.
- Lawsuit- still pending discovery. USPS not giving requested info.
- Pay talks not started / waiting on NALC contract.
- Problem w/ minimum pay rate for EAS with seniority.

Shaun asked New England Area Vice President Bill Austin to say a few words:

- The NEA Training and Convention will be at the Red Jacket Inn on the Cape, the District Managers will be attending.
- The National Convention in August 2024 will be at Foxwoods CT. It will not be necessary to attend the whole week, Attendees can attend a few days.
- Integrity - report delayed mail. Email boss what you are going to do with it, document everything.
- Keep your hands to yourself!
- Do not text craft.
- Guard yourself – Be Honest.
- Remember everyone can read messages sent out on RIMS

New Business:

President Shaun Branch made a motion for the branch to make a donation of \$500 each to Bill Austin and Jimmy Warden for their re-election campaign.

Motion accepted by Dave Costa, Seconded by Vic Giorgio.

Bob Conroy Sr wanted changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Shaun Branch stated he would like to appoint a new Constitution and By-Law committee at the May meeting.

Shaun said that anyone interested in attending the NEA training in May on the Cape should contact him.

Nominations made for 2024 National Convention as follows:

Shaun Branch by Susan Evans
Jim Bourque by Shaun Branch
Bob Conroy by Shaun Branch
Dave Costa by Jim Bourque
Jen DeAndrade by Shaun Branch
Alison Peter by Victor Giorgio
Victor Giorgio by Shaun Branch
Janet LePage by Shaun Branch
Liz Perez by Shaun Branch

Attendees must qualify by the By-Laws regarding attendance and submit a copy of their registration form at/or by the May 2024 meeting. Jimmy Warden said the closest rooms to the convention room are in the Fox Tower. All attendees must call the hotel and make their own reservations.

Bob Conroy Sr suggested we add another Legislative Representative. One for the 2 Senators and one for the 2 Congressmen. Shaun suggested we hold off on that until the May meeting or after the National Convention.

Shaun Branch made a motion at 8:20 PM to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sue Evans

The SPAC 50/50 raised \$200 and was pulled by Jennifer Croft, Alison Peter won \$100.