

NAPS Branch 105 Regular Meeting #4

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Meeting Place: Santa Maria DiPrata, 29 Walnut Grove, Cranston, RI 02920

Members Present: 26 Members total (19 active/ 7 associate members)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm 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, Secretary David Costa, Legislative Rep Alison Peter~ **Present** (Excused ~ Treasurer Susan Evans)

Executive Board Members: Jennifer DeAndrade, Jason Caffery, Janet Lepage ~**Present**
(Excused ~Richard Wilson, Victor Giorgio) (1 vacancy)

Mark and Justine joined us from Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) and spoke about the upcoming transfer to PSHB, provided brochures to everyone in attendance and answered questions related to the new changes

Vice Presidents Report: Jim reported that our NPA for FY 24 was mitigated. We also currently have (1) 7-Day suspension pending

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

Secretary Report: Dave gave the member count from our most recent DCO; 143 Active and 14 associate members. We also have 34 non-members listed as of 10/30/2024

Motion to accept Secretary Report made by Alison Peter, seconded by Bob Conroy Jr.

Treasurer Report: Shaun stated that the October Financial shows that the branch had no expenses for the month of October and a total of \$29,434.81 for the year. The branch took in \$15,858.09 so far this year, with total expenses of \$29,434.81 for a balance of -\$13,576.72 YTD (this is common for a National Convention year) To date the checking has \$2,252.30 and the money market has \$66,113.47 for total of assets \$68,365.77.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report made by Bob Conroy Jr., seconded by Dave Costa

Legislative Report: Alison spoke about the Legislative Training Seminar coming up on April 6th-9th in Washington D.C. Alison also reported that in January the "Social Security Fairness Act," was signed into law providing retired public employees, including Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuitants, full Social Security benefits. NAPS President Ivan Butts, Executive Vice President Chuck Mulidore, Secretary Treasurer Jimmy Warden, and Legislative and Political Director Bob Levi were in attendance for the signing.

Motion to accept Legislative Report made by Bob Conroy Sr., seconded by Jason Caffery

National Secretary/Treasurer Jimmy Warden thanked NAPS 105 for their continued support in his recent elections and spoke to attendees on several topics including the National convention, the pending lawsuit, relief supervisors, the passage of H.R. 82 and upcoming pay talks.

New England Area Vice President Bill Austin also thanked Branch 105 for their support and spoke about upcoming advocacy and Branch officer training that he will be hosting on March 8 and 9th in Fairhaven, Ma.

Old Business:

Scholarship Winners announced; Anabelle Laviano, daughter of Joe Laviano and Haleigh Ulicnik, granddaughter of Jimmy Ulicnik

Motion made and passed to push constitution and bylaws presentation to February meeting

New Business:

Shaun introduced first time attendees, Todd Bertolicni, Christine Whalen and Ron Caramante

Good and Welfare:

Open Season for health plans is 11/11/2024 – 12/9/2024

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Shaun made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:45, seconded by Victor Giorgio

(2) \$50 Walmart Gift Cards were raffled, winners; Jim Bourque/Nasheba Blackwood

The SPAC 50/50 raised \$200, Nasheba Blackwood won \$100