

Marilyn's December Blog 2021

The US Postal Service employees help to bring Christmas, however currently we must compete and sometimes assist our competitors. We go everywhere every day. When they get overloaded a lot of their product ends up on the postal services back dock. USPS has been performing above and beyond during Peak season for over 200 years the others are still learning!! Show them all our best and protect the USPS Brand! Happy Holidays to all and a Prosperous New Year. We are now dealing with the Omicron virus! Mask Up get your shots and be safe.

What is a STC and who runs it? The Service Transportation Center (STC) are contract facilities. There are EAS liaisons that work at these buildings to oversee dispatch placarding compliance. NAPS do not know of any grievances to date. These facilities are just like the old Emery facilities that processed Priority Mail in the 90's until USPS lost a grievance.

In November President Biden nominated two new candidates to the Postal Board of Governors (BOG)

Why did the president opt to nominate new candidates rather the extend the time of two outgoing board members? Maybe the comments of White House Spokesperson sum up the question

"JEN PSAKI: Well, let me first say we are of course deeply troubled, continue to be deeply troubled as many Americans are by the early reporting on Postmaster General DeJoy, potential financial conflicts of interest and take serious issues with the job he's doing running the Postal Service. As you know, the president does not have the authority to fire the postmaster general.

It's ultimately up to the Board of Governors by majority. So, what was announced today is the president's intention to nominate two leaders to the bipartisan United States Postal Service Board of Governors to replace outgoing governors, Ron Bloom and John Barger, both Derek Kan and Dan Tangherlini, are experienced public servants. And certainly, again just to reiterate, it's up to the board to make a determination about leadership, but we have continued concerns about postmaster generals' leadership."

Board Memo 084-2021: Posting of Non-Bargaining Vacancies Effective October 19, 2021

Executive Board, Effective, October 19, the Postal Service has resumed the standard posting schedule for non-bargaining positions. Vacant non-bargaining positions can be posted internally without limited area of consideration restrictions and in accordance with the policies found in Section 743 of the Handbook EL-312 *Employment and Placement*. Additional information. posted on the NAPS website [Bulletin Board](#).

Supervisor Political Action Committee (SPAC) Last month the Western Region Training seminar called a SPAC Challenge to attendees. I am happy to report they showed up and showed out! Our grand total was \$7,390! Members still have time to boost their SPAC contributions for 2021 you have until December 31, 2021.

LTS 2022 - To NAPS members planning to attend the in-person LTS in Washington this coming March 2022. There are new protocols in DC and the rules change weekly. Currently only 2-5 members of a congressional member is allowed to meet with the representative. Once an appointment is made the attendees are currently being escorted to the legislator's office. There will be computer set ups in at the hotel to schedule zoom meetings if in-person congressional meetings cannot be arranged. The rules for congressional meetings may change in the new year. Congressional members prefer to meet **with their member**. This means we may be making appointments based on the **zip code!** **On December 1st NAPS HQ hosted a Zoom briefing** that focused on how to get registered for the LTS. Each attendee or guest must submit a personal email address on the registration form. The LTS registration is online only! Every effort has been made to make the on-line registration as user friendly as possible. NAPS HQ is hoping to have the on-line LTS registration live this month.

Regarding SPAC there will be a virtual 2022 SPAC fundraiser and NAPS is looking for donations. There is a timeframe for submission of SPAC donations so watch for alerts.

NAPS HQ is planning another LTS Zoom meeting scheduled for January. Attendees are advised that attempts to make appointments should not be made until February 2022. Check out the NAPS web page under legislation for updates!

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

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