Marilyn's May Blog 2022

California State 100th Anniversary Convention was called to order in Solvang CA, The Danish Capital of American! Convention highlights: Over 100 delegates met for the first time since COVID, there were 24 First Timers attending both the NAPS Convention and Auxiliary to NAPS.
 There were 12 committees and resolutions to review and pass. Ivan Butts, National NAPS President and his wife Laurie Butts National President of the Auxiliary attended.   Louis and Bonita Atkins were special guests. USPS Guess were John Diperi, Senior Director Processing Operations, Northwest, and Deborah Brady WETSPAC Executive Director Customer Relations. Congressman Salud Carbajal 24th District and supporter of Postal Legislation was a keynote speaker. There was a 100th Celebration and NAPS Training conducted by John Aceves, former NAPS Secretary/ Treasurer s and NAPS National officers. This training was open to all California NAPS members. Mary Burkhard Branch 244 was the host branch as well as being first timers. There were 12 committees, resolutions to review and vote on, a lively election good food, outstanding accommodations, and a lot of fun. A special welcome back to Fresno NAPS Branch 274 for returning to the state. It was three days of NAPS business, training, campaigning, SPAC challenges and fun. Over $13, 310 dollars was raised for SPAC! Check out the California State Web page to see updates on this great convention, Congratulation to the newly elected state officers. We look forward to working with you this year!

SWC'S The Supervisory Workload Credit system is used to determine the number of Supervisors, Customer Service EAS-17 that are to be authorized in post offices and carrier stations. SWCs are workload driven. It identifies and measures the workload of supervisors. The primary measure used is the number and type of employees supervised
User must have web COINS access. – User must be connected to the Postal network via LAN or USPS VPN. Go to FSS website. (Click the link here SWCs Auto Worksheet), the work sheet should be paired to Web Coins (supervisors need to get approval to access Web coins managers should have access. There is a nine page how to update your units SWC's, check list log on naps.org for more information or contact National NAPS SWC committee or Jimmy Warden, National NAPS naps.jw@naps.orgr A Western Region subject matter resource is John Aceves, **napstheace@msn.com.**

What is FOIA? - Since 1967, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) has provided the public the right to request access to records from any federal agency. It is often described as the law that keeps citizens in the know about their government. Federal agencies are required to disclose any information requested under the FOIA unless it falls under one of nine exemptions which protect interests such as personal privacy, national security, and law enforcement.

Correspondents to USPS regarding members representation-A recent dialoged with USPS regarding **slow or no-response, advised that you send a** second request in writing (via email and include the first request. If no response move to the next higher level. The USPS WESTPAC contact is **Duba, Jeffry R - Denver, CO <jeffry.r.duba@usps.gov>**

Civic -101 – The Filibuster Filibusters and Cloture
The Senate tradition of unlimited debate has allowed for the use of the filibuster, a loosely defined term for action designed to prolong debate and delay or prevent a vote on a bill, resolution, amendment, or other debatable question. Prior to 1917 the Senate rules did not provide for a way to end debate and force a vote on a measure. That year, the Senate adopted a rule to allow a two-thirds majority to end a filibuster, a procedure known as "cloture." In 1975 the Senate reduced the number of votes required for cloture from two-thirds of senators voting to three-fi!hs (3/5) of all senators duly chosen and sworn, or 60 of the 100-member Senate.

NAPS Membership – A Bi-weekly nationwide membership list is available to NAPS, if you are not receiving this report contact your local President the list identifies newly promoted EAS in your area. Remember **ALL** EAS are eligible to join NAPS. Don't hesitate to reach out and extend an invitation to newly promoted EAS and any non-member you know!

SPAC Virtual the *2nd Annual Midsummer Nights' Gift Raffle*. Begins June 1st to July 10, 2022, log on naps.org and bid!

National NAPS Convention August 8-12, 2022, New Orleans LA is open for registration all convention registrations will be conducted online early registration $250.00 until June 20St go on naps.org to register today! Late registration fee is $325.00.

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