

Marilyn's April Blog 2022

"Don't stop when you tired, stop when you are done"! Postal Reform the focus for 15 years is done!

Legislative Training Seminar Recap: LTS in person event resumed after a two-year hiatus due to COVID!

It was a time to celebrate the passage of HR 3076 It was a fast-paced event with a bi partisan group of Legislative speakers There was a SPAC fundraiser. Also, while we celebrated our victory, we were reminded there is more work to be done. The focus is on HR 3077, NAPS Legislative Agenda has a list of bills we are seeking Co-sponsors. Go to the NAPS Web site click on the legislative center for more information

Thanks to all that attended it was great to see everyone. There were some challenges getting on Capitol Hill but Zoom meetings were scheduled for those legislators not meeting in person!

I was fortunate to have an in-person meeting with my Congressperson John Garamendi!

For branches that were unable to meet with their congressman you still have an opportunity to schedule a zoom meeting back home so use the NAPS Talking points and do a follow up at home.

NAPS HQ hosted a dedication naming the NAPS Executive Board room for Margarete A Grant. There was also an unavailing of wall plaques honoring Ted Keating and Louis Atkins Past Presidents of NAPS! It was wonderful to see so many NAPS members attend this special recognition reception.

Update: the NAPS Resident Officers were invited to the White House Wednesday April 6, 2022, to observe President Biden signing of the Postal Reform Legislation!

NAPS DISPLINARY DEFENSE FUND (DDF) Providers update our DDF provider presented an overview of ongoing cases listed by wins, losses, withdrawn or settled. There were an increased number of sexual harassment and performance cases. When submitting a case be sure to use the correct DDF form to PO BOX 25822, Brooklyn NY 11202. There is no charge for eligible NAPS members appealing Adverse Actions decisions to our DDF provider.

Welcome Back. California NAPS Fresno Branch 274 will be rejoining the state this year and will be attending the state convention in Solvang, CA to help celebrate our 100th anniversary and enjoy convention activities and Pacific Area Training presented by John Aceves former NAPS National Secretary Treasurer. Ivan Butts, NAPS National President will also be attending.

For a nonaffiliated Branch to rejoin the state they are required to pay **the current per capita dues** (January to July 2022) to be in good standing, for questions about state per capita dues contact Sally Simpao California State Treasurer. forty9ersally@gmail.com.

California State Convention 100th Anniversary celebration and Pacific Area Training is scheduled for April 20-23, 2022, in Solvang CA. Mary Burkhard Branch 244 is the host branch. There is a Pacific Area Training scheduled for Thursday afternoon April 21st @ 1:00 -5:00pm. This **training is open to all Pacific Area (California/Hawaii) members.** Contact **Chuck Lum, lump013@hawaii.rr.com** or Marilyn Jones neise6i9@yahoo.com. State Convention business will be suspended during afternoon training.

Supervisor Political Action Committee (SPAC) This is a mid-term election year and many of our friends in congress will be requesting financial support. It is very important to have friends in congress as realized by the recent passing of HR 3076 Postal Reform after 15 long years of trying. Now we have another list of needed house and senate postal legislation to work on our job is not over!

I am challenging **ALL NAPS California State Convention** delegates to pledge **100 dollars per person** in honor of the California States 100th anniversary celebration. We will be having gift items, and gift cards and 50-50 raffle there are many ways to contribute. By making a pledge in April you have until December 31st to complete your pledge contribution.

We are requesting ALL branches contribute items gifts, gift cards to our 100TH Anniversary SPAC Raffle. California is Number 1 in SPAC Nationwide, lets work together to stay on top and lead the nation!

NAPS National 68th Convention will be held in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, August 6-12-2022 Registration is now open. Committee assignments are self-nominated so submit your request ASAP for a chance to serve on a committee. This is a campaign year again and National NAPS Executive Board members and others will be running for NAPS Executive Board offices. However, there will be no bid for the 2026 Convention because there were no qualified convention bids submitted by December 31st, 2021. The NAPS Executive Board reviewed seven qualified convention city sites and chose San Francisco CA Marriott Marquis selected by board vote to host the 2026 National NAPS Convention!

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