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MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegates, please start taking your seats. Sargent of Arms, please start closing the doors. We need to start business. Please get delegates into the room. Sargent of Arms, please check with the delegates outside to get them into the room. Thank you.

All right. Delegates, please take your seats. Good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. The last day. I’ll tell you what, it’s been a lot of fun. Okay, it’s been a lot of fun. I hope you’ve had fun. We’re ready to get to the rest of the business for today.

But, we have been blessed this week with fellowship -- NAPS fellowship, food, fun, but we have to give thanks for that. So, at this point in time, I would like to recognize a Southern Region member for the invocation, John Carson, President of Alabama State Branch 901 for invocation.
[Applause.]

MR. JOHN CARSON: Good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

MR. JOHN CARSON: Good morning.

ALL: Good morning. [Louder.]

MR. JOHN CARSON: Blessed be the day the Lord has given us.

ALL: Amen.

MR. JOHN CARSON: Let us bow our heads and go to the Lord. Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion. Allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions, which will affect this NAPS family today. Continue to remind us, Lord God, that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth, and for the greater glory of you and for the service of this NAPS family. We ask these things in your name. We ask for your hands of blessing on this meeting. We
ask that you would guide and direct our meeting so that it is full of wisdom, productivity, and respect for one another. Thank you for helping us to accomplish our work and our goals this day, Dear Lord. We ask for your guiding hand to lead us through this meeting. May we approach our tasks with wisdom, and may we approach our members with respect. May our conduct create an environment of cooperation and kindness. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities, Dear Lord, so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. And as we conclude our business here today, Dear Lord, watch over us as we return home to our families and our loved ones. In Jesus’ name, let us all say Amen.

    ALL: Amen.

    MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Now, I’d like to bring up Rosemary Harmon and Roy Madden for the final -- final report of our Credentials and Registration Committee. Rosemary and Roy.

    MS. ROSEMARY HARMON: Good morning.

    ALL: Good morning.
MS. ROSEMARY HARMON: NAPS family, it’s been a pleasure for us to be here. It’s been a long week. We’ve all worked hard. We’ve had a lot of fun, and we ate a lot, right? There are times when I feel like it’s about all I’ve done is eat, so when I get home, I’m going to have to regroup.

We’ve got a little homework to do before we get to the final. So, I want everybody to look at their delegate card, please. Make sure you’ve got one, number one. Look at the Branch number that you are voting for when we get to that point. Is it correct? Is there anyone on the floor from Texas State Branch? Is there anyone on the floor for Texas State Branch? You need to come up here, please.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: One person.

MS. ROSEMARY HARMON: Come here.

[Laughter.]

I’ve got one more. Is there anyone on the floor from Pennsylvania State Branch? Do we have a hand? Guess what? Come here.
[Laughter.]

Right now -- excuse me -- right now.

[Speaking off mic.]

MS. ROSEMARY HARMON: This is part of what we do. We make sure -- or we try to to the very best of our ability -- that we get all the votes. This is seven votes that they would not have gotten. So, please be patient with us while we do this.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: While the Credentials and Registration Committee is going through this, I just want to give you an idea for the rest of the morning. We’re doing the final report for the Credentials. We’re going to have remarks from our Executive Vice President, Ivan Butts, Dr. Bruce Bishop, our parliamentarian would like to make a few remarks to clear some things up, Chuck will doing announcements, and then from there, we’ll have the elections. But, while you’re all waiting with anticipation the flavor of the day, the final flavor of the day for the National Convention, it’s always been a favorite of mine, Ben & Jerry’s
Mint Chocolate Chunk. That’s just my favorite.
So, Mint Chocolate Chunk today at Ben & Jerrys.
So, are we close?
MS. SHARON GISHI: Point of personal privilege, mic 1.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Mic 1.
MS. SHARON GISHI: Sharon Gishi, Branch 94, San Jose, California. I would like to say that reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated. I showed up in the newsletter this morning on the memorial list.
[Laughter.]
I did not know that I passed in the evening, so. No flowers, thank you.
[Audience reaction.]
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: It wasn’t supposed to be memorialism -- you lost me on this one.
[Laughter.]
Usually, I can figure something out, but, you know, glad you’re here in spirit and in person. That’s all I can say. Anybody else who is here in spirit? Okay. Are they close? Please
tip your waiter and waitresses while you’re waiting for the next show to start. Okay. You ready? We’re ready.


[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Rosemary and Roy, thank you very much for your due diligence as Chair and Co-Chair of the Credentials and Resolutions Committee or Registration. Okay, it’s been a long week. Would you like to introduce your committee before I release them?

MR. ROY MADDEN: I would. Can I have the privilege of bring them up?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You may have the
privilege of bringing them up here quickly.

MR. ROY MADDEN: Could everybody on our Committee please come up here on the podium -- on the stage, please? Stand up now and come up here -- just come up here. I don’t see a lot of movement. While they’re coming up, we always get a volunteer -- somebody who wasn’t on the Committee but came in and helped us all week long. That person is actually on the Ballot Committee but spent almost all week with us. That’s Debra Moore out of Branch 55 in Kentuckiana. She’s not here. I’m going to skip Rich Walters name because Rich had to go home yesterday to take a stress test. He’d been out of work, he had a triple bypass about eight weeks ago. He was here all week working. As I call the names, the folks up here are going to raise their hands, so you can see which is which. I’m going to start, you guys. Just raise you hand as I call your name, and then put it down.

Sam Booth, Jr., Branch 39, California.

[Single clap.]
Catherine Brady, Branch 420, Florida.  
[Single clap.]
Ted Burgasser, Branch 29, Ohio.  
[Single clap.]
Maxine Campbell, Branch 42, Maryland.  
[Single clap.]
Jeanette Carter, Branch 1, Kentucky.  
[Single clap.]
Dorian Chastain, Branch 60, State of Washington.  
[Single clap.]
Vanessa Cobb, Branch 354, Florida.  
[Single clap.]
Pamela Cothrine, Branch 131, Missouri.  
[Single clap.]
Paul Foley, Branch 120, Massachusetts.  
[Single clap.]
Deborah Holley, Branch 526, Virginia.  
[Single clap.]
Dolores Hunter, Branch 23, Michigan.  
[Single clap.]
Jill Jensen, Branch 139, Utah.
[Single clap.]

Jacshica Laster, Branch 46, Ohio.

[Single clap.]

Ann Mitchell, Branch 124, Texas.

[Single clap.]

Gloria Mitchell, Branch 177, North Carolina.

[Single clap.]

George Mott, III, Branch 132, Virginia.

[Single clap.]

Amir Mohammad, Branch 82, Georgia.

[Single clap.]

Nancy Muschette, Branch 135, Washington, D.C.

[Single clap.]

Cynthia Potter, Branch 268, Michigan.

[Single clap.]

Loretta Reed, Branch 698, California.

[Single clap.]

Melisande Shumate, Branch 928, Missouri.

[Single clap.]

Charles Singer, Branch 322, Kentucky.
[Single clap.]

Ann Strickland, Branch 146, Florida.

[Single clap.]

Rich, I told you all about already, he’s from Branch 120 in Mass also.

[Single clap.]


[Single clap.]

I’m Roy Madden, Branch 924, Massachusetts, the Co-Chair, and the person that over the years we’ve all come to love and respect as our Committee Chairperson out of Branch 920 in Kentucky, my friend, Rosemary Harmon.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Again, I want to thank the Committee for all their hard work, and you are released, free to go. You get to go. You get to walk out, you’re done. Well, no, you gotta stay with Chuck. Rosemary has to stay -- almost, that close. Thank you again, Committee.

[Applause.]
All right. At this time, I bring up our Executive Vice President, Ivan Butts, for some remarks.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Ann Strickland, can you come back?


MR. IVAN BUTTS: Good morning, delegates. I hope you had a great night at the hospitality rooms and with the entertainment. I’ve just got a few announcements this morning that I want to talk to you about. One is I told you yesterday about making the donation to the Joe Jeeter SPAC fund and the special bag that you will receive for doing that. So, I’m hoping that you guys have taken me up on that, because this treat is something special, and I just don’t want you to miss out on it. I don’t want you to be on the plane crazing something sweet or driving back home and saying I wish I would have gotten some of this treat that is truly the best. So, that said.

Our SPAC ultimate contributors -- in our SPAC contributions, we have a level called
Ultimate Contributor. We had named it the President’s Ultimate Club. It has different names, but it -- it’s a sign of your full commitment to our efforts -- our SPAC efforts and what we’re trying to do legislatively up on the hill. So, if you’re a SPAC Ultimate Contributor, I’m going to ask you to stand now. Any SPAC Ultimate Contributor, please stand. SPAC Ultimate Contributors. Look around.

[Applause.]

I thank you ladies and gentlemen for your commitment to SPAC. Last year, we had a record -- we doubled -- nearly doubled our SPAC Ultimate contributors. I’m hopeful that we can do the same this year. It’s through your commitment to SPAC that it’s going to help us drive our efforts home, which whatever we may pursue, not just legislatively, but in legislative changes that we need to make within our own law of the Title 39. So, thank you guys for that.

We’re still taking SPAC donations in memory of Ann Konish at the SPAC table. Greg
Murphy, he gave us -- gave me $100 for that effort. I appreciate all you guys for what you’ve done. We’re gonna -- hopefully you have written down on your sheet that it’s in memory of Ann Konish so we can total that money and put a report in the convention magazine as to exactly how much we’ve drawn in her name. I appreciate what you do. I think we’re going to do that again in March at our LTS also. So, be ready.

Suzie Mates from Ohio has left her Ohio State SPAC pins out at the SPAC table out in the hall. For a donation, you can have one of the Ohio State -- excuse me -- Branch 33 Columbus pin of the Buckeye for this year for a SPAC donation, and that money will be donated in -- was I supposed to say OH --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: IO.

MR. IVAN BUTTS: And that money will be donated to SPAC in memory of Myla Hostetler.

And now, I want to bring up delegate at mic 8.

MS. SUZIE MATES: I’m Suzie Mates from
Branch 33, and I’d like to give Ivan $100 in Myla’s name now.

MS. IVAN BUTTS: Thank you.

[Applause.]

And as Suzie comes up, I’m going to turn the mic over to Ann Konish who’s going to give us an update -- I mean, oh, I’m sorry -- she is on my mind. Yes, she’s here. She’s here. And it’s shown in your generosity in giving in her name.

But, I’m going to ask Ann Strickland to come up and give us an update from the SPAC Walkathon.

[Applause.]

MS. ANN STRICKLAND: Thank you, Ivan.

Well, good morning NAPS brothers and sisters. Isn’t it a wonderful morning. Thursday morning at 6:15, we had around 75 brave souls that attended our 5th Bi-annual Walkathon. I would like to thank everyone who participated and everyone who purchased a shirt. My husband sold 300 shirts and SPAC realized $6,000 profit from the sale of the shirts alone. I have to sincerely thank Signature
Federal Credit Union for sponsoring our shirts this year. Let’s give them a great round of applause.

[Applause.]

So, with the sale of the shirts and the pledges, some of the walkers that have a total -- the total for SPAC, this year’s Walkathon is $8,114.50.

[Applause.]

Now, for the four walkers that collected pledges, coming in fourth place -- and I would like you to come up -- is Sandy Shumate from Branch 131.

[Applause.]

She collected $155. Please come up.

In third place, Alice Jackson from Branch 526, collected $200. Alice, come on up.

[Applause.]

So, second place winner in collecting pledges was Kathy Gill from Branch 50, $754.50.

[Applause.]

Now, first place, let me see, somebody
from Branch 203. Who could that be? Let me see.
I forgot my reading glasses. Texas Bob Bradford.

[Applause.]
And Texas Bob collected -- okay, drum roll please.

[Drum roll.]

$1,150.

[Applause.]
I have to thank everyone again for your SPAC support, and remember, this year, spread the word. What do you have to do? You have to vote Postal. Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

MR. IVAN BUTTS: Thank you, Ann, and thanks to all of you for what you’ve done at this convention for SPAC. I’m sure we’re going to have after all this is tallied another record-breaking effort. Thank you very much. Bless you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Ivan.

We’re going to get ready with the election, but the Ballot and Election Committee was notified that there are seven new ballots, so they’re doing
the verification on these seven ballots regarding
the corrections we had up here at the podium. So,
we’ll be going really quickly soon -- really
quickly soon is redundant -- with the election.
But, I would like to introduce Dr. Bruce Bishop
again for some few remarks to the floor. Thank
you.

DR. BRUCE BISHOP: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman, and thank you ladies and gentlemen. I
want to tell you again, as I did on the first day,
when an honor and a privilege it has been to serve
as your National Parliamentarian, and I would like
to take an opportunity to clear up my, “I don’t
care” comments, because it seems that it’s been an
interesting reaction.

You know, you folks refer to me as Dr.
Bruce, and it’s on my name tag. My Ph.D. was in
communications, and I studied how communication
works in large groups. And one of the things we
know about communication is we call it a received
phenomenon, which means that it’s the other person
who interprets and gives meaning to what we say.
So, I know what I mean when I say, “I don’t care,” and I think I know what the President means when he says, “I don’t care,” but you folks still have to give that meaning. And a lot of you in the elevators and the lobby when you see me, you say I don’t care and you say it with humor, and I appreciate that because you get it. But, then there have been a couple of other people who have approached me and said, “You know, I think it’s being misinterpreted that maybe you don’t care.” I couldn’t -- I couldn’t care more.

[Laughter.]

I desperately care, but what I care about is that you do the right thing, meaning you do it correctly and that you’re meeting and you follow the rules. I care desperately about the idea that we protect member rights. But, I don’t care if you chose Denver or New Orleans. I don’t care. I don’t care if you vote yes or if you vote no. I don’t care if the resolution passes or it fails, as long as you do it correctly on Sunday and maybe on my orientation with you folks also at the first
day, I told you I don’t care if you even make a bad decision, as long as you do it correctly.

[Laughter.]

I hope you don’t make any bad decisions, but that’s on you. That’s not on me. And so, please understand that as a parliamentarian, this is my profession. I desperately care that we do it correctly. What I don’t care about is what decision you make. That’s you. That’s up to you. And in no way do I want to influence whether it’s yes or no, whether you vote for or against a resolution. That’s what I don’t care about. That’s my neutrality, that’s my objectivity, and that’s my lack of bias. So, I appreciate that.

On a lighter note -- maybe not -- some of you have asked me where you can get additional copies of the parliamentary pizza book, and I appreciate that. My E-mail address is on the book, and if you E-mail me, I’d be more than happy to provide you with additional copies of that. If you go online to buy them, I think there’s a website for the books also. You’re going to pay
double. But, if you just E-mail me individually and tell me how many you want, then I’ll sell them to you at the same rate that I made them available to the association.

And thirdly, a few of you have asked me about if I could provide services at your state convention. Same thing. E-mail me and we’ll continue the discussion that way.

Again, it’s been an honor -- it’s been a privilege. Thank you all for treating me with such kindness and for giving me this opportunity. God bless you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Again, thank you, Dr. Bishop. We truly appreciate your counsel on this. It’s been very interesting, very good learning experience -- excellent learning experience.

I want to bring Chuck Mulidore up, your Secretary Treasurer for some announcements while the Balloting Committee will be coming in. So, Chuck, announcements?

MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: Thank you, and good
morning. Okay. Just about the Grand Banquet first. So, the Grand Banquet begins this evening with a cocktail reception here at 5:30, and there will be several cash bars around the room, and the banquet itself begins at 6:30. So, it will be right in here. Why it’s so important is Brian said we kinda got to get out of here on time so they can turn the room for the banquet tonight. I’m sure we’ll accomplish that. So, 5:30 drinks, cocktails, conversation, and 6:30 the banquet. All right?

A couple other announcements.

Pennsylvania State will be taking pictures immediately after the morning session at the escalators outside the hall. This is for Pennsylvania State members to have some pictures taken.

The Post Office is in of the lobby from 8:30 to noon today, so whatever questions you might have, they are there now. Any shipping needs you have, they’ll take care of you. There is no free DATTCO service to the airport today.
If you have any flights that you need to make this afternoon or whatever, you need -- there will be no free DATTCO service to the airport today. So, you need to make other arrangements.

West Virginia, Branch 212, has four banquet tickets available at the same table. West Virginia, raise your hands over there, West Virginia. They’re right over there. You can see Tina, Craig. They have four banquet tickets at the same table this evening.

We did get a couple of memorials, and hopefully these people are not in the room with us also. I wouldn’t want that -- well, they’re here in spirit we know, but we certainly don’t want to have that situation happen again. So, please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Olivia Helm, Branch 88 and the Supervisor of Distribution and Operations, Sharon Lucas in Branch 85. So, remember them, please, in your thoughts and prayers this morning. All right. Brian, that’s all I have. Thank you very much.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: It’s awfully quiet.
We’re still waiting for the Ballot Committee to tweak some numbers. So, if anything -- if anyone has anything for the good of the association, it would be a good time now if you’d like to come to the microphone.

Nancy, you’re going to have to help me on this microphone thing, would you please? Okay, delegate at mic 3.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Oh, I was about to say as soon as you saw me coming up here, you deferred to another conversation.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I haven’t recognized you yet though.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Yeah.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I had not recognized you at the moment, now I have.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I sincerely apologize.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Yeah, accepted.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Yeah. Luther Manuel, Branch 548. This will be my last appearance at the mic.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: We can’t hear you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: We can’t hear you.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: This will be my -- this will be my last appearance at the mic.

[Applause.]

I call for division.

[Laughter.]

First-timers, this is an opportunity for you -- any of you -- when they have for the good of the order. As a matter of fact, in your state and in your branch, you should have this at the end of all your meetings, for the good of the order.

What happens now is if you have anything you want to say, something you liked, something you didn’t like, what you think needs to change, this is your opportunity. You may not get it this afternoon. Usually, it’s at the end, but if we’re under tight -- or whatever we have to do, the time might not come. So, while we’re waiting for the Committee to come back, which is not going to be
hurried, you can go to any mic and give your comments, let us know what you thought, let us know if somebody talked too much --

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: That reminds me, I have to time you.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Oh, wait a minute -- we’re not -- are we on a time schedule for this?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You still get five minutes.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I thought that was for resolutions.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: It’s for anything at that mic.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Oh, I might challenge the decision of the chair.

[Laughter.]

But, I’m not gonna do all that. Another thing, the parliamentarian, he gave his idea of not caring, caring -- we all heard what he had to say. But, you have to understand, a parliamentarian has to be fair and equal to all
sides. You cannot see him -- many of us see the parliamentarian as working with the guy at the microphone. No, that’s not it, because the guy at the microphone might be out of order. Now, I’ve seen times when Brian may have looked over at the parliamentarian, and he’ll tell him that’s okay, such as the situation where a lady nominated herself for office. She can do that, and I think Brian might have had a little problem, but he looked at our trusty parliamentarian, and he didn’t say you can’t.

But, remember that the parliamentarian works for the organization, not for the President. So, you always have the opportunity to stand up if something is not right and say, “I would like to make a parliamentary inquiry.” If you make the inquiry, now you’re asking him to give his opinion. He understands that the final judgment comes from the President, but also you remember this, you can always challenge the decision. If the President makes a ruling and the ruling, you don’t like it, all you have to say is, “I would
challenge his decision.” Then, you’re asking the body to help you. Now, if you don’t give the body a chance, many times, you know, you have to let the body help you, even with resolutions. You have to let the body help you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Time.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: No, not time.
MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Am I out of time yet?
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: No, I’ve got it.
You’ve got two minutes.
MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Oh, okay.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You did the five-minute rule, not I.
MR. LUTHER MANUEL: See that? Now, here we go. You know, the man said I had two minutes, and you all don’t want to agree with that. Oh, no. Some of you all say he should get ten minutes. Well, I like that.
[Laughter.]
Some of you all should say, he should be at zero right now.
[Laughter.]
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I object.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: You cannot object with a speaker unless you have a point of order. A point of order takes first precedence. If you have a point of order --

MR. SIE DABNEY: Point of order.

[Laughter.]

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I have to stand still until the point of order is addressed. It stops all business.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Point of order. Where was the point of order?

MR. SIE DABNEY: Number 8.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 8.

MR. SIE DABNEY: Delegate number 8. Good morning, everybody. My name is Sie Dabney from Branch 135, Washington, D.C. We’ve got two distinguished employees that are still working at the present time in Washington, D.C. They have a total of 106 years of working.

[Banging of gavel.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: That’s not a point of
MR. SIE DABNEY: Well, I just wanted to let you know -- I just wanted to break up what he was saying.

[Banging of gavel.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: No, that’s not a point of order. You’re out of order.

[Laughter.]

Don’t make me break this gavel. Thank you.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Now --


[Banging of gavel.]

[Laughter.]

The clock says zero. You’re done.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: No, you can’t use my time for your time.

[Banging of gavel.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I did, you know. Time.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I want a ruling from
the parliamentarian.

DR. BRUCE BISHOP: I don’t care.

[Laughter and applause.]

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: That’s it. You see, folks, the National Convention can be a lot of fun. Don’t ever take it a hundred percent serious. You know, we can tell jokes. It’s okay. I mean, I don’t care, you know.

[Laughter and applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Luther. Ivan, you had another remark? I’m going to defer to Ivan, and then I’ll get back. The Credentials and Registration Committee went up to the Balloting Committee, so we’re still good of the order. So, Ivan.

MR. IVAN BUTTS: Just real quick, family. The SPAC raffle. We’re going to end the SPAC raffle at 1:30 and then do all the tallies, and as we wrap up our National Convention, we’ll -- like we did at LTS -- we’ll scroll the winning numbers on the screen, and you can go out and claim your prizes, all right? That was it. Thank you.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Ivan. And when we begin the balloting, any guests in the room must leave. It’s only for delegates in this room. So, when the ballot -- when we’re going to begin the balloting, guests will need to leave, and only delegates in this room.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good morning. Point of special attention.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I have a delegate at mic 3, first. There were here, okay?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No problem, I’ll wait.

MR. JIM MCHUGH: Thank you, Brian, and thank you, Ivan for recognizing the President’s Ultimate Club members this morning.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Who are you?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Who are you?

MR. JIM MCHUGH: Jim McHugh, former Board member, currently with Branch 386 in Clearwater, Florida. Thank you, Ivan for recognizing the President’s Ultimate Club members this morning. Yesterday, I saw sold of my historical pins and
raised $50, and I would like to donate that money
and meet your challenge with a personal check for
$100, all in memory of my mentor, my friend, and a
lady that gave me unwavering support while I was
on the Board, Ann Konish.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Jim.

Delegate at mic 5.

MR. CALVIN EDWARDS: Calvin Edwards,
Branch 31, Tacoma, Washington. We had a Western
Area caucus yesterday, and I brought up something
that I think has slipped a lot of people’s minds.
We’re in an economic war right now as far as the
Postal Service goes, and one of the things that I
told our group was that I’m guilty of something
that we all need to be doing, and that is
contacting our state representatives, our
Congressional members, and letting them know
what’s going on within the Postal Service with
first-hand information. If you haven’t done it,
and I intend to do it immediately, I’m going to be
contacting my rep. All of us need to do that.
And you need to keep in mind that we have a huge
conglomerate that is poised to take part of the Postal Service, and that is Amazon. As soon as that door is open just a little bit, you can bet your bottom dollar, that they’re going to be making the move to get a part of us if we are made to go private. So, please contact your representatives and let them know how you feel.

Also, one of the other things that I said was please, please, please don’t vote along party lines. Research all of the candidates and find out which ones intend to split us apart, which ones want us to go private, and don’t let them get a seat, okay? I’ve learned a lot. I’m a first-timer. I appreciate everyone that I’ve met, and I hope we meet again. Thanks.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you. Delegate at mic 8.

MR. SIE DABNEY: Good morning. Personal -- anyway, whatever it is.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Granted.

[Laughter.]

MR. SIE DABNEY: Okay. My name is Sie
Dabney, again Branch 135. I would like to recognize two special employees that come out of Branch 135. They have a total of 106 years, and they’re still working. Ms. ______ [unclear] got 53 years and 3 months.

[Applause.]

And we got Mr. Michael _____ got 52 years and 8 months, a total of 106 years and they’re still working.

[Applause.]


MS. TRUEVA RICHARDSON: My name is Trueva Richardson. I’m from Mobile, Alabama, Branch 26. I wanted to say something earlier, but I just want to recognize the face that the Welcome Committee was awesome. When I got off the plane, they were right there giving us directions. When we got here, they pointed us in the right direction, and they were very hospitable, and I just want to say thank you.

[Applause.]
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Lisa Douglas, the Chair of the Host Branch, will be coming up later this afternoon and addressing the delegation. So, thank you for that. Great team effort. Thank you.

Delegate, mic 2.

MR. DERRICK WIGGINS: Good morning. My name is Derrick Wiggins, Branch 85 out of New York -- first timer.

[Applause.]

I just wanted to say I had a blast this week, and if anybody doubts that, I don’t care.

[Laughter and applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 3.

MR. : Good morning, Mr. Chairman and my fellow delegates. I’m Mac Littles, Branch 35, Philadelphia. I rise this morning to bring to the attention of the delegates something that occurred yesterday that may have been slightly overlooked. Yesterday, our Vice President -- Executive Vice President -- got up and acknowledged that there was something that he failed to do but something
that he would correct. You know, we’re in a society that there are people who fail to do and blame you for their failure, but he acknowledged, which is refreshing to know that a person has that kind of integrity that they’re willing to acknowledge their wrong and say I will fix it. I heard the desire, the meaning in his voice. That’s one of the reasons why our branch elected him as well as I believe reasons why you elected him. He’s a man of integrity. Don’t let the soft bear fool you. He’s the real McCoy, that’s Executive Vice President Ivan Butts.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 7.

MR. AL BONENBERGER: Al Bonenberger, Branch 103, San Antonio. I want to bring -- try to bring a little humor to the body. This lady was shopping at the grocery store, walking up and down the aisle, calling out “Crisco” real loud. Everybody was looking at her. One of the employees heard her calling out “Crisco,” comes up to her and tells her, “Ma’m, Crisco oil is on
aisle 3.” The lady said, “No, I’m calling my
husband.” “His name’s Crisco?” She said, “Well,
that’s what I call him when we’re not home.”
“Well, what do you call him when you’re at home?”
“Lard ass.”

[Laughter.]

[Banging of the gavel.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Out of order. Strike
the last three -- I object. I don’t care. I
don’t.

[Laughter.]

Okay. Delegate at mic 1.

MS. WANDA STEWART: Thank you, Mr.
President. Wanda Stewart from Branch 88 by the
beautiful Golden Gate, San Francisco, the home of
the Golden State Warriors, who I might add beat
out Cleveland.

[Audience reaction.]

At the last convention, Cleveland had
just beat us, so I just wanted to get a little
retribution.

At any rate, I was moved to stand up here
because I heard someone applauding his two members
that over 100 years between them, and I just want
to say that I attended my first convention because
it was held in my hometown. My local President
was the National President at that time. His name
was Fred Odweier [phonetic.] The convention was
held in San Francisco, California. I was a brand-
new supervisor. I had been a supervisor for about
a year, a little less. That was in 1968. So, for
those many years, 52 years, I’ve been a member of
NAPS.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. Delegate
at mic 3 and then 7, and then we’re done.

Delegate at mic 3.

MR. DON SPIRLET: Good morning, folks.

My name is Don Spirlet. I’m from Branch 118, New
Bedford, Massachusetts. I’d like to take a minute
of your time for something that I feel is very
important. We have a small --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: We can’t hear you.

They can’t hear you.
MR. DON SPIRLET: I would like to take a minute of your time for something that I feel is very important. Once again, my name is Don Spirlet, and I’m from Branch 118, New Bedford, Massachusetts. We had a small group get together the other day and we got together and pooled some funds, and we came up with $180, which we’re going to donate to SPAC. We’d like to donate that in the name of Patty Groves. Patty is one of us. She’s a member of Branch 120, Brockton, Massachusetts. Patty was severely injured in an auto accident in 2017, and she’s still in the hospital. Anyway, the $180 is going to help SPAC, but we’re requesting all of you to help Patty, and you’re gonna do it like this. Do not underestimate the power of prayer.

[Applause.]

So, tonight, before you fall asleep, I’m asking that you say a short prayer for Patty in hopes that in two years, she can be back with us at this convention in the great state of Texas. Thank you.
[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 7.

MR. BOBBY BOCK: Bobby Bock, Branch 406.

Brian, at the fall Board meeting, Sales ________ [Unclear] said that he would meet with NAPS at the National level in a consultative, and he probably knew he was going to retire, that’s why he agreed to it. What’s the status of us meeting with the National Leadership at Sales from NAPS as a consultative?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: We plan on that. We’ve already sent a long list of agenda items. The new acting salesperson has been notified. We are going to be scheduling after this convention a meeting with them, but it has been on the agenda with the Postal Service, and we will be meeting soon. But, we do have an agenda already sent to the Post Office on sales. I would expect to have that in the next 30 days, as expectations. All right?

MR. BOBBY BOCK: Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. Did you have
something, Ivan?

MR. IVAN BUTTS: Someone -- John Fowler just came and brought us a piece of high technology here, so if you --

[Laughter.]

Oh, it's Tommy's. It must be Tommy's.

[Laughter.]

So, if you're looking for your phone, it's up here at the -- at the podium.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. I'm going to ask all the delegates to sit down. We're going to have -- the Ballot Committee is in. We'll reconvene on any other good of the association -- good of the order later.

At this point in time, the next order of business will be the election of officers. The conductor of the election, again, will be -- the conduct of the election will be, again, strictly enforced at this convention. At this time, any guests in the room need to leave -- must leave the room -- the ballroom, except the parliamentarian, yes, except the parliamentarian. Only delegates -
- credentialed delegates are to be in this room.

    I want to begin by saying that the
balls have been prepared and double-checked by
the Ballot and Election Committee and the
Credentials Committee, and they have been secured
overnight.

    During the balloting, the delegates will
be permitted to leave the hall during the
balloting. They will not, however, and I repeat
not, be permitted to reenter this hall until the
balloting has been concluded and the Sargent of
Arms have been escorted -- have escorted the
Ballot and Election Committee out of the hall.

    I want to make sure Sargent of Arms to
get everybody in this hall who wants to be in the
election, and then we’re going to lock the doors
for people from getting back in once we close.
So, Sargent of Arms, make sure anybody who wants
to be in this hall who can vote is here.

    One more time, just to be clear. You may
leave the hall during the election, but you may
not come back in until the election is completely
over and the Ballot and Election Committee has been escorted out of the hall. No exceptions.
Again, Sargent of Arms, please get everybody outside back into the hall for the election of officers.

Sargent of Arms, can I have a wave of hand if everybody’s in here -- at least a notification. Are we good?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Brian, question.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 7.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Doesn’t that start once they finish passing out the -- the ballots?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: No. We will go over the clock and how things will work. Thank you. And, who were you?

Okay. Fair notice has been given of the election getting underway at this time.

MR. ARIC SKJELSTAD: Brian, mic 5.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 5.

MR. ARIC SKJELSTAD: Aric Skjelstad,
Branch 66, Portland. Are we going to get a new number of possible votes? It sounded like they had made some changes due to the two state branches that they added.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Aric, it was already done. Rosemary did it at the -- when they did the calculations at the beginning.

MR. ARIC SKJELSTAD: I’m sorry. I missed that then.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. Will the Sargent of Arms please close the doors at this time. From this moment on, Sargent, no one is to be permitted to come back into the hall until the election is over.

At this time, I’d like to recognize Roe Herzog, Chair of the Ballot and Election Committee. Roe.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Way to go, Roe.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Sargent of Arms, would you assist in preparing -- getting some chairs up here for the Ballot Committee so they may sit
during this event? So, we will need -- Sargent of Arms, we’ll need two chairs at each table, please, 32 chairs.

At this time, I would like to introduce Roe Herzog, the Chair of the Ballot and Elections Committee for the process of the election.

MS. ROE HERZOG: Good morning, fellow delegates.

ALL: Good morning.

MS. ROE HERZOG: In accordance with the rules of this convention and Section 3, Article IV, I, Roe Herzog, Chairman of the Ballot Committee, cast one ballot for all of the unopposed offices and declare these offices filled.

[Banging of the gavel.]

[Applause.]

Before I call on Chuck to read the roll call, I would just like to go over the procedure so that everyone has a clear understanding, especially the many first-timers who are here, just how the process works. If you will note the
setup, there are tables set up along the -- the
front of the convention according to the area, and
they should be pretty close proximity to where
you’re sitting. Chuck will begin to call the
branches by area. You do not have to wait until
your area or branch is called, and before the
member representing your branch can proceed to the
table corresponding to your area to pick up your
ballots, be sure that the person sent to pick up
the ballots for your branch has his or her
credentials. If there is an issue, the Chairman
of the Credentials Committee will be available to
work with you to resolve the issue. That
Chairperson is Rosemary Harmon.

Once corrected, you will be able to
proceed. The ballots you receive will have a
post-it note on top with the number of ballots you
should receive. Should you have a question
regarding the number of ballots allowed, you must
count your ballots before you leave the table.
We’re going to hand you the ballots, you look at
the number, you take the sticky off, we’re gonna
put it on our box just in case we have a run-off, and then you’re gonna standing there and count your ballots. The number of ballots received cannot be disputed once you walk away from the table.

Ballots should clearly marked with your choice of candidate. A simple X or checkmark will do. Please do not mark more than one candidate for each office. Should you make a mistake, circle the name of the candidate you wish to choose so as to leave no doubt about your choice to the Ballot Committee. Please help the Committee by marking your choices clearly, thereby ensuring that each and every ballot cast will count. Please note there will be no block voting, and by that I mean you can’t mark the top ballot. You have to mark each and every ballot.

Balloting will be closed 15 minutes after the roll call is completed. Please pay special attention to the clocks on the screen above the dais. Do not attempt to catch up with the Ballot Committee as they leave the convention floor,
because once the ballot boxes are closed, your ballots cannot and will not be accepted. We will be sealing the boxes as we walk out of here. You may as well take them home as a memento of this convention.

Thank you for your attention to these procedures as they have been reviewed. Chuck.

MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: Just waiting for the timer. Okay. I’ll begin reading the call of the votes. Are we ready? All right. Okay.


Roe Herzog, please go to Mideast. Roe
Herzog, please go to the Mideast Area right now.

Branch 215, Charleston 4 votes.

Branch 225, Columbia 10 votes.

Branch 228, Greenville 7 votes.

Branch 951, Virginia state 2 votes.

Branch 22, Roanoke 7 votes.

Branch 98, Richmond 20 votes.

Branch 132, _____ Chappy Memorial 11 votes.

Branch 526, James E. Parks, Jr., Nova District 40 votes.

Capitol-Atlantic Area VP Troy Griffin 1 vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Charles Mulidore 1 vote.

Eastern Area VP Richard Green 1 vote.

Branch 55, Evansville 4 votes.

Branch 920, Kentucky state 5 votes.

Branch 1, Louisville 14 votes.

Branch 322, Lexington 6 votes.

Branch 938, Ohio state 4 votes.

Branch 2, Dayton 6 votes.
Branch 29, Cincinnati 20 votes.
Branch 33, Long Isaac Keys, Ohio 18 votes.
Branch 46, Cleveland 30 votes.
Branch 63, Akron 3 votes.
Branch 133, Youngstown 6 votes.
Branch 955, West Virginia state 4 votes.
Branch 212, Charleston 10 votes.
Pioneer Area Vice President Tim Needham 1 vote.
Branch 917, Indiana state 3 votes.
Branch 8, Indianapolis 20 votes.
Branch 169, South Bend 3 votes.
Branch 204, Fort Wayne 3 votes.
Branch 925, Michigan state 3 votes.
Branch 23, Detroit 21 votes.
Branch 24, Northern Michigan 2 votes.
Branch 130, Grand Rapids 15 votes.
Branch 140, Flint 4 votes.
Branch 142, Southwestern 5 votes.
Branch 268, Southeastern Michigan 10 votes.
Branch 508, Royal Oak 19 votes.

Branch 545, Detroit and D.C. 4 votes.

Michiana Area Vice President Kevin Trayer 1 vote.

Branch 916 Illinois state 1 vote.

Branch 14, Elizabether R. Flamon 39 votes.

Branch 17, Fox Valley IMPC 3 votes.

Branch 220, Rockford 3 votes.

Branch 255, Heart of Illinois 20 votes.

Branch 270, Illinois North Shore 7 votes.

Branch 289, West Suburban 8 votes.

Branch 369, Central Illinois District 8 votes.

Branch 489, North Suburban Facility 16 votes.

Okay, I have a correction. Capitol Atlantic Area, Branch 592, Suburban GMF 3 votes.
We had them incorrectly on our sheet. So, correction.

Branch 592, Suburban GMF 3 votes.

Branch 493, South Suburban Facility 9 votes.
votes.

Branch 541, Chicago BMC 4 votes.

Illini Area Vice President Luz Moreno 1 vote.

NAPS National President Brian Wagner 1 vote.

Minnesota state, Branch 926 5 votes.

Branch 16, Minneapolis 21 votes.

Branch 104, St. Paul 13 votes.

Branch 937, North Dakota state 5 votes.

Branch 946, South Dakota state 9 votes.

Branch 956, Wisconsin state 4 votes.

Branch 72, Milwaukee 18 votes.

Branch 214, Madison 7 votes.

Branch 442, Green Bay District 6 votes.

Branch 549, SCF Oshkosh District 1 vote.

North Central Area Vice President Dan Mooney 1 vote.

Branch 918, Iowa state 4 votes.

Branch 172, Des Moines 11 votes.

Branch 919, Kansas state 4 votes.

Branch 52, Topeka 4 votes.
Branch 205, Wichita District 7 votes.

Branch 458, Kansas City, Kansas 7 votes.

Branch 928, Missouri state 7 votes.

Branch 36, Kansas City 17 votes.

Branch 119, Springfield 4 votes.

Branch 131, Gateway Branch 31 votes.

Branch 930, Nebraska state 2 votes.

Branch 10, Omaha 12 votes.

MINK Area Vice President Bart Green 1 vote.

Central Region Vice President Craig Johnson 1 vote.

Branch 911, Florida state 11 votes -- I’m sorry, correction.

Branch 911, Florida state 1 vote.

Branch 81, Tampa 21 votes.

Branch 93, Jacksonville 22 votes.

Branch 146, Miami 35 votes.

Branch 154, West Palm Beach 17 votes.

Branch 156, St. Petersburg 3 votes.

Branch 231, Pensacola 7 votes.

Branch 296, Fort Lauderdale 8 votes.
Branch 321, Orlando 14 votes.
Branch 353, Daytona Beach 3 votes.
Branch 354, Tallahassee 4 votes.
Branch 386, Clearwater 5 votes.
Branch 405, Gainesville 2 votes.
Branch 406, Central Florida 9 votes.
Branch 420, Southwest Florida 8 votes.
Branch 425, Sun Coast 5 votes.
Branch 478, Heartland District 4 votes.
Branch 577, James Dodge Branch 2 votes.
Branch 912, Georgia state 4 votes.
Branch 40, Savannah 2 votes.
Branch 82, Atlanta 30 votes.
Branch 125, Augusta 3 votes.
Branch 126, Macon 4 votes.
Branch 281, Columbus 2 votes.
Branch 567, Atlanta MDC 3 votes.
Branch 595, North Georgia District 11 votes.
Southeast Area Vice President Bob Quinlan 1 vote.
Southern Region Vice President Tim Ford 1
vote.

Branch 901, Alabama state 7 votes.

Branch 26, Mobile 33 votes.

Branch 45, Birmingham 16 votes.

Branch 208, Montgomery District 5 votes.

Branch 399, Huntsville 3 votes.

Branch 921, Louisiana/Mississippi Bi-state 5 votes.

Branch 73, New Orleans 16 votes.

Branch 170, Shrevesport 5 votes.

Branch 209, Louis M. Adkins 8 votes.

Branch 421, Lafayette 3 votes.

Branch 199, Jackson 6 votes.

Central Gulf Area Vice President Cornel Rowel 1 vote.

Immediate Past President Louis Atkins 1 vote.

Branch 904, Arkansas state 6 votes.

Branch 173, Pulaski County 10 votes.

Branch 939, Oklahoma state 3 votes.

Branch 80, Oklahoma City 13 votes.

Branch 174, Tulsa 7 votes.
Branch 947, Tennessee state 3 votes.
Branch 32, Middle Tennessee branch 15 votes.
Branch 41, Dawn Ledbetter Branch 17 votes.
Branch 97, Chattanooga 5 votes.
Branch 165, Knoxville 8 votes.
Branch 245, East Tennessee District 1 vote.
Branch 555, Memphis MDC 3 votes.
Cotton Belt Area Vice President Shri Green 1 vote.
Branch 948, Texas state 3 votes.
Branch 9, Austin 15 votes.
Branch 86, Dallas 31 votes.
Branch 103, San Antonio 20 votes.
Branch 122, Houston 22 votes.
Branch 124, Fort Worth 25 votes.
Branch 136, El Paso 5 votes
Branch 203, Waco/Heart of Texas 3 votes.
Branch 229, Corpus Christi 5 votes.
Branch 265, Lubbock 4 votes.
Branch 288, Lower Rio Grande Valley 5 votes.

Branch 428, North Texas 11 votes.

Branch 559, Dallas MDC 5 votes.

Branch 589, North Houston 18 votes.

Texas Area Vice President Jaime Elizondo, Jr. 1 vote.

Branch 435, Anchorage 8 votes.

Branch 915, Idaho state 5 votes.

Branch 929, Montana state 12 votes.

Branch 940, Oregon state 1 vote.

Branch 66, Portland District 23 votes.

Branch 276, Southwest Oregon 6 votes.

Branch 954, Washington state 2 votes.

Branch 31, Tacoma 9 votes.

Branch 60, Spokane 6 votes.

Branch 61, Seattle 29 votes.

Northwest Area Vice President Cindy McCracken 1 vote.

Branch 903, Arizona state 1 vote.

Branch 246, Arizona Jerome V. Blanton 28 votes.
Branch 376, Southern Arizona 8 votes.
Branch 907, Terry G. Brady Memorial, Colorado-Wyoming Bi-State 3 votes.
Branch 65, Mile High Metro 41 vote.
Branch 141, Colorado Springs 5 votes.
Branch 557, Northern Colorado 2 votes.
Branch 561, Denver MDC 4 votes.
Branch 248, Reno 6 votes.
Branch 463, Las Vegas District 18 votes.
Branch 934, New Mexico state 1 vote.
Branch 295, Albuquerque 13 votes.
Branch 949, Utah state 1 vote.
Branch 139, Sundance Branch 16 votes.
Rocky Mountain Area Vice President Myrna Pashinski 1 vote.
California state, Branch 905 4 votes.
Branch 39, Los Angeles 39 votes.
Branch 77, Sacramento 24 votes.
Branch 88, San Francisco 24 votes.
Branch 94, San Jose District 11 votes.
Branch 127, Margaret A. Grant Branch 27 votes.
Branch 159, San Diego ____ Branch 159 25 votes.

Branch 197, Central Valley 6 votes.

Branch 210, Napa-Solano County District 2 votes.

Branch 244, Pacific to Sierras 28 votes.

Branch 266, Southern California Bay District 11 votes.

Branch 274, Fresno 6 votes.

Branch 373, Al Navarro Quad County 41 votes.

Branch 466, San Bernardino District 15 votes.

Branch 497, North Coast 6 votes.

Branch 698, Long Beach District 4 votes.

Branch 214, Honolulu 16 votes.

Pacific Area Vice President Hayes Cherry 1 vote.

Western Region Vice President Marilyn Walton 1 vote.

This concludes the reading of the roll call. The polls will close in exactly 15 minutes.
This means that every delegate in this hall will have had at least 15 minutes in which to count their ballot. I will now start the large official digital count on the clock. You will see it on the big screen. That is the official time clock. Thank you.

I had a bad announcement this morning, I guess. There is DATTCO service today to the airport. So, I don’t know where the other stuff - some fake news came in somehow, I don’t know. Fake news this morning. There is DATTCO shuttle service to the Providence and Hartford airports today and tomorrow. So, my apologies for the fake news, but this is the real news.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The polls are now closed. No more ballots may be placed in the ballot boxes. No exceptions.

[Banging of the gavel.]

Will the Sargent of Arms please escort the Ballot and Election Committee out of the hall. Thank you. Brian.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Chuck. I’m
going to wait for the Ballot Committee to be escorted out. No one should be -- no one should be coming in those doors until the Ballot Committee is escorted out. Shut that door until the Ballot Committee leaves.

All right. The Ballot Committee is out. Please open the doors. You can leave, you can stay, our guests may return.

All right. Is Texas Bob in the house? Texas Bob Bradford? I would like to have Texas Bob Bradford come up and give us a short report on the 2020 National Convention at the Gaylord Texan. Texas Bob? We’re going to have Texas Bob come up and give us just a brief -- a brief summary of the 2020 National Convention at Gaylord Texan. And after Texas Bob speaks, we’ll bring up Lisa Douglas, the Host Branch.

[Speaking off mic.]

All right. Texas Bob Bradford is going to speak on the 2020 National Convention at the Gaylord Texan. Please give your attention to Texas Bob.
MR. BOB BRADFORD: Howdy.
ALL: Howdy.

MR. BOB BRADFORD: That’s about right. I tell ya, before I start my four-hour speech, we were very impressed with this hotel, and we noticed there were phones in the bathroom, so I called the hotel we’re having the convention at, and I asked them if they could put phones in the bathroom. But, they asked, does people want to answer the phone by going outside?

[Laughter and applause.]

I said nope. Anyway, my name is Texas Bob. I’m the Chairperson for the 2020 National Convention. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Texas state branch. So, what we’re going to do along with the National is we’re going to put the Texas state branch right before it. So, if you want to come in early, enjoy Texas a little bit early, come to our convention, which will be held August 13th through the 15th. That’s the Texas Convention, and if you ain’t been to one of ours, you ain’t been to a convention yet.
The dates for the National -- I figured y’all want to know that -- is Sunday August the 16th through Saturday the 22nd where everybody is getting on a plane at DFW and flying out. And DFW is where you want to fly into if you can get a good rate, because it’s only about five to ten minutes away from the hotel. The Texas total branch is working hard on this convention. At our last convention we voted -- the Texas complete branch, not just the host branch -- voted to send $200 to the Committee for hospitality. So, 17 branches were already donating $200 so we can have a really good hospitality.

I will be putting articles in the NAPS Magazine asking what do you want to do on that Friday, and if you get enough people, we’ll make sure we have one of those tours to whatever you want, and that’s including if you want to drive 100 miles south to go to Chip and Joanna Gaines at the Magnolia. We’ll do that too. That’s my hometown, by the way.

And also, the Walkathon will be changed.
It won’t be called the Walkathon. We mosey in Texas.

[Laughter.]

So, it’s going to be Moseython. But, we still need the money. But, anyway, we’re planning on having golf on Friday, maybe even -- I mean on Saturday and Sunday, bowling on Sunday. If you can’t swing a club, you can throw a bowling ball maybe, and bowling is not bad, because I have never lost a bowling ball.

[Laughter.]

I’ve lost a lot of golf balls, but never a bowling ball.

But, we’re working hard. We want to do what you want us to do. So, my P.O. Box -- are you ready? It’s hard to remember. It’s P.O. Box 456.

[Laughter.]

I wanted 123, but that was already taken. 456, Hewitt, Texas. It’s a big town right outside Waco. 76643-0456. Send me whatever you would like us to do, and we’ll try to do it, because
we’re here to please you, and y’all are hard to
please sometimes, but we’ll give it one heck of a
shot.

And also, we were lucky that I made it
here. My wife sent me to the bank before we left
home, and I went in there, and there was three
people in line. But, I said, what the heck, I’ll
wait. So, I got in line and guy come behind me,
and he’s an Amazon guy. He’s the guy in charge of
making sure the trucks are late on Sundays.

[Laughter.]

Anyway, that’s his job. So, anyway I got
in line, and the first guy in line robbed the
bank. Bang, he pulled a gun and robbed it. He
turned to the guy behind me and said, “Did you see
what I just did?” He said, “Yes, sir, you robbed
the bank.” Shot him dead. He turned to the next
guy, “You see what I just did?” I said -- he
said, “Yeah, you just shot that guy and robbed the
bank.” Shot him dead. He turned to me, “Did you
see what just happened?” I said, “No, I didn’t,
but the Amazon guy did.”
[Laughter and applause.]

But, the mail’s getting there earlier now.

Anyway, y’all are more than welcome to hook ‘em Horns, gig ‘em Aggies, sic ‘em Bears, whatever. We’re going to have fun. Let me know what you want. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Texas Bob. Yes, it’s definitely going to be fun, sounds great.

Speaking about having fun and things sounding great, I want to bring up Lisa Douglas, the Branch Host Committee Chair for the convention. If you would like to bring up her Committee -- if you would like them to come up and join you, that would be very nice. Come up for some final thoughts on the convention. And again, it’s been fantastic. I think the Committee has done an outstanding job.

[Applause.]

MS. LISA DOUGLAS: Branch 3, report to
the stage. Branch 3, report to the stage. Good
morning.

ALL: Good morning.

MS. LISA DOUGLAS: My name is Lisa Douglas, President Branch 5, Hartford,
Connecticut.

[Applause.]

And we were your host for this
convention.

[Applause.]

Thank you. First, let it be known, it
was a team effort. The New England Area reached
out to me, Tommy Roma reached out to me, everyone
reached out to me and said if you need us, call
us. But, something happened. My branch stepped
it up -- all the way up, and we pulled it through.
And it’s similar to work. At work, we have to
build teams. It’s the same thing. And I said to
myself, well, if I can MDO at the plant on tour 3,
I’m sure I can pull this convention off.

[Applause.]

Also, let it be known, Headquarters, they
filled in all the blanks. When you’re stuck, they’re there, and they did a lot for us also. And I want to thank them personally, because they pulled through for us as well.

[Applause.]

I’d also like to thank Sheri Davis -- Sheri Davies, sorry. Everything on the floor marketing-wise or whatever, the flowers, that was Sheri.

[Applause.]

When this first fell in my lap, I was working with Gary Baker from Mohegan Sun, and me and Gary, we talked, and Gary said to me, “Lisa, you’re gonna blow ‘em away.” And I didn’t understand what he was talking about. He says, “Get them here, the rest will happen,” and he was right. So, I want to thank Gary Baker, even though he’s no longer with Mohegan Sun, but he was very instrumental in all of this.

So then, Gary left. So, then I had to work with three other salesman, Kevin, Larry, and Sean. They are awesome. They are awesome. As a
matter of fact, Monday after we had the opening ceremonies, I went to their office, and I said, “Come outside cuz the door is locked, I can’t get in.” So, they came outside. They’re like, “What’s wrong?” I said, “I just want to give you a hug. I want to give you a hug, everybody loves it, so I’m so happy.”

Lastly, I’d like to thank my Postal Leadership starting with my plant manager, John Wyzinski, because whenever I needed a change of schedule, it wasn’t a problem. And I want to thank my DM, Dave Mastroianni. When I first told them we were bringing a convention to Connecticut, he says, “What do you need me to do?” and I was like, “Wow.” I said, “Okay, this is all starting to make sense now.”

And also, I would like to thank our AVP, Mr. Ed Phelan. They always support NAPS, which is important to me. So, I hope I made you proud and I made my Postal family proud. This has been a wonderful experience, let me tell you. So, if anybody has run a convention, hats off to you,
because now I know. And I want to bring Lenny.  
Lenny did the golf tournament, and he wanted to  
thank a few people.  

[Applause.]  

MR. LENNY CARUSO: Good morning again. I  
just wanted to thank everybody that helped me out.  
Sherry Davies is unbelievable who helped me out  
with the sponsorship and communicating between  
Headquarters and the golf club over here. I  
wanted to thank Lisa and the whole bunch of people  
that work at Mohegan Sun Golf Club. They were  
outstanding with me also too. And we got it all  
together. It was a job, but we got it done, and  
we all had a great time and enjoyed it. And, as  
Lisa said, I’d like to thank the staff here. The  
staff was -- the hospitality was great. Any  
problems we had, we just went to them, and they  
corrected it right on the spot. And I hope  
everybody just enjoyed all their time here. The  
trips were outstanding. I was actually like a  
second tour guide on the trips to New York because  
nobody has been there before. So, I was kind of
explaining to them as we went along, which made me feel good, and they were appreciative of it too, just like a lot of people that came up to us and said that.

Once again, thank you very much. I hope you had a great time and see you in two years in Texas.

[Applause.]

MS. LISA DOUGLAS: I’m sorry, I made an error. Greg Murphy, please stand.

[Applause.]

Greg was very instrumental. We’d call, and he’s like, “Lisa, how are you doing?” I’m like, “Greg, I’m getting nervous. I’m getting nervous.” But, he talked me through it. He was very supportive. I believe he was our first airport greeter of the day. Thank you, Greg for everything.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Lisa, thank you, and to your whole Committee, everyone who volunteered, the whole New England area for what you’ve done to make this convention a great success. It was a
team effort. And I know when we were talking, you said, “I can’t wait for 11:01 on Monday, August 6th, to pass the gavel.” And I know. And I asked you, “Do you still want it?” She went, “I don’t know.” But, for all the hard work you do, and all the hard work you did in coordinating this convention, I want to present you with an honorary gavel for this National Convention.

[Applause.]

So, please. On behalf of the NAPS Resident Officers and our Executive Board, I cannot thank you enough, and your whole Committee, for putting on an outstanding convention, and I am very pleased that was able to Chair it, because I do really care. So, thank you.

[Applause.]

We’re going to open it up again for the good of the order, the good of the service, the good of the association while we wait for the results of the balloting election. But, I have a delegate at mic 3.

MR. PRESCOTT BUTLER: Thank you, Brian.
First, I wanted to say thank you to -- Prescott Butler, President of Branch 327 from the awesome state of New Jersey. I just wanted to first of all thank all of the delegates who were able to make the service on Sunday and for your kind words. It’s only what I do for God that will last.

I want to correct a couple of things, one I should have done yesterday. But, one of our fellow delegates, he said that money was the root of all evil. And that’s what keeps us poor. First of all, there’s no way you could have come to this convention without money. And so first, Timothy makes it plain and clear that it is the love of money that is the root of all evil. And I don’t think anyone here, not even Headquarters employees, take this job for the money. You can’t really pay anybody in this room enough money for what they do as they lay down their lives for their fellow workers.

The second thing I would like to address is one of the delegates, he stood up and he said,
“I’ll be back in 2020, 2022, 2024.” My question to this body is how many people whose name was on the memorial list believed that they would be here today? Joshua tells us the truth this day who we will serve. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 4.

MR. TIM PUCKETT: Tim Puckett, Branch 1, Louisville, Kentucky. I’d like to take a moment to recognize the two gentlemen that handled the golf scramble. One of the things that I found out while we were out there on Sunday, which was a wonderful outing, is that for some reason the golf scramble went to Headquarters this year, which was kind of confusing to them. I think that when we have a Host Branch that puts the golf scramble together, I think that the teams that are going to be playing in the golf scramble should go to those individuals, so they know exactly who’s playing and what teams are being submitted. And that’s all I’d like to say but thank you all for the golf scramble. You all did an outstanding job.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 6.

MS. CYNTHIA SHEFTON: Cynthia Shefton again, New Jersey, Branch 237. I want to thank last night, Denver did an excellent presentation. I do appreciate, as a customer, the effort they put in to make sure everyone in our branch was taken care of.

I want to say to John Farrell, Branch 53, he announced in our State Committee Convention that he’s moving, and I want John to know that I — I didn’t always agree with him, but I want to appreciate you, John. You are the most knowledgeable person I know.

Also, to John Szpyhulsky, my friend and my mentor, also said that he would be possibly leaving the state of New Jersey. I want you to know, John, I appreciate everything that you have done, but I say this to you. I know that NARF needs you, but NAPS needs you more.

Lastly, to Ivan Butts, I had a little hiccup with something. I want to thank my Executive Vice President for stepping in to assist
me and to Richie Pereira, my President who passed on. We thank you, for we know that you are here in spirit, and in the words of Richie, every convention nay. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.

Delegate at mic 5.

MS. MYRNA PASHINSKI: Good morning, delegates. I’m Myrna Pashinski from Branch 65 out of Denver and the reelected Area Vice President for the Rocky Mountain Area. And I’d like to thank everybody in the Rocky Mountain Area for your support and allowing me to serve you for two more years. I look forward to just growing with what we’ve done, growing with what the Executive Board is doing, and helping make change for the Postal Service. So, thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart for that support.

And for the lady that just got up and said something about Denver, thank you for that compliment. The branch as done a lot to try to make sure that everybody felt comfortable and that
we want you to come to Denver. I only say that now because the ballots have already been cast. But, if we’re successful, we look forward to having you in ’22.

And to New Orleans, only one of us can win, and no foul, no harm either way. We all have to do things, so we’ll see what the count is. But, thanks for everybody coming by the hospitality. It really was a good time. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.

Delegate at mic 2.

MS. LANEDA PITTS: Good afternoon, or is it still morning? It’s still morning.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Could we get a cup of coffee?

MS. LANEDA PITTS: My name is LaNeda Pitts. I’m with Chicago Branch 14, the Elizabeth _____ Memorial Branch. I yesterday tried to rise to make a point of personal privilege, and it’s also for the good of the organization. And I
wanted to tell you all about a situation that I went through, and I hope none of you have to go through it as well as I had to go through it. And what I wanted to say was, some time ago, before I retired, I was off on extended medical leave, and at that time, I had used up leave before. My mother had cancer -- she was a Postal employee -- my father was a Postal employee -- I’m a Postal baby, okay? And I didn’t have much leave, so I had to borrow some leave. Now, what the Postal Service does not tell you is that if you should get some unearned annual leave, you have to pay it back, and you have to pay it back within a specific time. But, they don’t tell you all the ramifications that are involved in paying that back. And again, I was off on medical leave. I was not in my regular state of mind. They gave me one notice saying I had to pay it back -- one in March of that year. No more notices about having to pay it back, you got to pay it back, you got to pay it back, you’ll have a penalty. January -- early January, I got a notice from the Postal
Service that because I did not pay that back, I was assessed a 50 percent penalty. Do you hear me -- 50 percent. And the bad part about it is, they don’t -- when you ask about it, nobody knows about that. That’s something that should be well known for anybody or it should be put into the documentation that if you don’t pay it back by a certain time, or even a reminder. And I didn’t pay it back fast enough, so they decided, oh, we’re gonna stick it over to OPM and let them get it from her. Then, they turn around and charge another 25 percent penalty -- 75 percent penalties, guys. That sounds like a loan shark, don’t it? Or close to it.

But, I just wanted to make sure you all are aware of that. We need to -- and maybe I’ll do it for the next convention -- introduce a resolution that they need to put it in writing. They say they don’t know, but they have to know something. When you assess those kind of penalties and don’t let people know in advance about it, that’s just not fair to them or their
families. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.

Delegate at mic 4.

MR. STEVE MOREAU: Steve Moreau, Branch 102, Springfield, Mass, birthplace of Dr. Seuss.

That’s all I got left, sorry. I would like to thank soon-to-be former New England Area Vice President Greg Murphy for all his assistance over the years and, of course, in this convention.

Greg, thank you very much.

That being said, he’s now returning to Branch 102, and his first task is to hand out branch pins to any first-timers who would like to get them. So, we have them available over here. Any first-timers want to get some Branch 102 pins, you’re welcome to. Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 5.

MR. LARRY SHROPSHIRE: Yes, my name is Larry Shropshire, President of Branch 245, East Tennessee, and I’m a first-timer. Just retired from the Post Office last September, so I’m
smiling all the time. I really enjoy it -- 33 years. But, I’ve been a member of NAPS since 1987. This is just my first National Convention. I’ve been a -- to the meetings and supporting and doing things all down through the years, but what a wonderful time this has been for me. I have enjoyed meeting all of you guys, the Executive Board, you all are accessible, and I just love that about our organization. And the one thing I want to say is we’re all on one team guys. You know, I love that about this convention. We can stand up and voice our opinion, and we can get heated and emotional, but at the end of the day, we walk out of here, and we go have dinner together, and that’s what it’s about. So, continue to be -- just support SPAC. I’m going to LTS in March, my first one, I’m looking forward to that. And so, just enjoy being a supervisor, because it’s a good job, it’s the hardest job, no doubt. But, thank you guys, I appreciate you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.
Delegate at mic 6.


[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Happy birthday early.

MS. JACKIE HENDRICKS: And I want a gift from each of you.

[Laughter.]

Don’t be clutching at your pearls. I would like for each of you to perform a kind act to a complete stranger and say Happy birthday, Jackie, or just say this if for you. I will get a warm, fuzzy feeling as you do this, but so will you.

Bonnie Parrish -- y’all know Bonnie -- her birthday is in September, and we would like for you to do the same. Now, Bonnie’s not here, and we chose to do this because Bonnie will probably want a gift. I thank you in advance from me and Bonnie. Thank you.

[Applause.]
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 7.

MR. AUSTIN PHILLIPS: Austin Phillips, President of Branch 224 from the great state of New Jersey. When I first became President of Branch 224, I became President under rather strange circumstances. But, there was someone who guided me in our Branch through those circumstances, and they’ve always been there for us, and I just wanted to thank that person because they are not running again, and that person is Mideast Area VP Hans Aglidian. Hans was always there for me. When I got elected President, I had no idea what was going on, how to do anything, and Hans, he answered every call, he was always calm. He was always collected, and he taught me, and more importantly, he let me learn on my own while being there for me. So, Hans, thank you very much.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 4.

MR. JOHN PAZ: Thank you, Brian. My name is John Paz. I’m President of Branch 43, Boston,
home of the Boston Bruins. I’d like to give praise and advice to the new delegates. This is my tenth convention and will mostly be my last. I retired two years ago and plan on moving to Tucson, Arizona. But, I’d like to speak about Luther. My first convention in Anchorage, Alaska, when I went to that convention and sat there, he kept getting up there, and I’m like, this guy is a pain.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You’re gonna need more time.

[Laughter.]

MR. JOHN PAZ: I know, but I’ll make it short.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: We may have to change the rule, Luther. I’m just telling you.

MR. JOHN PAZ: I just have to say this. This -- I was -- by the end of that convention, this guy was so smart, so helpful. I mean, you new delegates, get to know this guy because he can help you. He’s gonna make it easier for you. I was so glad to know him. So, I just want to share
that with the delegates that Luther is a very nice
guy. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Atta boy, Luther.

Let’s see. Anyone else? Oh, delegate at mic 2.

MR. JJ WONG: JJ Wong, Branch 497, Branch
President and California State Board Vice
President. The former delegate kind of beat me to
that one. But, my first -- first NAPS convention
was 2006 in Las Vegas. We had it at the Riviera.
And as a first-timer, that was like the first year
that they gave out a first-timer pin to all the
new delegates, and so that was a big deal for me
being that it was my first time, and I thought, oh
wow, that’s really cool.

And as a first-timer and not really
understanding what happened at convention, Luther
was there. Luther would get up. He would say,
“Luther Manuel from the great state of New
Jersey,” and he would challenge the Chair, he
would do the parliamentary inquiry, and I learned
so much from that just one week that it inspired
me to continue to come. So, I just want to recognize Luther as a great educator of the delegates -- of the first-timers.

[Applause.]

Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 5.

MR. CHARLIE KROGH: Hi. My name is Charlie Krogh, Branch 31 President, Tacoma, Washington, the great state. So, Megan talked about the scanning and the service that we provide the customers. So, as a customer, I sent a box last week to my nephew, click and ship, hold for pickup. Two minutes after it was scanned arrive at unit, it was scanned addressee unknown and returned to me. So, I did an ECC. The good news is they answered by ECC in like 14 hours. The supervisor told me, “We don’t provide that service at this office.” I was, like, “Dude, that’s like if I go into McDonalds and they tell me we don’t sell Big Macs here.” So, I would admonish supervisors, Postmasters, people working on that front line, make sure your people know what
services we offer, because now, do I have to go to UPS to get that package to my nephew in Dayton, Ohio? I didn’t get the service in the Post Office. So, make sure your people know what it is we offer and take care of your customers. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 9.

MS. TOMICA DULESSIS: I’m Tomica Dulessis, President New Orleans Branch 73, and we wanted to take a moment to remember one of our members who was killed about a week before we came here. She was killed by her niece, who was mentally ill, and so her niece lived with her and also stabbed her to death. So, in memory of Diane Bursey [phonetic], we want to donate $130 to SPAC.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 8.

MR. RICHARD GREEN: Good morning, delegates. Richard Green, Eastern Region Vice President. And I just wanted to take a moment to really thank a few guys from the Executive Board
who have made a decision to transition to the next phase of their life. Those three guys would be Hayes Cherry, Pacific Area Vice President, Hans Aglidian, the Mideast Area Vice President, and Greg Murphy, the New England Area Vice President. I just wanted to come to the mic and thank those guys for their service on the Executive Board. They’ve made sacrifices that, you know, that only their families can truly understand. And I just wanted to come to the mic to just thank them for their years of service to this great organization that we call the National Association of Postal Supervisors. Thank you, Greg, thank you, Hans, and also thank you, Hayes. Hayes, Hans, and Greg. Thank you, guys.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay, it looks like mic 5.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Oh, well I thought you were the Sargent of Arms guiding that one. Okay, I apologize. Delegate at mic 7, and then we’ll get to 5. Sorry about that. Go ahead delegate at
MS. JUANITA BILLUPS: Good morning. I would like to thank Connecticut and their staff for this wonderful --

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Who are you?

MS. JUANITA BILLUPS: My name is Juanita Billups from Chitown with the cubs, bears, and bulls.

[Laughter.]

And Branch 17. I’d like to thank Connecticut for this wonderful convention. I have really enjoyed myself, and I want to thank you for having me as a Sargent of Arms. Everybody was pretty much okay cooperating. I understand when we said close the door, close the door, you cannot come back in. So, I hope I’ll be selected for Sargent of Arms 2020 or ’22, whatever it is.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. Don’t forget to admit your self-nomination. Okay. I have delegate at mic 5. Do I have a delegate at mic 5?

MS. DOROTHEA BRADLEY: Yes, you do.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay.

MS. DOROTHEA BRADLEY: Dorothea Bradley, Margaret A. Grant, Branch 127. I would like to say most important of all, your Resident Officers sacrifice a lot to serve you. That is not an easy job. You think being a front-line supervisor is bad, you try being a Resident National Officer. You have everybody in this room and some evaluating your performance, and they see all the wrong and none of the good. I want you to know that I have special appreciation for each and every one of our Resident Officers, and I want to go back in history. I call myself the historian. But, we recently renamed our branch Margaret A. Grant. Many people I have given my Margaret A. Grant pins to here at this convention have never heard of her. I heard another name mentioned by our DDD provider, and most people probably didn’t know what he meant when he said Mr. NAPS, talking about Donald N. Ledbetter.

[Applause.]

I want you to know those two people hold
a very special place in my heart. You hear all
this talk about Title 39. Were it not for the
charisma of Donald N. Ledbetter, your National
President at the time, we would not have Title 39.
That is legislation that he was able to influence
Congressmen and Senators to pass on our behalf to
ensure that we had recourse with a little kick to
it in order to deal with the Postal Service, which
was mean then, and it’s still mean. It hasn’t
changed.

Margaret A. Grant served as your National
Secretary/Treasurer as her first position as a
Resident Officer. Margaret was tasked by a
convention just like this one to purchase a
building for our NAPS Headquarters. If you don’t
think that wasn’t a difficult job, you try selling
and buying real estate when you know very little
about it. But, she was able to acquire help from
people within the D.C. Area who let her in on an
excellent bargain -- that building on King Street.
It was not completed, and it was sold far below
market value to your NAPS organization.
Then, she had the job of trying to ensure that it was completed, because the building was incomplete, and they had to build out and establish the finalization of the building. In addition, it came up and she learned that if we purchased that building, using all of the organization’s funds and not getting a loan, all of the monies that we receive from that building would never be taxable. And this was accomplished, but it was accomplished at a price. A convention just like this one with a lot of people who don’t stop to think clearly what is required, we had -- we were going into negotiations with the Postal Service, and if we took all of our money and bought a building, we would not have sufficient funds to fight with legal procedures -- the Postal Service.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thirty seconds.

MS. DOROTHEA BRADLEY: We therefore went into a meeting of your Executive Board. We determined that we would have the money to fight with 50 cents, and with that 50 cents, we taxed
our entire membership, they got mad, they wanted to get rid of all of us --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Time. Time.

MS. DOROTHEA BRADLEY: But, we made it.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you.

[APPLAUSE.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 3.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I did say it was going to be the last time, but, Luther Manuel from the great state of New Jersey.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I’m sorry, you can’t be Luther Manuel. He said was not getting back up here. So, are you -- is this fake Luther?

[Laughter.]

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: No, no the last --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Is this fake Luther?

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: No, the last person was paid to be a fake.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Oh, okay. Okay, delegate you may speak. Delegate at mic 3.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Oh, okay. I just want to say this. I want you to understand
something. I am the greatest person that God ever put on this earth.

[Audience reaction.]

Now, listen to me. This is the most important part. If you don’t feel the same way about yourself, don’t blame me for your inadequacies.

[Applause.]

What we need to always remember, we were all born different, but we all have something to contribute to the whole of anything. Some of us, we’re not vocal here, we don’t say much of anything, and we don’t do much of anything, we’re enjoying ourselves. But, I guarantee you there’s someone back home, either in your house or your Post Office that looks up to you. And when you remember that you serve a role that you were born with, that people look up to you, you will always have integrity, and make sure you fight as hard as you can to be truthful with them, even if you’re lying to yourself. Be truthful with people.

What happens is this, when the mind takes
in knowledge, and you take that knowledge and give it out to other people, then God opens the mind for more knowledge. He didn’t say you had to go pick up a book. He just says I will give you more knowledge if you use what I gave you in the first place. A lot of people can’t get ahead because they don’t use what they have. How small you think it is, know everything is important in the scheme of things, and just don’t think because you’re not the President, the Vice President, or the Secretary/Treasurer, or the parliamentarian, you know, of course you are not that person, does not mean that you’re not playing a significant role. Because you’re sitting in a corner does not mean that you’re not presenting a significant role, because somewhere out there in life, somebody’s looking at you when a decision has to be made for the family, when a decision has to be made, things have to be done, there are people who are going to look at you, and it doesn’t matter whether you have a lot of money, it doesn’t matter how much education you had, you could have only
went to the first grade. But a lot of people who have gone only to the first grade know more about respect than people who are graduated with doctorates.

Just remember who you are and what you can do, and don’t be afraid to do anything, as long as it’s honest and it’s helping people.

Now, the real reason why I came up here --

[Laughter.]

-- I want to give thanks to a group of people who are always overlooked. They are the first ones in the hall every day, the last ones out at the end of the day. They go up and down these aisles passing out folders, they do counts, they do everything, and I think it’s only right that we give recognition to the Sargent of Arms and to that group.

[Applause.]

I think you cannot, even in your branches, you have room for a Sargent of Arms, but you cannot expect anything to roll the way it does
without the Sargent of Arms. One of the groups is your secretaries. If you don’t have your secretaries to keep up with things and keep the rules and monitor what’s going on and help the President out -- they get an extra scoop of Ben & Jerry’s too. But, without them, you won’t have a convention. Try running the convention if you don’t have a Secretary taking notes. Who you gonna refer to?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thirty seconds.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Thirty seconds.

Okay, let me think, let me think.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Twenty seconds.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Wait a minute, wait a minute.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You think fast.

[Laughter.]

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Come on, man. I’m thankful that we have a great Executive Board. Chuck, you were heated yesterday, and I saw it. But, knowing you and the integrity that you have, I’d have been ready to get heated up too. I know
you, and I’ve known you a long time. There ain’t no dishonesty in you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Twenty seconds.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: You never got two Ben & Jerry’s. All you got was one because of your integrity.

[Laughter and applause.]

Had you been --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Ten seconds.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: How much?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Ten.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Okay. Had you been on his team, you would have three or four Ben & Jerry’s.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Time.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Oh, okay. All right.

[Laughter and applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate -- wow. I defer to that basketball player at mic 10.

[Laughter.]

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: Thank you, Mr. President.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. I’ve always looked up to you.

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: Past President of this great organization, NAPS. I just --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Who are you?

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: I’ve always been able to look over the delegation when I was in your shoes. Now, I’m over here as a delegate, and I can still look over the delegation here, and I can tell you one thing, Luther needs to look up to me at this time. So, thank you.

But, as I leave the Executive Board, it’s been 28 years, and all I have to do is say praise, and meeting you all and being part of your life, you made me a better person. And all I can do -- I don’t need applause, but I need to applause you for putting up with my whatever. But, it’s been a pleasure, because each and every one of you all has affected my life. You’ve made me a better person. You’ve accepted me as part of your family, and Benita and I will always be grateful. So, thank you, delegation, for accepting Benita
and I.

[Applause.]

Now, how much time do I have?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Four minutes.

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: I’d just like to say one other thing, though, since the delegation is in here. You know, Benita and I -- and I love her to death, we’ve been married almost 48 years -- I haven’t renewed the contract yet for the 48th year.

[Laughter.]

I hope she’s not in here. But, everybody I’ve talked to says how long -- what’s the reason for the longevity? What you have done to have a marriage that long, because it’s just not a normal thing these days. And I say, “Look, that was easy. On our 25th anniversary, we went to Hawaii, a great, great place to go. We had a great time. and on our 47th, I went back and picked her up.”

[Laughter.]

Love you all, appreciate everything. Now I need somebody to help me get off this chair.
[Laughter and applause.]


MR. MARK VILLAS: I need that too. Mark Villas, Branch 164, New York. Just, is it possible we can have these signs here removed, because we can’t see over here.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. Let’s see. Can we get the Sargent of Arms. Let’s see, we can get the staff. Can we call Sheri Davis to maybe have the staff come? She’s out in the lobby.

MR. MARK VILLAS: Yeah, I want to see the delegates. And one other thing, I got a bottle of water for Luther, because every time he’s up here, you keep telling me he’s out of water.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: He’s out of water, oh.

[Laughter.]

Watah? I’m from Illinois, Chuck, Illinois. Are you done there? Okay. Delegate, mic 10. No, they were just holding Louis up.

Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hey Brian,
they might need those signs if they have a run-off. Don’t take the signs.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Oh, gee. Now, thanks a lot. Okay, leave everything. Hold the call.

All right. Delegate at mic 6.

MS. VANESSA COBB: Vanessa Cobb, Branch 354, Tallahassee, Florida. I stood up to just say thank you, Mr. President, for selecting me to participate on the Credential and Registration Committee. When we had our first meeting on Saturday, we had some horror stories that was told by previous members on that Committee that said they had some challenging experiences at past conventions. I would just like to say that I think registration went very smoothly for the process this week, and I would like to give Rosemary and Roy credit for that, but not only Ms. Rosemary and Roy, the body. You all made registration very simple and easy. You all were patient, you were understanding, and most of all, you was cooperative, and I just want to say thank you all for that.
[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 7.

MS. TONI COLEMAN-SCRUGGS: My name is Toni Coleman-Scruggs, Branch 493. I want to stand here and give honor to a person that’s my hero, someone that I love dearly, who actually paved the way for me. She’s part of the little supper club, and she’s been around for a long time. We almost lost this person a few months ago. You have to excuse me. She’s going through some health issues. She’s a past officer of Illini VP, which is my mother, Lorraine Harry, and I just wanted to thank God for her having the opportunity to here present at this convention. It may be her last convention, but she wanted to be here, and I just thank the people who have been supportive through her illnesses, and I thank God for her, and it’s just been a pleasure. Growing up as a little kid, it was not fun coming to these things, because you wanted to do other things. But, she taught me to be a strong woman, and she showed me the strength that she had, and I just want to give honor to
Lorraine Harry, my mother.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.

Delegate at mic 2.

MR. RALPH PETTY: Ralph Petty, Branch 77, Sacramento. I bring a message to you from a personal friend of mine, Dr. Ernie Bodai. For those of you who do not know Dr. Ernie Bodai, he’s a curate at the Breast Cancer Research Stamp, and he wanted to thank everyone because we reached a milestone this year. We sold over 1 billion breast cancer research stamps, and we’ve raised over $90 million for breast cancer research.

[Applause.]

And he tells me that they’ve made a lot of significant findings, okay, in finding a cure for breast cancer, and most of that money has come from the money that has been raised from the stamp. He has a lot of concern, though, because believe it or not, there’s a lot of people that don’t even know that stamp is for sale. That stamp has just been extended by Congress, and it
is the law for the Post Office to sell it in your branches. So, please make sure you have plenty of breast cancer stamps. And he would love to come back in March and speak to the group again if you’d like to have him.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.

Delegate at mic 1.

MS. LYNN LEONE-SIEGEL. Hi. I’m Lynn Leone-Siegel, Vice President of Branch 698, and I have a question. My question is, if you’re reelected President, does that make Louis stay immediate past President?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: No. Louis will be coming off the Board. Immediate past President stays on for one term after they step down from the Board -- from the Executive Board. So, Louis will always be a past President of NAPS, but he will not be immediate past President on the Executive Board.

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: I challenge that.

[Laughter.]
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Out of order.

[Banging of gavel.]

And thanks for leaving me a couple of sport coats, Louis. I needed those.

[Laughter.]

Delegate at mic 5.

MS. BONNIE PARRISH: Thank you, Mr. President. Bonnie Parrish, Vice President, 173, 904, Arkansas. This is for the new-timers. 2020, you will no longer be first-timers. You will be bringing other people on. I just hope that you learned something at this convention, and that you would reach out to any of us old-timers for any help that you might need to make this association go to the highest limit that is possible. You can contact me at Little Rock, Arkansas, go Hoggs.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 7.

MR. JAIME ELIZONDO: Jaime Elizondo, Texas Area VP, recently reelected, thank you, God. I, yeah, gave everybody the clap, I’m still paying for that. On that note, I offered NAPS reduced
royalty, so just putting that out there on the clap.

We had a member that her husband passed away, Carver Dunes Horn [phonetic.] She’s burying her husband today, so keep that family in your prayers.

Armando Intensa [phonetic] former Branch 589 President, Secretary/Treasurer of 122, has been now removed and placed in Hospice, so keep him in your prayers.

The North Texas Branch had a mercury exposure. The two employees that were exposed were cleared by the EPA of any contamination. As a precautionary measure, they’ve evacuated the plant, and they’re going through cleaning. All the 4,000-something employees are being relocated, so it’s a major undertaking. I’ve been in constant contact with the area. At 1:00 in the morning, I’m getting texts about what’s going on. So, the Postal Service is doing a great job of trying to get the people relocated. So, I don’t care if you’re in Montana, New York, California,
if you get some mail from North Texas, please work it, because they can’t.

Detroit didn’t make the party. I know, you know, there ain’t no party like a Detroit party.

[Audience reaction.]

But, there ain’t no party like a Detroit party with Jaime in the house.

[Laughter and applause.]

I don’t make the party, I just make the party better.

[Laughter.]

But, I did promise Junebug that I would be doing checking around the Dallas area for locations for the 20 -- what is it -- 2020 convention. So, if you hear reports about Jaime going bar to bar, I’m just doing recon. It’s all business.

[Audience reaction.]

I will derive no pleasure of going to all these bars.

And lastly, LunYe Silas, Branch 589
member, her birthday is today. Let’s wish her a happy birthday. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Jaime.

Thank you for your dedication to the membership.

All right. Right now, I don’t see anyone. I’ve asked Chuck Mulidore to come up, our Secretary/Treasurer, to kind of go over a few -- oh, did I have a mic too. Chuck’s so close -- so close -- you almost got to speak.

MR. JJ WONG: John -- JJ Wong, Branch 497. I just want to make a final message out to all the delegates. I was giving out the wine bottle pin. I’ve only got like ten left, so those -- once those are gone, I don’t have anymore here with me, but I do have plenty at home. So, if you want one, come by, give me your address, and like $5 just to cover mailing supplies and postage, and I will mail one to you, okay? Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. Chuck.

I’d like to bring up Chuck Mulidore, our National Secretary/Treasurer just to kind of go over some
procedural things on Secretary/Treasurer duties.

Chuck.

MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: Well, really just one thing. Five minutes, okay? Bring Luther back up. No. One of the things that’s important -- no, I didn’t mean that.

[Laughter.]

One of the things that’s important is that we have a good database of information who the Branch Presidents are, the Vice Presidents, the Secretaries, the Treasurers, all that kind of stuff. We have a Branch Officer profile, and often times we get, you know, message from folks, and they’re not getting, you know, the E-mails, they’re not getting the reports from NAPS Headquarters, and so forth, because we don’t have them listed as an officer.

So, every time your branch has an election and officers change, can you please send us the updated information. We have a Branch Officer Profile Form on the NAPS website, but if all you do is send me and/or Jovan an E-mail
saying here’s the new branch officers, we would appreciate that, with all the information we can have. And we would love to have everybody’s web address. Whatever your E-mail address is, we’d love to have that. We’re building a database of information, so we can continue to reach out to you with information beyond the traditional means of Supervisor Magazine and the website even. So, the more information we have about who’s involved in the branches, I mean we have folks that retired, they move on, they move to different locations and so forth. So, if you could go back and make it a point to look at your Branch Officer Profiles. You know, we’ve had a few that had, you know, the people had been deceased for years, and I would pull the Branch Officer Profile and it’s, you know, very old. I know that’s probably the last thing you think about most of the time at your branch meetings, but make a note for your next branch meeting to put that on under new business, let’s look at the Branch Officer Profiles, update those with NAPS Headquarters, and
every time there’s an election to please do this. It helps us keep in touch with you, it helps us to know who you are and what your position is in the organization, and then we can get the correct reports out to you. We’re probably sending reports to some folks that, you know, don’t need them anymore, don’t want them anymore, or may not even have a valid E-mail address anymore. So, if you could help us with that, we definitely would appreciate that.

And Brian left me up here for the next four minutes, so. We’ll have updated information on DATTCO shortly. I just got an E-mail about it. When we do announcements again, I’ll give you the information on the DATTCO transportation. I did get that from Sheri, so I’ll give you that at the next update.

What else should I talk about? I’m not singing anymore. No, nobody wants to hear me sing. Ivan, stop.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Mic 3.
MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: Mic 3.
MS. DIANE SMITH: Good morning.

MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: Good morning.

MS. DIANE SMITH: My name is Diane Smith, President of Branch 20, Pittsburgh. I just wanted to tell everybody what happened this past year. I had an incident in Pittsburgh that I needed assistance from our Executive Board. They were very responsive, professional, helped me in a quick turnaround manner, and I just wanted to thank you, especially you Chuck and Brian. Both of you came to my assistance and thank you.

MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: That’s what our job is. Anybody else with the delegate for information? So, I mean, really, whatever information you can give us at NAPS Headquarters that helps us identify you is good. So, I can just tell you, you know, we’ve been very active with social media in the last year or so. We are on Facebook, Instagram, we tweet every day, and this is how people communicate in today’s age. So, we are updating that continuously. We have about 2,000 friends on Facebook, but I’d like to
have thousands more. Mic 9.

MR. GEORGE MOTT: George Mott, President of Branch 132, Norfolk, Virginia, the great state of people. Can I get a drum roll? This is a SPAC contribution. Let me count the zeros, one, two, three, four, five. What does that come out to?

[Audience reaction.]

Oh, wait a minute, I left off the decimal point.

[Laughter.]

So, my bad. Here’s a SPAC contribution for $100.00 from Branch 132.

[Applause.]

Second thing, I know we got into apologies yesterday right at lunch time. I have a confession. A lot of you guys left candy sitting around your table, you came from lunch, and it was gone. So, on behalf of my family, we thank you for providing for Halloween next year.

[Laughter.]

And the last thing is something really, really serious, and I think as we move forward, we
understand our roles as mentors. There once was
an individual that took me under his wing and made
sure that I understood the Postal Way and that we
are understanding and that we have compassion and
that we’re all not -- don’t tell anybody this --
like Headquarters. But, as a PTF, I had two
rollaway runaways. The first one within 90 days.
I was a hype runner, and just like the young lady
spoke, she was two generations Postal Service, I’m
three generations Postal Service. My mother was
an APW clerk, my father was a letter carrier, very
honorable position, I’m a manager of customer
services in Virginia Beach, and both my children
from the first wife, who ran off with the state
trooper, are letter carriers in St. Louis,
Missouri, Bobby Daggs “Woof” Virginia. Thank you,
guys. My hometown, as a matter of fact, Bobby
Daggs got me out of my first letter. So, thank
you, sir.

Now, I was driving in Maryland Heights,
and they know this place, going around you have
those nice curves, pretty buildings. Like the
Mohegan, you can see yourself in the glass. I’m throwing it up, drive, jump out, collect -- we had the little tiny tech scanners now, we got to scan the little silver thing, boop, come back with it. I’m looking in the mirror, and I see the truck starting to go. Panic right off the bat, ran off. You know how we did a little jump in school, you’re trying to get one foot on the break and make it stop. I said okay, nobody knows about it, I’m good to go.

Three months later, winter comes. How much time do I have, Brian?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I’d say none but go ahead.

[Laughter.]

MR. GEORGE MOTT: Okay. Well, you would be --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I’ll give you two minutes. I don’t know, I had to comb my hair.

MR. GEORGE MOTT: Luther. Luther, how much time do I have? Never mind.

But, to make this quick and short, so
second time, did the same thing. Winter time, truck runs up in a yard. I come back and tell my supervisor. We handled it, dealt with it. He's a good mentor, and he tells me that he teaches me a lesson. Four years later to the date, I get a friend named Dan Hagens. Guess what? 204B gets a zero bundle. Know what that means back in the 90s? That's set for your supervisory career -- zero bundle. They don't mess around with that. So, I took a hit for Dan that day, and Dan was very thankful for that, and every Christmas -- well, that Christmas anyway -- couldn't get rid of Dan. He was always thankful, thanks, thanks for that, bought my son his first fire truck, engine number 88, you know the ones that run and make big turns and go this way and go that way, etcetera.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thirty seconds.
MR. GEORGE MOTT: Well, heck, I’m trying to get the Ballot Committee in, my goodness.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Well, I got some other --
MR. GEORGE MOTT: Okay. You got another
mic? Take it right to the end. So, to make a long story short, Dan was complimentary all the time, and I told Dan, I said thank you, I appreciate it, but I didn’t do what I did because of you, I did it because of me and what I’ve been taught and what people have mentored me to. So, I said to Dan, give me a quarter. Dan reached in his pocket and said, I don’t have a quarter, but I’ve got a 5. I said, well give me that. So, Dan, I release you. We’re free. We’re good man, because I did because of who I am, not because of who you are. And he said, thanks, and he walked from here to mic 8, he turned around and looked at me, and he said, you know you owe me $4.75.

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Time.

MR. GEORGE MOTT: I haven’t seen Dan again, but he is a Level 22 manager, retired out of Chicago right now. So, thank you very much.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. Thank you. Okay. I’m going to go -- Chuck has an update. Mic 5 and then 6, and then 7, right? Delegate at
MR. STEVE GERBER: Steve Gerber, Branch 138, Sundance Branch. Dorothea Bradley reminded me of a couple people that were part of the Western Region that I thought I ought to mention. First, when they read the memorials, Adolph Reese, [phonetic] our past National Secretary/Treasurer, passed since our last convention, and I don’t think a lot of people remember who Adolph was, but he was a very special man from the Western Region, and we’d like to recognize him.

Second, I had the privilege of being in Rockland, California a couple of weeks ago and had lunch with John Enchowsky [phonetic] past Western Region Vice President. John has had some health issues in past years, but he’s doing pretty good, and we have lunch with his wife, Alice, and him, and he said to please give my regards and say hi to the delegation here while we were here. So, I’d like to say hi from John Enchowsky. Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.
Delegate, mic 6.

MR. JOHN SZPYHULSKY: John Szpyhulsky from the great state of New Jersey, Branch 327. I happened to be in Washington, D.C. for a NARF conference, and I happened to stop by at the NAPS Headquarters, and I’ll you, those delegates that have never been to the NARF Headquarters, you need to go down and see the building, very impressive.

The other thing I also want to do is thank Chuck Mulidore and Brian. Chuck, you are a great host. You are a great tour guide. And the conference room that they have there, I think it takes up about one-third of this hall. The table is fantastic.

The other thing I want to let the delegates know that Luther Manuel is our parliamentarian for the state convention of New Jersey. So, he always sits at the dais, and he very rarely comes to the microphone. Thank you.

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 7.

MR. BOB BRADFORD: Bob Bradford, Waco
Branch. I left two things off. The speed limit in Texas is not like up here. We have either 75, 80, or 85, and you better not go that slow.

[Laughter.]

And the second thing, my wife said we should have done this before Mohegan Sun convention, because they’re going to be harder than hell to beat. But, we’re going to give it a shot.

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. Chuck, did you have an update?

MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: Okay. Folks are asking about DATTCO, and then we had the fake news announcement that there wasn’t transportation. There is transportation today. So, for today and tomorrow, it’s been running from 3 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, 3 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow. It’s a 90-minute window, every 90 minutes, okay? They are requesting that you follow a 3-hour rule. So, in other words, if your flight is at noon tomorrow, you need to leave her by 9:00. It’s about an hour
trip there, get to the airport two hours in
advance. So, they are running today up until 3
p.m. Tomorrow morning, they’ll start at 3 a.m.,
go to 6 p.m. Anybody else need any information?
They’re picking up where you were dropped off at
that bus area there where they dropped you off
when you came in. That’s the same pickup location
when you’re heading back to the airport, okay?
All right. Thank you and be safe.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. What I would
like to do, not to -- we have some special guests
in the hall here. Actually, we talked about the
building. Dorothea talked about the NAPS building
and how much that has added that provides so much
to the NAPS organization. To support our
organization, the company that manages our
building is Stoladi Property Group, and they
actually came here to the convention to help to
support us, and Jim Stokes, the President of
Stoladi Property Group is in the back. Jim, if
you would like, we would like to recognize you to
stand. Jim and his team and Stylianos, if he’s
there, his team is the one who maintains our building --

[Applause.]

-- and makes sure that it is a first-class building. It does an outstanding job. So, again, I think John Aceves one time said this, “Come visit the building, but don’t take a brick for a souvenir,” but at least come to the building and visit because it’s your building, and it’s very important that we show it off, and when the Post Office comes to NAPS Headquarters and they sit in our Board Room across -- when the Executive Board is around that large table -- it can be very intimidating, you know. So, it is an excellent building and has supported us well and continues to support the NAPS organization.

Do we have anybody else at the microphone?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Mic 10.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay, great.

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: Hey, this is your little buddy, Louis Atkins, past President of
NAPS.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Are you Luther Junior at the microphone? Go ahead. Delegate, go ahead, sorry.

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: I promised myself I would be the agitator down here after I left that podium. But, I’d like to thank for the historical schedule and story by Dorothea Bradley and for everyone to know she was one of my mentors and I was under her wings when I arrived at NAPS Headquarters in 1990. Thank you, Dorothea, and I love you, and God bless you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Louis. I just want to remind everyone at noon -- hopefully we’ll get the Ballot Committee in before -- but the NAPS National Auxiliary luncheon today will be from noon to 1:30. So, those of you who have tickets -- you had to prepurchase a ticket -- that will be over in the Earth Ballroom, the Earth Tower in the Earth Ballroom. So, those of you who are going to the National Auxiliary lunch, it will
be down where we had the delegate’s reception
earlier in the Earth Tower, and that will be from
noon to 1:30, and hopefully we’ll have the Ballot
Committee back with the election results, so we
get on time. And then we will return at 1:45 this
afternoon.

Is there any other good of the order?
We’re going to take a short recess right now, if
you want to take a break.

[Audience reaction.]
Okay, great. Mic 1.

MS. APRIL TRAVENA: Hi. My name is April
Travena, Branch 94, San Jose, California. First,
thank you for the opportunity to serve on the
Postmaster Committee. This was my first time
being on that Committee, and it was very
interesting, and so I really appreciate that
opportunity.

Second, as I did pretty well at the slot
machines, I was able to match Brian’s $100
challenge. So, everyone else, do the challenge,$100.
[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you. Delegate, mic 7.

MR. ROBERTA HOAG: Roberta Hoag, Branch 53 from Luther’s state of New Jersey. I worked for the Post Office for 39 years and 1 day. During that time, I got conditioned to notice everything, whether it was a carrier without its satchel or a vehicle without curved wheels or a clerk not upselling. Six years ago last week, over 4,600 of my Postmaster colleagues and I retired. We still notice wheels, but we’ve learned to let it go. We still notice the carriers not cutting ___ or out of uniform, but we’ve learned to let it go. We still carry the pride we felt for our company. We didn’t let that part go. But, we have learned to put the family first and let go of the stress.

To those still working, remember there is life outside of the office. Take time. Put yourself first. After you retire, the company will still go on. Don’t be the person who loses
AL at the end of the year because you didn’t take it. Don’t be the person who has in the back of their head that list of all the days you worked and didn’t get compensated for. Make sure you put yourself first. The company will go on.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.

Delegate at mic 3.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Luther Manuel, one last time.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: The third? Luther, I mean, this is the third -- are there triplets here?

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Hey, look, you’re trying to eat up my time.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. I’ll restart it. Go ahead.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: The previous speaker, you’re never supposed to use names. You’re always supposed to address the last person as the previous speaker. That’s the order of Robert’s Rules. But, getting back to the point. The last
speaker talked about how you need to kind of like
don’t get lost in it, you know, you should put
your family first and things of that nature. I
think I’m guilty of not doing that. I know when I
left the Post Office, I left 3,200 hours of sick
leave on the books after 41 years. People said,
well, you know, that was so stupid of you. Why
did you do that? Why didn’t you just, you know,
burn it on the way out? I didn’t live that way, I
wasn’t going out that way. That’s all I gotta
say. That’s all I gotta say.

[Applause.]

Now, the real reason why I came up here.
Has anybody had experience with this hotel where
you went back to your room in the evening and the
room wasn’t cleaned? All right. I don’t know.
It happened to me yesterday. But, I found
something out. What you have to do, don’t hit the
button on the left-hand side as you’re going out,
because what it does, it sends a signal outside
the door to create a red circle. When the lady
comes to clean -- or man -- comes to clean your
room, if the red circle is there, they bypass you.

Now, I called last night raising hell.

[Laughter.]

Throwing around Brian Wagner’s name.

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Did it get you a Ben & Jerrys? No, go ahead.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I’m gonna get another one before the day’s over. But, anyway, and the lady said, well, did you hit the privacy button? I said, what privacy button? I’ve been -- I’ve been in hotels from this coast to California, and I have never seen this. I don’t know if anybody else has. I’ve never seen this before. I accidentally -- and the guy explained it last night. He said, all you have to do is just touch it. You don’t have to push it, just touch it, and that thing sends a signal outside, red light on your thing, and it’s telling them bypass your room. Because the lady said, did you hang the do not disturb sign up. I said, what do not disturb, I don’t see one. I said I didn’t put nothing on
the door, and I’m raising hell. And she says, no, the guy will explain it to you. So, I’m just bringing this up. So, if your room didn’t get clean, look out the door. If you see that red circle, that’s because you hit that button. You might have just bumped up into it. Maybe the shock of coming in “Ooooh,” and you fell back on it or something.

[Laughter.]

Whatever happened, you touched that button, and when you touch that button, it automatically tells them you don’t want your room cleaned. So, last night they brought me towels and this and that. Sir -- and think about this now, it’s 9:00 -- do you want us to come and clean your room? At 9:00? No, that’s okay, just bring me this, that, and the other thing, and an explanation. But, they did it, and I’m just saying, if you had that problem, just make sure when you leave your room that red light is not on, because if that red light is on, well, I guess it don’t matter now since we’re leaving tomorrow.
Never mind.

[Laughter.]

MS. BEATRICE LANDER: Mr. President, NAPS family, point of personal privilege.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Granted.

MS. BEATRICE LANDER: My name is Beatrice Lander. My employee’s back in Detroit, which I am a NAPS member of Branch 23, named me Queen Bee. So, I take that from all of my employees, which I love dearly. Okay. I’m a great employee of the United States Postal Service for 34 years with 3,459 hours of sick leave, which I am very proud of, because I set the example. I set the example for others to include being a mentor and a coach to each employee that I supervise and manage each day. And I want to say thank you for this convention as a first-timer. I really did enjoy myself to include Michigan [sic] is surrounded by a body of water. I have saw [sic] a lot of water since I was here, and I thank you so very much for everything. Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.
Delegate at mic 10.

MS. JOAN MEADORS: Joan Meadors, Branch 146, Miami. I would like the membership as they finish the convention to remember a saying. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, and that’s why we call it the present. This is our present time, and we need to treat it with care. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate. I would like to bring up Ivan Butts, Executive Vice President for a few more remarks about legislative and SPAC and other fun-filled things he wants to talk about.

MR. IVAN BUTTS: Good morning. Before I talk a little while. The person who lost their high-tech piece of equipment called me, but she didn’t believe I was talking to her from the stage. So, it was me talking to you on the phone, and Chuck is holding your phone right here, so feel free to come on down and pick it up, and we’ll return your high-tech Tommy Roma edition
flip phone.

[Laughter.]

Look, I can’t even hear you, Chuck. You must be -- you must be enjoying some of that Joe Jeeter treat that you stole out of my bag. You’re gonna have to give me $5 for that, $5.

Okay. Our SPAC effort is going great. I had a chance to go out there and sit at the table with the ladies after I cast my ballot and work with them. They’re working real hard to make this final push. Again, they’re going to shut down the tables by 1:30. They’re going to shut everything down, pull all the numbers, get all the winning tickets on the presentation, and then we’ll start as we end to run that presentation, and we’ll run the numbers on the big screens slower than we did at LTS, because we understand that was an issue, and get all the gifts done. So, when we have dinner tonight in fellowship at the banquet, that’s all we’ll have to do. We won’t be interrupting and giving out SPAC prizes holding you hostage with SPAC prizes, so you can enjoy
your evening with family and friends, and then we can go home and prepare for the next two years ahead.

So, again, just looking ahead again. I told you guys how humbling it is to be in this position. It’s going to be some tough roads ahead legislatively. You know, we all know we’re dealing with Congress that’s been ineffective probably for the past eight years, and it’s not gotten better. It’s even gotten worse. So, you know, our fight is -- the fight in front of us is tall, but, you know, it’s still a mountain that we can move if all us work collectively together, we can get some things done. No question that these mid-term elections are critical for the labor movement or for labor. But, things are looking good, things are looking up. I was telling folks when I was going around at various conventions, everybody was talking about the Blue Wave and the Blue Way, and I really don’t see it as a Blue Wave. Really, what I see is a Pink Wave. I see women starting to stand up and taking a role in
our political future, and they’re being very successful around the country. Look what happened in Virginia State. Look at what happened just recently in New York. So, you know, there are some -- a lot of changes happening legislatively for us, and we need that, you know, we need the Labor Party. I understand, you know, Republican and Democrat, we understand that the Labor Party is more of a Democratic Party, and that’s the kind of a party that both -- that you vote for when you’re voting your best interest. I remember something that was told to me by our immediate past President, and that was, “I don’t vote Republican, and I don’t vote Democrat, I vote Postal.” So, this -- this midterm election, we need you to vote Postal. We need your family to vote Postal. We need your friends to vote Postal. Thank you. Thank you for that applause. We need you to get behind it and vote Postal. We see what the Committee is doing. We see what’s happening. [Applause.] They want to take our middle-class
lifestyle away from us. We’ve got to fight for that. So, in order to do that, we need to get our family and friends involved. We have to be involved politically. That’s why hopefully you’ve been seeing, we’ve been reaching out more and more to get you to events locally with legislators to get in their face locally to make them understand who we are.

As I told you, one person from a delegate’s District is 10 votes to them. So, we send a table of 10 to an event, that’s 100 votes. You have impact. You have influence. You can discuss our issues with them. If you need talking points, our talking points are on the website. You can always call myself, Bruce, or Katie to get updates. We just need to kind of -- we need to immerse ourselves in this process, and I thank you guys for what you’re doing. We’re doing a great job. We’re doing great with SPAC. At this LTS, I’m hoping we’re going to have another record-breaker for our National Convention. So, we’ll see.
Delegate, mic 7.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Do you have any information on the Auxiliary luncheon, where it’s going to be?

MR. IVAN BUTTS: It’s in the Earth Ballroom. For those of us who were here for the Monday night event, over in the Sky Tower, back in that convention area. The other side is the Earth Ballroom where the Auxiliary luncheon will be starting in eight minutes. Brian’s back.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: And that’s what we’re going to do. I’m checking with the Election Committee, and right now, we have not had a final count. I think it’s best -- nothing in the rule says that we have to wait for the results before lunch. So, I believe it would be in order for us to take the recess for lunch so can get to the Auxiliary lunch, also because I know it has to be --

MS. BELINDA GILBERT: Mr. President, mic 7.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate at mic 7.
MS. BELINDA GILBERT: Ivan, can you come back to the podium, please?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Can I make the -- okay.

MS. BELINDA GILBERT: My name is Belinda Gilbert. I'm from Branch 425, Bradenton, Florida, District 6, VP for the great state of Florida. As most of you know, Florida is a large contributor to SPAC and at our state convention in June, we raised $26,025 for SPAC.

[Applause.]

MR. IVAN BUTTS: Thank you for that, Belinda. Yeah, and I'm sorry I hadn't spoken about that earlier. Florida, year in, year out, is our top SPAC contributor. They do -- they give 100 percent effort making sure as a state they do everything they could possibly do to help us in our effort. Belinda, the past two or three years, has been driving that effort. So, I really appreciate them, and they set the bar high, but look, it's reachable. So, go after them -- go after them. They'd love the competition. They'd
love for your state to be in competition with
them. Be inventive and think of new ways of doing
it, and let’s just after it. Thank you, Belinda.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. Thank you.
Wait a minute, at this point in time, because of
the Auxiliary luncheon that’s at noon and is over
at the -- is over at the Earth Tower Ballroom,
we’re going to recess --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Mic 6.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Mic 5.

[Banging of gavel.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I am not recognizing
anybody at the mics at this time, as at the
discretion of the Chair, we’re going to recess for
lunch, and we will reconvene back here at 1:45.
There was a ticket from the Auxiliary lunch found
over on the floor near the Pacific Area. There’s
a ticket number on there, so we are going to
recess for lunch, come back for the results of the
election so that we can get to the Auxiliary
luncheon and back in this room at 1:45. We are in
recess for lunch.
[Recess for lunch.]

[Off the record.]

[On the record.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegates, please start taking your seats. Sargent of Arms, please get everyone in the Convention Hall. Sargent of Arms, please start getting everyone in the Convention Hall. We’ll be bringing in the Ballot and Elections Committee. All right. Sargent of Arms, please get everybody in who wants to be in for the results of the election and continue with business. Is Roe Herzog in the room?

Okay. We need to get the Ballot and Election Committee in. Sargent of Arms, can we contact the Ballot and Election Committee to -- okay?

Okay. Good afternoon, delegates. Hopefully everybody had a good lunch. We’re going to get started.

The first order of business is bringing in the Ballot and Election Committee for the results of the election. Will or Lloyd, are we
getting the Ballot Committee? All right. Thank you. Got a thumbs up. That is a thumb, right? I just saw one finger. Okay.

I just want to let everybody know the goal is to be out of here by 3 p.m. so we can turn this room for our grand banquet tonight. Remember the time, 3 p.m.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: 3 p.m.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: And we have a second that. Today, 3 p.m. today. Otherwise, you’re taking to go meals. All right. All right.

Sargent of Arms, is the Ballot and Election Committee ready? They’re on their way? It’s almost like waiting for Santa Claus to come to town. The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown. Hey, I’m seeing people walking in. Okay.

If you have any leftover pins, trade them amongst yourselves. Looking for the high sign. Okay. I am seeing that the Chair of the Ballot and Election Committee, Roe Herzog is coming in with her Committee.

[Banging of the gavel.]
I’ll have them come up to the stage.

Thank you for everybody’s patience. I want to introduce Roe Herzog, the Chair of the Ballot and Elections Committee for the results of our election. Roe.

MS. ROE HERZOG: Thank you, Brian. Good afternoon. Okay, drum roll, please.

[Drum roll.]

Thank you.

For the National President: James Killacky 812. Brian Wagner 1,756.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

National Secretary/Treasurer: Toni Coleman-Scruggs 75. Chuck Mulidore 2,477.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

For the Host City of the 2022 Convention:

New Orleans 1400. Denver 1169.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

For the New England Area Vice President:

Cy Dumas 97. Jeffrey Salmon 70.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

For the Mideast Area AVP: Forgive me if
I mispronounce the name, Tony Dallojacono 116.

Darryl Williams 96.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

For the Illini Area Vice President:

Gregory Harris 23. Luz Moreno 97.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

For the Pacific Area AVP: Chuck Lum 259.

Charles Patterson 32.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

For the Northwest Area Vice President:

Joe Lahman 27. Cindy McCracken 75.

Congratulations all.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Congratulations to all the winners. Are there any challenges to the conduct of this election? Are there any challenges to the conduct of the election? Are there any challenges to the conduct of this election? Hearing none, I do have -- Delegate at mic 7.

MR. AL BONENBERGER: Al Bonenberger, Branch 103. I make a motion we destroy the
ballots.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I have a motion to destroy the ballots. Do I have a second?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

MR. TOMMY ROMA: Tommy Roma -- you know who I am -- yes.

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: There's been a motion and second on the floor to destroy the ballots.

All those in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

All those opposed, say nay.

[Chorus of nays.]

The ballots are destroyed.

I want to congratulate and thank the Ballot Committee for their commitment and dedication and confidentiality of this election.

I would like to turn it over to Roe Herzog for her to introduce her Committee.

MS. ROE HERZOG: Thank you. I do want to thank the Ballot Committee because we had quite a few first-timers on the Committee. Can you guys
raise your hands if you were the first-timers?

[Applause.]

They all did a great job. It was probably one of our smoothest counts. So, I thank you guys.

From the New England Area, Virginia Herbert, Jim Misserville.

[Single clap.]

New York Area, Frank Lito.

[Single clap.]

Butch Maynard.

[Single clap.]

Mideast Area, Sue Bartko and Constance Scales.

[Single clap.]

Capitol Atlantic Area, Charles Jacobs and Melina Pennix.

[Single clap.]

The Pioneer Area, Deborah Moore and Trent Clark.

[Single clap.]

Michiana Area, Sharon Wright and Dave
Homer.

[Single clap.]
The Illini Area, Ricky Hilliard and Dawn Hagen.

[Single clap.]
North Central Area, Bruce Kuiper and Bob Tolman.

[Single clap.]
The MINK Area, Virginia Price-Booker and Laurie McCann.

[Single clap.]
Southeast Area, Kym Mullens and Elvina Cox.

[Single clap.]
Central Gulf Area, Larry Hamilton and Albert Feazell.

[Single clap.]
Cotton Belt Area, Thomas Lavelle and Michelle Iles.

[Single clap.]
Texas Area, Mae Tutt and Jessie Austin.
Northwest Area, Roxanne Nelson and Christina Moore.

[Single clap.]

Rocky Mountain Area, Richard Price and Jackie Clayton.

[Single clap.]

Pacific Area, Diane Ayon and Patricia Cobb.

[Single clap.]

And, of course, my Vice Chair, Tony Regozzi.

[Single clap.]

Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Roe and Tony, and the entire Committee. You are now dismissed.

[Banging of the gavel.]

[Applause.]

Lloyd Cox, are you in the house? Lloyd, would you come up. I want to introduce your Sargent of Arms Committee.
MR. AL BONENBERGER: Mic 7.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 7.

MR. AL BONENBERGER: Al Bonenberger, Branch 103. I just want to remind everybody that when you do come to Texas, they called here that we were having heat wave. It was 89 degrees. In the Fort Worth Area, it’s going to be 109 degrees, so be prepared for the heat and the humidity when you go up there.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I want to recognize our Sargent of Arms. We have Lloyd Cox the Chair, and Will McIntyre Co-Chair. But, I want to introduce Lloyd, and I want to thank the Sargent of Arms Committee for an outstanding job they’ve done and I know they had some new first-timers on this Committee. So, Lloyd, stop talking to Chuck.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Lloyd.

MR. LLOYD COX: I’m sorry.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: No, that’s okay.

You’re the Sargent of Arms, you could take me out, I know that. I want to introduce you and Lloyd
Cox, Chair of the Sargent of Arms, to introduce his Committee. All right?

MR. LLOYD COX: Hey, it’s been an absolutely pleasure being your Sargent at Arms Chair and Sargent at Arms. Believe it or not, of all the years I’ve been doing it, four or five, I’ve only had a couple misunderstandings today, but I know we’ll get that all straightened out, and I hope that everybody felt that during our tenure that we treated everybody with dignity and respect because that’s what we aim to do, but also the guardians of the convention as well.

So, it’s a great honor for me to work with these individuals, and I’ll name them now. As I name them, I know you’re gonna be a little while getting up here, Will, but you need to come up please. My Co-Chair William McIntyre, Branch 458.

[Applause.]

Al Ellis, [phonetic] Branch 373.

[Single clap.]

Juanita Billups, Branch 17.
[Single clap.]

Martin Brown, Branch 93.

[Single clap.]

Bjoern Gruetzmacher, Branch 61.

[Single clap.]

I messed that up, right? I told you to tell me how to say your name.

Regina Hellerman, Branch 16.

[Single clap.]

Kenny Marshall, the great Branch 526.

[Single clap.]

Malcolm Rawls, Branch 122.

[Single clap.]

Jose Smiley, Branch 82.

[Single clap.]

Ricky Frazier, Branch 399.

[Single clap.]

Paul Worley, Branch 322.

[Single clap.]

And finally, Lynn Yut, Branch 66, please.]

[Single clap.]
Come on up, please.

I think I missed Darryl. No, Darryl is not on your list. We had a ringer, Darryl Smith, and Dorothy Gray. Come on up, please.

[Applause.]

We had one person pull out, and Dorothy was kind enough to fill in as our alternate.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Again, I want to thank our Sargent of Arms Committee. We had some new members, and again, they help control what’s going on and help you get in and out, and I just want to thank them for all their hard work. They miss a lot because of what’s going on, so they have to rely on your branches to let them know. Again, let’s give them a great round of applause. Thank you, Sargent of Arms, and you are dismissed except for Will and Lloyd, and I think I’ll keep Bjoern on a little bit longer. All right. Thank you much, Sargent of Arms.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Mic 7.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Ivan, did you have a – I’m going to bring Ivan up for a quick remark on
the 50/50.

MR. IVAN BUTTS: All right. We’re winding down. The in-kind raffle is closed. They are getting prepared for the final presentation of those numbers. Update right now -- we don’t have the final total, but we collected over $4,100 in the memory of Ann Konish. Thank you for that.

[Applause.]

And the most important announcement, the 50/50 tickets will be sold up until 2:30. So, you need to get your tickets for the 50/50. I think there are around $8,000, not for the winner, but total. I think there’s somewhere around $8,000 right now, which would be $4,000 for the winner. But, the Auxiliary will sell tickets up until 2:30 for that. Now, the President.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: We know who was up here last. Thank you, Ivan. Okay. Give me a second here. We’re on some introductions here. Remember, 3:00. I’m going to go with delegate at mic 7 and then delegate at mic 10.

MR. BOB BRADFORD: Bob Bradford, Waco
Branch. Somebody mentioned the temperature in Texas. You know, we’ve got a newfangled thing there that’s called air conditioning.

[Laughter.]

Everyplace you go is air conditioned. The cars you rent are air conditioned. And the bars are air conditioned. I don’t know too many other places our delegates go, but there is air conditioning in Texas.

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: When they go outside to answer the phone, is it air conditioned?

MR. BOB BRADFORD: Really bad, but yeah.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay. Thank you.

Delegate, mic 10.

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: This is Louis Atkins, the past President of NAPS, and Brian, I’d personally like to congratulate you on your victory, but also very important, I would like to commend the people from Denver. Excellent group and very kind folks. And Branch 73 and the entire Central Gulf appreciate y’all coming down to New
Orleans in 2022. We all thank you, and we will
not let you down and say I regret it. Thank you,
delegates, for everything.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Louis.

Now, I want to recognize our Assistant
Secretaries. They’ve done an outstanding job, and
let me tell you, they’re up here, I turn around,
and they haven’t left, and they’re doing -- and
hopefully they don’t quit next time.

But, I want to introduce our Assistant
Secretaries, Latasha Brown from Branch 131.

[Applause.]

Angela Gavin-Mitchell, Branch 159.

[Applause.]

Marcia Jones from Branch 42.

[Applause.]

And we did something new this year, we
have a Chair because these ladies or if a man,
whatever, Assistant Secretary wants to come, we
need an extra one to make sure everybody has a
break, and I really appreciate the Chair this
year, Nancy McVicker, Branch 66, for stepping up
and being my right-hand person on my left hand.

[Applause.]

With that, I will release the Assistant
Secretaries.

They did an outstanding job up front and
seeing everything that’s been going on. But, I
will tell you, there is a lot of behind the scenes
that you don’t see to make this convention run as
smooth as it is. I mean, I know I appreciate
everybody’s assistance. I appreciate the
Committees. I appreciate the Resident Officers
and the Executive Board. Let me tell you, if we
had the type of employees at Postal Headquarters
that we have NAPS Headquarter, we would be in
column 15 on everything on NPA. I want to bring
up the NAPS staff to come up and be recognized.

[Applause.]

Katie Maddox, our legislative
representative and SPAC Coordinator.

[Applause.]

LaToria Bolling, my Executive Assistant
to my office.

[Applause.]

Jovan Duncan, not only our Office Manager, but our Membership Manager for doing an outstanding job.

[Applause.]

Let me tell you, they take your calls, they work behind the scenes, and they make it work. I’ll tell you what, thank goodness we have them here for this convention. They’ve done an outstanding job, and I commend them for it. Thank you.

[Applause.]

Okay. Delegate, microphone 5.

MS. DONNA FLAHERTY: Good afternoon, delegates. Donna Flaherty, Branch 65, Denver, Colorado. I want to thank all of you that voted for Denver. Even though we didn’t get it this time, we’ll get it next time. And to New Orleans, we’ll be glad to come to your city and appreciate your hospitality. Thank you.

[Applause.]
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you. Sheri Davies. Sheri Davies, I need you at the podium. We have an emergency. I need your help.
Whenever I called on Sheri Davies, she was always there. She’s here now. Delegate at mic 5.

MR. ROBERT McMURRY: Thank you. Robert McMurry, Knoxville, Tennessee. And I do want to ask Bob, we appreciate him hosting in two years, but I know in Tennessee we don’t have it, do y’alls outhouses have air conditioning?
[Laughter.]
And I’ll see him on that air-conditioned golf course then. Thank you very much.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you. This has been a great convention. Again, our Host Branch has done an outstanding job on their Committees. I appreciate your commitment and working with the Resident Officers and your Executive Board. The Mohegan Sun has done an outstanding job. But, I will tell you this, Sheri Davies, at Conference Direct -- many of you have her us say Sheri, and
you know who we’re talking about -- this lady is a class act. She goes above and beyond. She will text and phone at 2:00 in the morning, 3:00 in the morning. I will tell you this, what you got today and this whole convention -- the breakfasts, the accommodations, the marketing, being able to as best flow we could, and behind the scenes helping members when they had room problems or they got charge the wrong rate, whatever it was, Sheri Davies was working behind the scenes. You talk about a Chief of Staff. I tell you what, never have I had to work with anybody as great as her when it comes to planning. I mean, I feel like she has made he 6 feet tall, and I don’t have as much gray hair because she had my back. And I just want to let you know, Sheri Davies is the best conference planner, convention planner in the country, and I’ll put that on record. Let me tell you, honest to God.

[Applause.]

You know what? This event, even though we all pitched in, this is the coach. This is the
leader. She gets the gavel, I will tell you that.
Sheri, thank you very much. I cannot thank you
enough.

[Applause.]

Final Committee reports -- call for
Committees. From my understanding, all Committees
have reported, and all Committees have been
dismissed. I’m going to call for any unfinished
business. And, after that, we will start electing
our new officers. Is there any unfinished
business? Louis Atkins, will you come to the
stage, please. Well do announcements after. I
think, according to my script, final
announcements, Chuck. They’re in there, page 83.

Will all the newly elected officers
please come to the front of the hall. I’d like to
have all the newly elected Resident Officers and
newly elected Regional Vice Presidents up here on
stage, please. Would all the newly elected Area
Vice Presidents please line up on the floor in
front of the dais in numerical order of your area.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Mic 3.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Hang on. With Area 1 on my far right, your left. Delegate at mic 3 while the newly elected Board comes up.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I’m trying to finish this chocolate.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: We’re not Ben & Jerrys.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: On a serious note --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Who are you?

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I don’t know how many people --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Who are you?

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Oh, Luther Manuel, final time at the mic.

[Audience reaction and laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Yeah, because I’m not letting you come back up.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: In the last convention, I don’t know how many people were paying attention to what happened. When the swearing-in ceremony was done, those that were standing in the back -- I think it was the
Regional Presidents and some other officers, were being told to put their hands down. That was you that did that?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Yes.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Those officers were never sworn in. I just want to call that to your attention this time, and see the honesty of our President? He was the one that told them to put their hands down. So, technically the Area Presidents or Regional Presidents technically are not in office. So, for two years I sat on this and watching the ceiling at night. But, I said --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Time.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Just make sure, Mr. President, they’re all sworn in this time.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: And, Luther, I’m glad you brought that to my attention. You are correct. I thought at the time of the swearing in, Louis was swearing in the Area VPs first and then the Regionals, I think they had it. But, according to the parliamentarian, swearing-in is just a formality. Once they were elected, they
become offices, and it’s a formality.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: What’s up with this guy?

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: He’s the best guy, and you will him in 2020, 2022, and 2024.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Hold it, hold it, hold it. We have to preserve the --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: We are going to do that.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: All right then.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I thank you for sitting down.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I don’t know where you got that guy.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I thank you for sitting down, Luther.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I don’t know.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: It’s been a joy.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: He used to be okay.

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. All right.
It gives me great pleasure at this time to recognize Louis Atkins, past National President, to conduct the swearing-in ceremony.

MR. LOUIS ATKINS: Thank you, Brian.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have the unique privilege and honor today of swearing in your duly elected officers for two-year terms.

Incoming officers, you are about to be installed to the Executive Board Office to which you have been duly elected. All of you, President, Executive President, Secretary/Treasurer, Regional and Area Vice Presidents, please raise your hand and repeat after me.

[OFFICIALS SWORN INTO DUTY]

I, state your name, upon my word of honor, as a Postal Supervisor, Manager, or Postmaster, and as a responsible person, in the presence of those here assembled, and the flag of our country, accept the office to which I have been elected. I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office
of which I am about to enter. I pledge that in
dealing with my fellow workers, to practice the
Golden Rule, do unto others as I have them do unto
me. I also pledge to follow the honored tradition
of the Postal Service and that I shall command
none to perform a task that I, myself, would not
undertake and carry to a successful conclusion. I
will guard all the parameters placed in my charge,
and at the expiration of my term in office, turn
over the same to my successor. I will do all in
my power to promote the welfare of the National
Association of Postal Supervisors and its members.
All this, I affirm.

You may lower your hands. Area Vice
Presidents, it is your duty as members of the
Executive Board to participate with other officers
in scheduling Board meetings, and thereafter to
conduct all business of the association during the
interim of the convention. Additionally, it will
be your responsibilities within your Area to
coordinate state and local officers and the
membership campaigns. You will also perform such
duties as assigned by the President. I am
confident you will faithfully perform the duties
of this office. It is my pleasure for me to
declare you duly installed as Area Vice
Presidents. Congratulations to all.

[Applause.]

I now wish to direct my remarks to the
newly elected Regional Vice Presidents that stand
behind me. It will be your responsibility to
coordinate the activities of the Area Vice
President, to act as Chair of membership within
your region and to assume such other duties as
assigned to you by the President. I now declare
you duly installed to the position of Regional
Vice Presidents. Congratulations.

[Applause.]

Will the Secretary/Treasurer please step
forward. Under your charge and your custody,
Chuck, you are placed with the finances of this
organization, and this is a very serious
responsibility. Carefully guard all the funds
placed in your hands, and be prepared to run down
accounting when such is requested or required.
There can be no doubts that success of this
organization depends to a large extent on Chuck,
selected to this position. It is the position
that requires tact, experience, patience, and
accuracy. It is a privilege for me now to declare
you the newly installed position of
Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations, Chuck, the
best.

[Applause.]

Now, will the Executive Vice Presidents
please step forward. My congratulations to Ivan
on your selection to this position. It will be
your duty to assist the President at all times and
to perform such duties and responsibilities as may
be assigned. It is a tough job. However, it
should be a matter of great pride and satisfaction
to have been chosen for this high office. You
must never violate the great trust placed in you.
But, you give unselfishly of your time and effort
when you can serve the best interest of this
organization. I’m confident that you will fulfill
these obligations. Now, I declare the Executive
Vice President duly and regularly installed.
Congratulations, Ivan. You’re the best.

Now, let’s see if I can find the one for
the President over there. Oh, it’s on the
backside. Will the President Elect please step
forward. You, Brian, are about to assume the high
office to which you have been elected. I am
certain of your ability to conduct the duties of
this office in a credible manner. I will now
declare you installed as President, and I
surrender to you the gavel of authority. May you
use it with firmness, fairness, and impartiality.
And may your tenure of office be beneficial to all
Postal Supervisors, Managers, and Postmasters.
You are now installed, Mr. Brian. Love you, take
care.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: It is an honor to
stand in front of you and represent over 27,000
members of the National Association of Postal
Supervisors. I’m here because you support me and
believe in me, and I’m here because I support you and I believe in you. We are a family, the NAPS Resident Officers, the Executive Board, we are a team. We may always see eye to eye, but at the end of the day, we will make the decisions necessary that you get the best representation, you get the best protection, and that NAPS will always remain strong. You are my family. But, I must say one thing, I could not be here today if it wasn’t for my immediate family, my kids, Justin and Ryan, my daughters-in-law, my grandkids -- my five grandkids, but my wife, Carol, who has been the backbone and behind the scenes for my support to represent you as my NAPS family. I joke about ice cream all the time, and you know that, but I love NAPS and I love my family more than ice cream, and that’s in the record. Thank you very much, and I’m so proud to represent you.

[Applause.]

At this time, I will request that the Executive Board kind of stay up here. We’re going to finish up. I’ll tell you what, go back to your
seats. Go and rest. We’re going to have some work to do tomorrow. But, I do want to talk with the Executive Board after we finish. And with that, again, thank you. Thank the Executive Board. Support them, they will support you.

Again, we are the NAPS family, and let’s continue to move forward and stronger each and every day.

Thank you very much.

A NAPS National Convention is never over until we have announcements by our Secretary/Treasurer. So, Chuck, for the last time for the convention, I need to recognize you for any final announcements before I make any final.

Oh, okay. We’re going to bring up some vendors. See how we just changed this? This is what we do. We’ll bring up the vendors who have drawings. Come on up. Atlantic Postal Credit Union.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER - APC: Good afternoon. We thank you for inviting us to this convention. We are all Postal employees. We’re all retired from the Postal Service. But, what we
would like to do is not talk about APC. What we
would like to do is give you some money, what we
are going to do is give the $500 first so
everybody will have a chance at the $500.

[Drum roll.]

All right. First thing I need to do is
make certain I have glasses on so I don’t call the
wrong name. It looks like M. Henderson.

[Audience reaction.]

Is M. Henderson here? That’s for the
$500, and believe it or not, we have cash.

[Audience reaction]

[Music playing.]

And for the $250, it looks like it’s Joan
Davis. Is there a Joan Davis?

[Applause.]

[Music playing.]

For the $100, it looks like it’s Karen
WM, which I’m assuming is Williams. If that
person is not here --

[Applause.]

We look forward to seeing a lot of you at
your state conventions and look forward to seeing
you at your next National Convention. We thank
you for inviting us and have a good rest of the
cvention.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. The 50/50
is closing, and then they’re going to count the
money, so it will be another 15 minutes. We’re
going to bring up another vendor. We’re going to
bring up Ruthie Beale from Signature Federal
Credit Union and also a member of Branch 255.
Yay, Branch 255, Heart of Illinois.

RUTHIE BEALE: As he said, my name is
Ruthie. I’m with Branch 255. I’m also with
Signature Federal Credit Union. I want to say we
really appreciate the relationship we have with
NAPS and the NAPS members. We have drawn two
names. We have an Echo and $50 to give away, and
if you will, just meet me right outside the back
door because I’d like to get a picture of the
winners if you’re in the room. The winner of the
Echo is Mary Dart from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
[Applause.]

And I have $50 for Charlene Jones from Missouri City, Texas.

[Applause.]

So, if you’ll just meet me right outside the back door so I could get a picture, I’d appreciate it. Thank you. I’ll see you all at LTS.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, again, Ruthie and Signature Federal Credit Union for also sponsoring the T-shirts for the SPAC Walkathon and the Drive for 5, great.

We have Young Living, Marguerite from Young Living to come on up. And again, we appreciate all of our vendors who are supporting our National Convention. It helps to be able to provide the great meals and breakfasts and support you in the issues and items that you need.

Marguerite.

YOUNG LIVING - MARGUERITE: Good afternoon, everyone.
ALL: Good afternoon.

YL - MARGUERITE: I’m on the other side instead of this side. But, I have a drawing for what we call a necklace diffuser with essential oils and the essential oil is lavender, and the winner is Jackie Clayton from Las Vegas, Nevada.

[Applause.]

All right. I’ll meet you down front.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: While we’re waiting for the 50/50 to come in, we have announcements from Chuck. Chuck Mulidore, your newly elected National Secretary/Treasurer. Chuck.

MR. CHUCK MULIDORE: Okay. Just a second before I do any announcements. Just to thank you for honoring me by reelecting me to this office. It’s a very emotional thing for me because you place faith in someone, so I always promise never to break that faith with you. So, thank you all very much. I appreciate you.

[Applause.]

Okay. Tonight for the grand banquet,
remember, it’s in here, 5:30 is the cocktail hour, cash bars, bring your money if you drink. We’ll be starting the banquet at 6:30 here, so 5:30 and 6:30. Okay.

I have an earring. I know it’s not mine because I don’t wear gold. So, someone is walking around with one earring. So, let me know -- it’s not you, no. It’s not. It’s yours? If it’s yours, come and see me. If not, it will be in the NAPS office for a little bit longer in the Lost and Found.

This necklace could be mine, but it’s not. People are losing jewelry and things here for some reason. I don’t want to know why, but --

[Laughter.]

Boy, things are falling off people all over the place around here. So, no judgement, but here it is if you want it.

Okay. Some of the first-timers have asked me if they would like to gather somewhere and have folks meet them and give them pins. So, how about maybe out in the lobby, first-timers,
maybe when we’re dismissed, maybe meet out in the
lobby near the escalators, all the first-timers,
and folks will come bay and share pins with you
and give you pins. So, if you’re interested in
doing that, meet them when we’re done out there.

Is that yours? Is this your necklace?
Well, pick one. Diamonds? No one lost diamonds.
Well, no one turned in -- that’s right -- no one
turned in diamonds.

From the Uncasville Post Office, if
you’ve been happy with your service, go in there
and they ask you to please take the survey, right?
So, their zip code is 06382, and tell them that
they provided you with excellent service. So,
remember, you know, that stuff all matters. So,
the Postmaster’s name is Jon Andle, J-O-N A-N-D-L-
E. So, take the survey, and say that they did a
great job for you.

All California delegates, if you haven’t
exchanged your tickets for the banquet tonight,
please see Hayes Cherry immediately after the
session. You want to see them up there by you,
Hayes? Okay. He’s up in the top row up here. If you need banquet ticket exchanges, see Hayes after we’re done here today.

Richard Green, you’ve been removed from office. You left your badge up here.

[Laughter.]

That was a short term, like 15 minutes he was Regional VP. Man.

[Laughter.]

I’ll take care of it for you, though. He is -- well, yeah, he was.

[Laughter.]

Martha Pearson, Branch 29, Cincinnati. Are you looking for a banquet ticket or you have a banquet ticket, Martha? Where are you? She’s looking for one. Okay. She’s looking for a banquet ticket tonight. Here’s her cell number. You can call her or text her, but only about this. Let’s keep it to the banquet ticket, okay?

[Laughter.]

Oh, she said text her about anything.

What? Not her cell. Well, what do you want me to
do? What? Oh, see her. Stand up so they can find you over there. You put your number, I thought you wanted them to call you. You don’t want that? I’ll post it on the NAPS website so everybody can see you.

[Laughter.]

See Martha Pearson if you have a banquet ticket, and she’ll give you like a thousand dollars for it.

And I have one -- oh, I have two final notes on Memorials. So -- or several. Ezell Graham and Farley Hobbs out of Branch 46 in Cleveland and Sally Tuome, Montana State Branch 929. So, I know we’re all happy, but please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as well.

And I believe that’s it, Mr. President.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: While we’re waiting for the Auxiliary and the 50/50, do we have any other good of the order, good of the service for the Association? Can somebody go out and get me a scoop or two of ice cream? Okay. Delegate at mic 5.
MS. CLARA RANDALL: This is 6, President Wagner.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I need new bifocals.

Thank you. You are?

MS. CLARA RANDALL: I’m Clara Randall, Executive Board member of Elizabeth Lamond, Branch 14, Chicago, Illinois, home of Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, Barack Obama, and many other fabulous people. Thank you. I rise to commend our Host Branch 5 for the most fabulous, classy, welcome reception it has been my privilege to attend in the 30 years I’ve been attending National Conventions. It was a classy, elegant, poolside affair. We were outside. The band was fabulous, everything. I know class when I see it, and that was class. Thank you, Branch 5.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegates. I just want the delegation to know that usually when we do the convention and the election, the Board all gets up here and we’re mulling around and trying to figure out what’s going on. I have
scheduled an Executive Board meeting tomorrow just so that the Board -- the new Board members and the returning Board members can sit down so we can kind of go over the future direction of NAPS, what we’re going to do for Committees like we’ve been working on, what we heard from you during this convention, so we can sit down and start planning out and updating the new Executive Board members on the pay talk issue and the fact-finding.

So, again, this is something we wanted to do new, so we’re not rushed, so that the direction of this organization can be done strategically and steady and to move us forward on a regular basis. So, the Executive Board will come up here after we’re done, and I’ll give them where the room is for meeting on tomorrow -- on Saturday. So, I did want to bring that up.

Delegate at mic 3.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Mr. Chairman. Luther Manuel from the great state of New Jersey for the final time to the mic.

[Audience reaction and applause.]
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Because after the 50/50, we’re closing this baby.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: You know, I wasn’t going to say nothing, but I have to.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You would. Please start the clock.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: I just want to say that the parliamentarian, when he had said, and I believe he said this, he said that they were elected so it didn’t matter. But, my bringing up the fact that they weren’t -- because of you -- that they weren’t, but there is something called decorum. Even though they are elected -- and this should be at any branch, anywhere. Even though they are elected, they have to be installed. They have to have something -- if we elect a President, and we don’t -- in January -- have this great inauguration, sure, he’s the President, but who would ever dream of him not having an inaugural, him just going to work? You would, okay. No, no, I’m saying. I’m making my example. Stop cutting my time. I’m trying to make an example here.
We have to have our officers -- what was done two years ago, in my opinion, was wrong. They -- it didn’t mean that these weren’t going to be the officers, but we have to pay attention to what we’re doing. Our whole thing of keeping things in place -- the whole thing of keeping things -- see, when you start breaking with tradition, regardless of anything, when you start breaking with tradition, you’re breaking with your way. And if you start breaking --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Point of order. Point of order.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Yes. What is your point of order?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: This has been asked and answered. You brought it to my attention, we fixed it.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: What is your point of order?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: That it’s already been asked and answered. Oh, I can’t do that?

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: You can’t do that.
I’m glad the parliamentarian --

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: My first day on the job and I’m making mistakes.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: But, you see -- oh, somebody just said I’m not going to get any more Ben & Jerrys.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Okay, go ahead.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: But, see, the parliamentarian knows I’m not out of order.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I’m testing it.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Well --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You’re testing me.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: We’re testing you, you know, cuz you are -- no matter what the parliamentarian does and he said this, he is not the one in charge, you are. His job, as I do for my state and my branch, is give interpretation. It’s how you see it, and how he sees it. But, it’s ultimately your choice. You can say, hey, well I don’t buy what you say, I’m gonna do it this way, and then we have the right to challenge
the decision of the Chair. We don’t challenge the parliamentarian, we challenge you.

    Now, I want you to sharpen up.

    [Laughter.]

The next couple of years, you know this thing about the pay thing -- I’m retired, of course -- but it affects us too. It affects -- do you realize how I would cry, tears coming out of my eyes -- “My people don’t get their money. Now, let me be straight about this. Boo-hoo.” We need you really to look out. And the Postal Service -- Megan Brennan is sharp. She’s very sharp. We need you to look out and you will win. You know why you’re gonna win? That’s not Ben & Jerry.

You know why you’re gonna win?

    MR. BRIAN WAGNER: I thought I won.

    MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Because to this day, nobody can say you’ve been dishonest. Nobody can say that you took anything.

    [Applause.]

So, if you go in there with that type of thinking of your honesty and what you’re looking
to get for us, it will be answered, because you
did it the honest way. Now, when you start
dipping to the side -- when you start --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Fifty seconds.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Huh? How many seconds?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Fifty.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Fifty seconds. Okay.

Boy, this convention is brutal.

[Laughter.]

I’m sitting up here -- I’m just sitting -- actually, I’m trying to help kill time.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: You’re killing me.

[Laughter and applause.]

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: This is my last time at the mic.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Well, for 38 seconds or 30 seconds it is.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: What do I got left? Thirty?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Twenty-four.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Twenty-four? Okay.
MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Twenty.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Okay. I appreciate you, Mr. Parliamentarian, I appreciate you. Don’t think you’re not appreciated. Challenged, tested, but you’re appreciated.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Ten.

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: And Brian --

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Five, four, three, two one. Time.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

DR. BRUCE BISHOP: It’s your fault. You did that. You did that.

[Laughter.]

Wow, Luther. No, good thing I don’t care. It’s a good thing.

[Laughter.]

There are so many things I want to say, and I just don’t know where to start. So, I may -

MR. LUTHER MANUEL: Five minutes.

[Laughter.]

DR. BRUCE BISHOP: I’m a professional
parliamentarian, certified by the incredibly prestigous American Institute of Parliamentarians. I’m one of eight people listed on the American Institute of Parliamentarians website as a professional certified parliamentarian. I’ve been doing this for 38 years. I have served as a parliamentarian for conferences with over 12,000 voting delegates. You guys are so far my favorite.

[Laughter and applause.]

Truly, and I don’t want you to say yeah, but you probably say that to everyone, because I don’t. A parliamentarian’s integrity and honesty has to be above reproach.

So, there is -- I’m going to put all humility aside for a moment, all my humility aside and tell you there is nobody in the country who knows this stuff better than I do.

[Audience reaction and applause.]

There isn’t, no one. There are a number of people who know it as well as I do, but no one knows it better, and no one has a greater
appreciation for decorum than I do. No one has a
greater appreciation for the rights of the members
or the authority of the chair than I do. So, my
last comment to your President about the oath of
office was not about decorum, it was in response
to the member’s suggestion that because a certain
group of people failed to take the oath of office
or failed to have their hands raised, because of
that, they were not ever officially in office. My
comment to the President was that there is nothing
that requires a person to take the oath of office
in order to assume that office. That is a
formality of office and is nothing a violation of
decorum. But, it does not affect their ability to
take office. And that was my comment to the
President, and only comment, and the only
challenge therefore to the speaker.

So, rest assured, I absolutely have
thoroughly enjoyed the last week with you folks,
thoroughly, every one of you I have enjoyed. And
those of you have stopped me in the lobby and in
the elevator and said, “Oh my gosh, have you ever
worked with such a group?” You have no idea. You aren’t even close to the top 20 of groups that I have worked with that have been difficult. You are easy -- incredibly easy and totally 100 percent enjoyable. I would much rather -- I told several of you this -- I would much wather -- wather? Yeah. I would much rather sit with you folks in a meeting where things are happening than in many, many, many meetings that I have parliamentarialized -- a meaning I just made up -- a word I just made up -- where nothing -- where I am not engaged in anything. So, I appreciate every one of you. I appreciate all of you who stood up and spoke. I appreciate all of you that have raised points of order and addressed the Chair and asked me and invited me to share my expertise with you. It’s truly, truly been an honor, and I look forward to working with you in Texas and maybe even in New Orleans. Truly, thank you all. It’s been a pleasure.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Dr. Bishop.
He’s coming back in 2020, 2022, and 2024.

Delegate at mic 4.

MR. GREG MURPHY: Greg Murphy, former New England Area Vice President, and I wish to congratulate my successor for office, Mr. Cy Dumas. Mostly, I rise to thank the New England delegation. It is said that when a great production takes place, on a marquee, you see the name of the production and the star. But, it’s the supporting cast that makes it a successful production, and so I thank each and every one of the members of the New England delegation for helping me, because we had a very successful two years. May God bless each of you and have safe travels home. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, Greg. One moment, I want to give Executive Vice President Ivan Butts a minute here or two to make a quick announcement.

MR. IVAN BUTTS: Okay. The Auxiliary is still counting the 50/50, but they will hopefully
be in here soon ready to give that out. But,
every gift -- every gift card -- all those raffles
that you put in for, those winners have been
selected, and the numbers are ready to scroll.
So, Mr. sound man, could you scroll the numbers on
the big screen for me from here on out while we
continue on?

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Yeah, just leave the
numbers up on the board. We’ll continue to go, so
some of you will not be on camera. Delegate at
mic 8.

MS. DEBORAH EVANS-ATKINS: Good
afternoon. I’m Deborah Evans-Atkins, Branch 135,
Washington, D.C. First of all, I would like to
congratulate all that we have voted into the
position here of the NAPS Board. There is one
thing throughout this whole meeting, a lot of
first-timers that were here, we want you to take
it away. We want you to understand to embrace all
the knowledge that’s in this room. We have a lot
of retirees. But, those of us what are still
working, we have a lot that’s coming in front of
us. Now, I’m on my 40th year, not military, 40th year with this organization. But, one thing I want to say is that I’m going to support our leadership here with NAPS. We have to do it. What’s more important, UPMA, they come in so professional, and it looks so good, and then we at another side, we need to take notice to that. Be proud of who you are. Be proud of what you do, because you also represent a lot of people in this organization, and we don’t want Megan to think we’re not interested, that we’re not a part of it. We’ve got to stop now. We’ve got to work with our leadership in NAPS. We’ve got to rally behind them. It’s crucial right now. Any ideas and suggestions, I love that I can call my Executive at any time. So, I just want everybody to know before I leave, I hope I leave something behind, but at the same time, today is today, tomorrow is something else, and the reason I’m standing here -- -- my branch is probably saying why are you here -- 28 days ago, my brother was hospitalized -- 48 hours, they said he’s diagnosed with cancer, and
he passed away. Pancreatic cancer. I’m leaving here today to go down there tomorrow, I mean. But, I just want us to know, stop fighting. Band together. Be together. Support one another and walk behind our Executive. Please, can we do that? Can we do that?

[Applause.]

That’s all I’ve got to say. Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Thank you, delegate.
Delegate at mic 7.

MR. BOBBY BOCK: Bobby Bock, Branch 406, Central Florida. I want to put a shout out to the AV Department we’ve had for a number of years for the great job they’ve done with the mics and the visuals and everything, and I want to say a great thank you to the AV Department. Thank you.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Yeah, they make me look taller.

[Applause.]

Where are we at? Any more good of the association? You’re checking your numbers. I haven’t heard any woohoo, I won yet. Good with
announcements.

[Speaking off mic.]

Oh, don’t take a picture of that, like Jaime, hey, I’m just doing research.

[Laughter.]

So, as we’re waiting for the 50/50, anybody else? Is there any other business? Any other comments? I see 50/50 coming. We’re done except for 50/50, and then Lisa and I are going to be very happy. Bang that gavel.

MR. RAY ELLIOT: Brian, mic 7.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Delegate, mic 7.

MR. RAY ELLIOT: Ray Elliot, Branch 289. I’d like to ask a question of Bruce. Being this is your second National Convention, what kind of book are you going to publish about it, and I’d like to have some copyrights to it when you publish it.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: He doesn’t kiss and tell. Okay?

[Laughter.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. We have
the Auxiliary up here. So, get your other tickets out for the 50/50 and other -- okay. Skip?

MR. SKIP CORLEY: All right. All right.

How is everybody? All right. Okay, first thing we’re going to do is call the gift cards. We raised a total of $1,860 toward the gift cards. Can we get another first-timer up on the podium to pull the number or you want one of the Execs to pull it?

[Drum roll.]

There’s a first-timer here coming up. We had a total of $795 worth of gift cards, and they made $860 toward it. So, that was pretty good.

So, the first number, I think they were orange-looking tickets. Get them out if you took a chance on the gift cards.

Okay. For the gift cards, 5-4-9-8-6-5. 5-4-9-8-6-5.

[Applause.]

We got a winner. 5-4-. Come on up.

[Music playing.]

Yeah, they have to be here this time, so
hopefully everybody that bought a 50/50 ticket is in the audience. If not, if I call a number and the person is not there, I get to keep the money. That’s my ruling, and I’m standing -- that’s right. Good one. There you are, sir.

Okay, another first-timer to pull the 50/50. Gentleman coming up. While the gentleman is coming up, I’m going to tell you exactly what you did this week. Of course, you know, Monday we made $6,000, and we gave away 3. Tuesday, we did $9,350 and we gave away $4,655. And then, yesterday we did $12,400, I think it was, and we gave away 6,200. Today, we didn’t quite beat that, but we made -- we sold $10,650 worth of cards and so the person going home today is going to take home $5,325. Red ticket right here.

Everybody ready? Okay. 7-0-5-5-5-3. Ooo, ooo, where ya at?

[Audience reaction and applause.]

[Music.]

Come on down. Come on down. Is it good? Is it good? All right. We’d like to thank the
Auxiliary. Thank you for your participation, and we’ll see you in 2020 down there in Texas. Thank you a lot.

[Applause.]

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All right. Again, thanks to the Auxiliary and all the support they give NAPS.

It is now time, and I appreciate everybody’s patience, commitment and cooperation in this National Convention. But, now do I have a motion to adjourn our 66th NAPS National Convention? Do I have a motion?

MR. TOM O’CONNOR: Mic number 6.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Mic number 6.

MR. TOM O’CONNOR: Tom O’Connor, Chattanooga Branch 97. I move we adjourn this convention.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: Do I have a second?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

MR. BRIAN WAGNER: All those in favor of adjourning the National Convention for the 66th National Convention, say aye.
[Chorus of ayes.]

All those opposed, say nay.

[Chorus of nays.]

The convention is closed. I now declare the 66th National Convention of the National Association of Postal Supervisors adjourned. Have a safe trip home everyone. Thank you. Please take all your personal belongings and all of your papers. They’re going to be turning this room for our banquet for tonight. The Executive Board, newly elected Executive Board, please come to the dais.

[Whereupon, the Convention was adjourned.]

[Off the record.]
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