Reflections on Our Reno Convention

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Due to a couple of other issues I felt I needed to address, this is the first opportunity I’ve had to talk a little about our national convention in beautiful Reno, NV. Congratulations to President Pat Donuth and the members of Branch 249 for the outstanding job they did in hosting the convention.

Their efforts to host our NAPS brothers and sisters is a reflection of the leadership being provided in this area. NAPS EAS employees and the leadership of the Postal Service are well-served.

Our convention is always a great networking event. It provides us an opportunity to meet, greet and bond with fellow NAPS members and postal leaders in a professional and personal way. I look forward to again seeing some of the people I met during my first convention in 1992 in Louisville, KY, and at every convention since then.

Reno was a beautiful experience. I will cherish the memories of my time there. We had the top four postal leaders in attendance: Pat Donahoe, Ron Stroman, Megan Brennan and Anthony Vegliante. I was extremely impressed, though not surprised, that Megan addressed the issue of involuntary assignments. And she did so within a week of the convention’s conclusion, as she said she would. Having worked with Megan while she was vice president of Eastern Area Operations, hers is exactly the type of leadership that, as NAPS advocates, we have come to expect.

All our postal leaders had kind words of appreciation for the hard work of EAS employees. Some also referenced three words, “dignity and respect,” that can serve as a source of hope in a work environment that continues to make extraordinary demands on performance. The words will only bring hope, though, when they become more than just words spoken at postal events. They must become words of action in workplaces across this great country.

I am extremely proud of Maxine Campbell and members of Baltimore Branch 42 for winning the Newsletter...