



California State Branch

National Association of Postal Supervisors

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California State Spring Meeting

Welcome was given by President Marilyn Jones to Branch 244 and all attendees. Roll call of officers:

Marilyn Jones, President -- present
John Wong, Vice President -- present
Bridget Evans, Secretary -- present
Sally Simpao, Treasurer -- present
Mariel Murillo, Area Vice-President -- present
Charles Patterson, Area Vice-President -- present
Vontina Swygert, Area Vice-President -- present
Tom Wong, Area Vice-President -- present
Marsha Danzy, Legislative Consultant -- present

NEW BUSINESS -- There was discussion among the group on the 2018 National Convention -- transportation will be available from the Hartford and Providence airports. Transportation will be provided by DATTCO. You must go to the NAPS national website www.naps.org to make your reservations. Charles "Chuck" Mulidore, our National Secretary /Treasurer was asked which airport he suggests and he says he likes the Providence airport, but they are about the same. They expect that 60% of the delegates will be coming through Hartford. He reminded everyone not to show up without a reservation.

Carl Brown, BR 94 asked if rental cars will be available. Chuck and Brian said they would find out. Question was also raised if there are cutoff times for the shuttle buses? No, they are tracking various scenarios that may occur, i.e., delayed flights, etc. That is why you need to make a reservation so they know when people are arriving.

Question was asked about excursions --yes and the local branch is involved with the planning. Right now they have 12 different offerings.

Transportation back to the airport from the casino is only offered on SATURDAY, August 11, 2018. If you leave on Sunday you will have to make your own arrangements for transportation to the airports. The shuttle buses are only available Saturday, August 4 through August 5 for **arrivals**; and DEPARTURES ONLY Saturday, August 11, 2018. Be sure to check the NAPS website and magazine for more information

2019 California/Hawaii Bi-State Convention -- The convention will be hosted by NAPS Branches California 905 and Hawaii 214 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Ala Moana Hotel. Our 2nd Bi-State Convention is scheduled for April 23-26, 2019 at the Ala Moana Hotel. the room block will be from 04/23/19 through 04/27/2019. Rooms will be in the Kona Tower which has 1 queen bed with rate of \$159.00 plus tax; The Waikiki Tower has either 1 king bed or 2 double beds for \$179.00 plus tax. There are 1-bedroom suites for \$277.00 per night. Check in will be 3:00 pm. Checkout is 11:00 am. There have been some changes to the hotel -- they now have a Starbucks in the lobby; they have made improvements to the shopping center and food court. Chuck also announced that he recently got married -- Laurie is now Laurie Lum! (*Congratulations and clapping from the audience*). Dorothea Bradley asked about scooter rentals? Chuck is working on getting the same rates as before.

(He also let everyone know that the haphazard reported in Hawaii was the result of someone pushing the wrong button. It was a little confusing but all is well.) You will need to make shuttle reservations either in advance or upon your arrival to get to the hotel from the airport.

GREETING FROM NATIONAL OFFICERS/ GUESTS:

-- Charles "Chuck" Mulidore, National Secretary/Treasurer was introduced by President Marilyn Jones. Chuck thanked President Jones. I bring you greetings from our national resident officers and Louie. WE are all busy working on our convention and attending conventions this week. I am really happy to be here. I love coming to California! I'm your #1 tourist! Pay talks are not good, but we are still talking. Thank you all. I will be here for you throughout your convention if you want to talk about anything.

-- Marilyn Walton, Western Region VP: Good afternoon everyone. I just came from a Western Area meeting that was very interesting. Bridget, Hayes and I attended the Pacific Area meeting. I am glad that Bridget was able to get so many of the executives to come to the convention. Please take time to talk with these Area folks. It's very, very important for you all to know what's going on. I look forward to our next few days together.

-- Hayes Cherry, Pacific Area VP: It is so great to see all of you here today. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Branch 244 for coming back to the state!!! Are all of you familiar with the acronyms IV? MPV? SPD? These are the tools the postal service is using to track our performance in both the plant and customer services. There is an advantage to having members from a variety of departments on your officer positions in your branch. We are all on the same team. Make sure you remember to treat all with dignity and respect. If that is not happening and you ignore people who do wrong it will only get worse. Some of our executives are not treating right. We have to deal with that. I will not tolerate being treated disrespectfully. I have a relationship with the PMG and our AVP. USPS knows when theirs turmoil.

--Diane Ayon, BR 88 asked if there is a system to track EAS/supervisors in the building and not getting paid for all time worked? Hayes said we are looking at it now.

OFFICERS REPORTS: motion to accept officers' reports as printed and available on the table Tom Wong, Area Vice-President; 2nd by Area Vice-President Charles Patterson.

READING OF MINUTES: motion to accept minutes as printed and available by John Wong, Vice-President; 2nd by Area Vice-President Tom Wong. Additional copies are available from the State Secretary if needed/requested.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Motion made by AVP Tom Wong to accept financial report as printed in convention book. Motion was 2nd by Mariel Murillo, AVP.

2020 California State convention – will be hosted by NAPS Branch 88 San Francisco. Details will follow.

OPEN DISCUSSION – we need to provide a list of concerns by branch to our State board to take to the Pacific Area meetings AFTER you have tried at the local level. AVP Larry Munoz WILL respond to concerns. Hayes Cherry reminded everyone that it is extremely important if we have a local issue to send the concern(s) to him FIRST! We need to follow the chain-of-command. Hayes says to give Marilyn and him a chance to address the concern BEFORE we take outside the local district.

Marilyn Jones – yes we should follow the chain-of-command; however sometimes you have situations that warrant immediate attention. AT LTS this year I had a member call me contemplating suicide! We take these positions as volunteers. I believe in NAPS. Everyone's coping skills are different – this member was despondent after receiving a Letter of Removal. In our jobs as NAPS officers we

never know what's going to happen when we pick up the phone! I got some information from EAP and brought it here – its available for all Branch presidents and please share with your members. Remember to find out who your National Threat Assessment team members are and when they are available.

ANNOUNCEMENT – Marilyn and Hayes are sponsoring lunch for everyone in their suite, room 106.

The Audit, First Timers and Chairperson/Co-Chairperson committees will meet in the morning.

Motion made to adjourn by Tom Wong, AVP; 2nd by Mariel Murillo, AVP.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Bridget Evans
NAPS California State Secretary