

CALIFORNIA POSTAL LEGISLATIVE COALITION MEETING
National Postal Mail Handlers Union Office
8393 Capwell Dr., Oakland CA 94621-2186
May 17, 2012 11:00a.m.

Attendees: In the meeting room: Richard Siu, NPMHU, Marilyn Walton, Frances Barfield; Lois Johnson, & Bess Lewis, NAPS; Clarice Golden, Mike O'Brien, NAPUS., Ron Jones NALC.
On the Telecom: Ray Harrington, NARFE; Mary DiGioia, Carl Brown, Morris Salazar, Ralph Petty, NAPS.

Meeting called to order at 11:38a.m.

Agenda Item #1 Any discussion on SB 1789? Comment: NAPS did a good job sharing information. Comment: NAPUS - Advisable we not further discuss SB 1789 because the unions oppose this legislation. Our original coalition commitment to not discuss legislation when there is opposition within the Coalition.

Agenda Item #2 – Announcement from USPS HQ regarding small post offices. Richard made copies of all the Stand - Up talks provided to be shared with all employees regarding USPS' efforts to keep small post offices open. Some offices will have reduced hours. Some offices will be consolidated into larger offices and the Postmaster will be upgraded. Since we just received the information there was a lot of speculation with all groups present. Ralph Petty, commented that he met the Deputy PMG at a PCC in San Francisco recently. The Deputy PMG was not aware that California had a Legislative Coalition. Ralph stated it would be good to have him as a contact. There is a PCC Day coming up in Fairfield CA in September 2012. The Deputy PMG will be attending the meeting and coalition members should make plans to attend. Ralph will also invite the Deputy PMG to our annual event.

Agenda Item #3 – Plant Closures/Consolidations and announcements from USPS HQ state that the closing/consolation list has been modified and these changes will occur in phases. Some closures will begin May/June with impact notifications and a revised list communication. Then the closing/consolidations will stop until after the Election/Christmas mailing season. The closing/consolidations will resume February 2013. Since all information has not been released, we are speculating on the overall impacts and will communicate information as we receive it.

Agenda Item #4 – Refund to Sacramento District Branch 77 for shortfall from the Coalition Dinner at BJ's prior to the Sunday event this past January. There was a \$144.00 balance after payment for the food. A recommendation from Marilyn was discussed and agreed to by all that we issue a check to Sacramento Branch 77 for payment of the dinner shortfall. Mary will take care of the payment as soon as possible.

Agenda Item# 5 – **Richard Siu**, will be moving to Denver, due to consolation of representative

duties. As a result of this move the Coalition will need to find an official meeting site. Richard has contacted Ernie Grijalva, NMHU, Northern California. Ron Jones will talk to NALC to inquire if they have a meeting spot available. We will discuss at the August meeting whether we will have a regular meeting location. We still have the option of meeting via teleconference.

Agenda Item # 6 – Discussion of selecting a date for the Coalition Annual Event, there was a consensus to have the meeting in Sacramento at the Laborers Hall in 2013. Richard will make the contact with Laborers Hall to book a date. There were three dates suggested. #1 January 27th, #2 January 13th, #3 February 10th. Richard attempted to call today however, he was not able to make contact with the Hall. Richard will continue to attempt to confirm one of the suggested dates for the event.

We also discussed whether to have a dinner the day before the Annual Event. The option is to attempt to find a restaurant and get a commitment in advance from attendees. Also, we would post a cut off day for sending payment. The other option is get a suite at one of the hotels in the area near the event and host a hospitality room and bring in food. We could chip in funds to provide for food, snacks etc. We will discuss these options at the next meeting.

Agenda Item# 7 – New Business - Additional discussion on the Postmaster changes and impacts that will be occurring.

Agenda Item#8 – Recognition – The Coalition members took an opportunity to thank Richard Siu for the many years (14) of hosting the California Postal Legislative Coalition meetings. Mary DiGioia sent a card and Gift Card on behalf of the Coalition members. Also, the members present in the office presented a thank you card to Richard. We all wish him well and his official move will occur in September. Richard stated he will attempt to call in for the teleconferences and participate when he can.

The next regular meeting date will be Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 11:00A.M., at the Mail Handlers Union Office, 8393 Capwell Dr., Oakland CA. Meeting adjourned at 12:35p.m.

Frances Barfield, Recording
Marilyn Walton, Communications