

CALIFORNIA POSTAL LEGISLATIVE COALITION MEETING
National Postal Mail Handlers Union Office
8393 Capwell Dr., Oakland CA 94621-2186
August 16, 2012 11:00a.m.

Attendees: In the meeting room: Richard Siu, NPMHU, Marilyn Walton, Frances Barfield; Mary DiGioia, Jim Isom, Lois Johnson, Bess Lewis, Carl Brown and Morris Salazar, NAPS; Clarice Golden,; NAPUS, Ron Jones NALC.

On the Telecom: Ray Harrington, NARFE; Mike O'Brien, NAPUS

Meeting called to order at 11:35a.m.

Agenda Item #1 -Welcome and Roll call of attendees in office and on the phone

Agenda Item #2 – Minutes from last meeting were issued in advance and after brief discussion minutes were approved as submitted.

Agenda Item #3 – Legislative sharing (any updates) Ron Jones stated that NALC has just returned from their National Convention. No major postal legislative issues discussed everyone is focused on the upcoming Presidential election.

Marilyn stated that legislators are at home on recess. If you are contacted by your legislator or invited to a town hall meeting take every opportunity to talk up the Postal Service.

Ron stated that Congressman Pete Stark has been supportive of the Postal and the members of the NALC.

Mike reported there was no legislation from NAPUS at this time. Ray stated they will be at the NARFE National convention the week after NAPS in Reno.

Ray announced the Reno chapter of NARFE is going to try to organize a Legislative Coalition in Reno.

Agenda Item #4 – Pacific Area Postal Meeting update (Richard and Marilyn)

Marilyn – This is the first time in recent years I attended a Pacific Area meeting along with the craft unions. Attending this meeting was NALC and Mail handler union representatives. APWU was unable to attend as they were back in Washington discussing the California PVS concern.

The meeting was scheduled to provide information and communication to craft and management on how the Pacific Area prepares their budget for the coming fiscal year. The Area VP also stated that he wanted to work on improving communications between the organizations and Postal Management.

Richard seemed to agree there were no new big announcements just an opportunity for craft and management to meet.

Additional Discussion on California PVS issue- Due to a new Air Quality law, certain California Postal PVS vehicles will be unable to meet the new standards. Because USPS's has no ability to purchase new vehicles or upgrade existing PVS vehicles by 2013/14. A decision is being made to contact out PVS vehicles in California. This will impact craft and

management positions in the state of California only.

Agenda Item # 5 – January 2013 Coalition Event – Hall booking update and date: Richard will set up the hall date in Sacramento. Mary will be responsible for the donation check. After discussion regarding the best time to meet; there was a concern because of the election that it would be better to put up the date to February. The first choice for a date is Sunday, February 10, 2013. The second choice will be January 27th.

We also discussed rather to organize a dinner for Saturday night prior to the Coalition Event. Or, that we host a Reception at the hotel in Sacramento. Marilyn will attempt to get a suite or two rooms together and have refreshments so that those attending can stop by and get something to eat. We could kick in \$10.00 each and get enough money to have a nice reception without trying to find a restaurant to accommodate the group.

Additional information will be communicated after the Hall is booked and date confirmed. Coalition members are also planning Capitol visits in Sacramento.

Agenda Item# 6 – New Type of program to plan for January – There was extensive discussion on how the Sunday program should flow. We need a program committee. We will need a committee to take care of the food. We will also need a committee to plan the Monday Capitol visits. Marilyn will head the committee to provide refreshments for the Saturday night Reception.

Agenda Items # 7 – Discussion of new meeting place for the Coalition meetings: Ron Jones announced that the NALC has agreed to host future California Postal Legislative Coalition meetings. The new meeting place is the NALC hall located at 402 37th Street (at McDonald Blvd). The NALC office number is 510-237-5111. There is street parking available.

Agenda Item# 8 – The next regular meeting date will be Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 11:00A.M., at the NALC LOCAL III Office, 402 37th Street, Richmond CA (at McDonald Blvd) Ron Jones, NALC will be our host. You can contact Ron @ 510-872-4242 or ronniejay60@aol.com

Meeting adjourned at 12:58p.m.

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