

California State Branch



National Association of Postal Supervisors

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Meeting called to order at 3:13 pm.

Welcome from President Damon Leopold.

Roll call of officers:

- Damon Leopold, President - present
- Debbie Baker, Vice President - present
- Bridget Evans, Secretary - present
- Sally Simpao, Treasurer - present
- Solomon Harris, Area VP- present
- Charles Patterson, Area VP - present
- Barbara Salmond, Area VP - present
- Tom Wong, Area VP - present
- Marsha Danzy, Legislative Consultant – present

Guests – Marilyn Walton, Western Region AVP; Hayes Cherry, Pacific Area VP

Reading of minutes – minutes from July 13 board meeting were read. Motion made by Tom Wong and 2nd by Debbie Baker to accept as read. Motion passed.

Financial report – Sally will provide a written report to secretary for inclusion and filing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012 State Convention –Branch 497 has tentative contract with Sheraton Hotel in Petaluma; at this time we do not have specific information regarding rates, dates, etc.; Linda Donnelly of Branch 497 will further update us on their progress. We will schedule a walk-through in November.

Update of 2010 Constitution & By-Laws -- tabled for next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Officers Reports – motion by Tom Wong to accept officers reports as printed; 2nd by Solomon Harris. (All officers' reports are attached).

CORRESPONDENCE – condolences to family of Ancel Rogers, Branch 39 (husband of auxiliary member Dollie Rogers; Ancel was 93 years old and had been an active member of NAPS.

Review of California State branch website. Photos and information will be updated. Suggestion made to add RIF information on the website. Marilyn volunteered to assist with pertinent information to be added.

Greetings from Western Region AVP – Marilyn gave update on WR seminar. Registration table will be in foyer. Jay Killackey will be hosting the SPAC internet café. There will be Starbucks gift cards for all new registrants so please visit the internet café. The opening ceremonies will start at 9 am. There will be two hospitality nights for all delegates in room 332. All three resident officers will participate in the WR seminar. Hope everyone enjoys the training and take time to network with the delegates. Looking forward to motivational speaker. Charlie Scialla our DDF provider will have a presentation. Ruth Goldway of Postal Regulatory Commission will speak – this is your chance to ask questions. Marilyn has met with Simon Story of WR and Rizza Hambric of Pacific Area on NAPS members concerns. They are both very helpful. Linda Shumate who is a NAPS member is also very helpful on our concerns. Announcements scheduled to be made Sept 8 on plant consolidations/closures. If you have any concerns with the hotel see Ben Clapp or Hayes Cherry.

Greetings from Pacific Area VP – Hayes reminded everyone to be concerned with what is going on –ask questions. The plans for consolidations will certainly have many EAS asking the question if they should stay with USPS or not? There is a lot of stress out there but don't go out on stress unless you really need to. Plans are to process mail through only 175 plants. Not all EAS have been placed in the Pacific Area and he is working on this.

SPAC –please provide your gift cards to Marsha for the SPAC raffles as soon as possible. She is also requesting volunteers from each branch to assist her Friday and Saturday. Provide the names of your volunteers today. Thanks to everyone who donated gift cards and plans to volunteer.

Open Discussion –

--Debbie Baker announced Marilyn Walton's candidacy for Western Region Area VP in 2012 at Reno. Debbie will be the campaign manager. Normally candidates don't announce until January; however we have received correspondence from Ben Clapp announcing his candidacy for Western Region Area VP. A letter was sent to all branch presidents from Ben Clapp announcing his desire to run because he believes he "can reunite California". Branch presidents have received invitations to a private reception for Ben Clapp given by Steve Gerber on Friday night.

--Members expressed concern over FY 2009 NPA. OIG has said that USPS violated their own rules in lowering NPA. NAPS headquarters will continue to pursue for all who filed eRecourse. Louie will address this during the Q & A.

-- Dorothea Bradley requested status of Branch 198: Lori Reed, newly elected president spoke to group and told us they will be back! They are working on reconciling per capita payments due. Dorothea also reminded delegates of the need to be united as a State and as Western Region.

-- President Damon Leopold → point of personal privilege; we have had some successes with cases through Scialla and associates, we are very pleased.

-- Charles Patterson says we need to use the services of the Office of Special Counsel, more so than MSPB.

--State Board meetings – to save money we will have telecons in addition to our face-to-face meetings. Members will be notified once board sets up date(s) for telecom.

Next State Officers board meeting: November walk-through (date/time TBA)

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Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Bridget Evans
NAPS CA State Secretary