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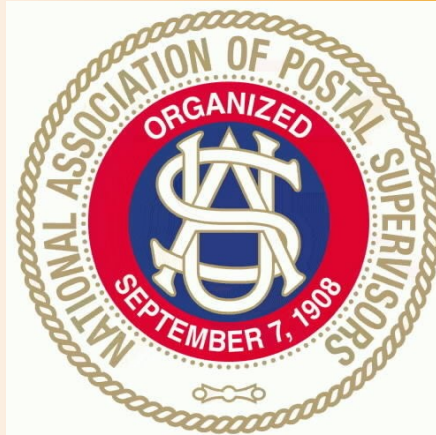
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Branch 16 President's Report:

**A message from Branch 16 President
Terri Newcomb-Evans**

Greetings Fellow NAPS Members,

As you are reading this, you are more than likely coming down from the Peak Season Madness. Please take a moment to give your team a huge "THANK YOU" for the effort and hard work they have done this season.

You and your team's efforts have strengthened our relationships we have within our communities by striving to make everyone's holiday be merry and bright with the quality of service that only the USPS can provide. Through the commitment and dedication of the USPS, we moved over 15 billion pieces of mail and 900 million packages that have brought families, friends, and neighbors closer together.

I hope your Holiday Season was magical and you received everything on your Wish List.

Please stop in for the next NAPS meeting January 17, 2019 at Elsie's Bowling, 729 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

In Fellowship,

Terri Newcomb-Evans

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Next Meeting

Thursday, Jan 17, 2019 at

Elsie's Bowling Center

729 Marshall St. NE

Minneapolis, MN 55413

Social Hour: 6:00-7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:00-8:00 PM

***All Members
Welcome!***

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Future Meetings NAPS Branch 16:

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Meeting

Elsie's Bowling Alley

729 Marshall St NE

Minneapolis, MN 55413

- ♦ **January 17, 2019**
- ♦ **March 21, 2019**
- ♦ **May 16, 2019**
- ♦ **July 18, 2019**
- ♦ **September 13, 2019**
Bunker Hills Golf Course
(Steak Fry)
- ♦ **November 21, 2019**



State President's Report

Robbie Rimer

NAPS Minnesota State Branch 926 President

On December 4, the President's Task Force on the United States Postal System finally released its assessment and recommendations regarding changes to the United States Postal Service and the nation's postal system. The report had been provided to the President back in August.

The 69-page document recommends a reformed USPS business model, with more cost efficiencies and a reduced universal service obligation, and added reliance on private competitors to meet the nation's communication and commerce needs. The report favors the retention of the comprehensive USPS delivery network, but would loosen the delivery and mailbox monopolies and provide greater advantage to the Postal Service's competitors.

The report's 25 recommendations, 15 for implementation by the Postal Service and Postal Regulatory Commission, and the remainder for Congressional approval, do not call for privatization of the Postal Service but represents a glide path for transition to a privatized Postal Service. In that context, there are recommendations that are good, others that are bad and some that are ugly.

The Good

The Task Force recognized the reliance that rural America and outlying communities have on the U.S. Postal Service and the necessity of preservation of the comprehensive postal network without undermining its use to rural residents and businesses. The report also notes the 7 current vacancies on the Postal Board of Governors to exercise the Board's important strategic planning and governance responsibilities.

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State President's Report

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Also, the Task Force suggested that the Postal Service explore and implement new products and services that generate revenue, and co-locate complementary retail establishments within existing postal facilities. Finally, the Task Force suggested that the Postal Service's retiree health liability be re-amortized and re-calculated using actuarial data limited to current retirees and employees near retirement, rather than all postal employees and retirees.

The Bad

There are also recommendations that are problematic. The Task Force urged the Postal Service to expand contracting-out postal operations, including retail service, mail acceptance and mail processing. And it recommended the pricing of competitive products, such as small parcels, bear a significantly larger portion of the Postal Service's overhead costs, a view consistent with United Parcel Service's agenda and the President's view regarding Amazon. This recommendation sets the stage for a full frontal pricing assault on package shippers through pricing that captures the greater costs associated with financing of the Postal Service's "Universal Service Obligation" (USO), capital expenditures and long-term liabilities. This new burden would result in escalating prices for parcels and items originating or delivered to rural and outlying areas. Also, the Task Force would restrict the scope of the USO to those postal products and services deemed to be "essential" versus types of mail and packages deemed "commercial" and without government protection.

The Ugly

Finally, there are recommendations that upend the Postal Service's historic role as a government-reliant contributor to commerce and communication throughout the nation. The Task Force recommendation that delivery mail boxes be opened up to private-sector competitors through licensing agreements raises a host of policy, privacy and operational concerns, as does the conversion of more post offices into privatized contract units. The Task Force's recommendation that the USO be narrowed and defined by the content of the mailed item and that access to a government-operated postal retail facility be limited raises concerns about the affordability and accessibility of the nation's postal system. The Task Force's recommendation that postal services be reduced, along with delivery days, disregards steadfast directives of Congress for decades. Similarly, the changes recommended by the Task Force in the Federal Retirement System, in which USPS employees participate, to increase employee contributions and to convert, where possible, to a defined contribution system would generate strong resistance in Congress. NAPS will be working with Congress and postal policy-makers to help implement the good, but reject the bad and the ugly.

NAPS Board 2019

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NAPS members must attend three or more board meetings during the year in order to meet the qualification requirement for *Officer* and *Executive Board* nomination. Elections are held every January. All NAPS members are strongly encouraged to attend and take part in the decision-making process.

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What materials can I use to recruit a new NAPS member?

Source: naps.org
(edited for length)

Local NAPS members and officers are the best recruiters to guide and encourage fellow EAS employees to join our organization. If you would like to obtain NAPS recruiting materials, you may download them from the "Forms and Documents" section of the NAPS website. You will find the following recruitment items on our website: a recruitment letter to EAS employees from our NAPS HQ, the Form 1187 to join NAPS and the current NAPS Historical Sketch.

NAPS HQ distributes a monthly USPS Non-Member report to local branch officers. This report is the USPS data of employees who are eligible to for NAPS membership. Generally these USPS reports are accurate and help NAPS representatives find and recruit new members who are eligible to join.



2019 Legislative Training Seminar

The Registration Portal is Now Open

The 2019 LTS will focus on advancing a NAPS agenda designed to strengthen EAS employee rights and the Postal Service, enhance our presence on Capitol Hill and cultivate loyal legislative champions.

As LTS delegates, whether first-timers or veteran advocates, we will prepare to promote our issues to elected policymakers with intensive orientation on the status of postal issues that impact NAPS and the USPS.

Registration is now open!

for additional information, visit
www.naps.org

Looking Ahead in 2019:

Legislative Training Seminar (LTS): March 10-13

State Convention at Fair Hills Resort in Detroit Lakes June 7-8

Minneapolis Social & Recreation Committee

Bruce Kuiper

Ongoing

Minnesota Zoo Tickets
AMC Movie Theater Tickets

Timberwolves Game

Saturday, February 2nd, 8 PM, versus the Denver Nuggets - \$36 per ticket.

2018 Holiday Show

By all accounts the December 2nd presentation of "Little Red Riding Hood" at the Sidekick Theater in Bloomington was a huge success! Plans are in place to host this annual event again in December 2019, typically the first Sunday in December. More details on the show later this year!



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Objective

The objective of the Association shall be to promote, through appropriate and effective action, the welfare of its members, and to cooperate with the USPS and other agencies of the federal government in a continuing effort to improve the service, to raise the standard of efficiency, and to widen the field of opportunity for its members who make the Postal Service or the federal government their life work.