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### Branch 16 President's Report:

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

Greetings Fellow N.A.P.S. Members,

I cannot believe that the State Fair has come and gone already and school for most of Minnesota is back in session. Where did the summer go?

It is time to start ordering your winter supplies for your station. Do you have left over ice melt from last year? Do all of your carriers have ice scrapers and ice grippers? Do you have enough hand and feet warmers? Does your station have extra batteries and charging ports? Is your contract up to date with your snow removal contractor? Is your towing company still in business? If not, who will be their replacement?

Stations with rural delivery, do your carriers have this wonderful item: LLV Heat/Weather Shield, Carrier Delivery Weather Protection (N1028427). Do you have a large head push broom to help remove snow from the windshield? Let us try to make Northland District accident-free this winter.

Branch 16 is having their yearly golf outing at Bunker Hills Golf Course Located at 12800 Bunker Prairie Road NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 September 13, 2019. All Branch 16 members are welcome to come out and enjoy the day. Please see the flyer inside for registration.

Please remember, we are our own customers and treat everyone with courtesy and respect.

In Solidarity,

Terri Newcomb-Evans



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### Next Meeting

#### Steak Fry

Friday, Sept 13, 2019 at

#### ***Bunker Hills Golf Course***

12800 Bunker Prairie Rd NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Social Hour: 5:00-6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00-7:00 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**

**♦ November 21, 2019**



## **State President's Report**

**Lonnie Lincoln**

**NAPS Minnesota State Branch 926 President**

If you are looking for a reason to attend local branch meetings, it's outlined on the NAPS website as to the benefits of NAPS membership. These things happen when we have members willing to attend meetings, participate in the organization and create the local connections to help you and the company succeed. I encourage you to attend a local meeting and see how you can contribute our organization.

What are the benefits of NAPS membership?

If you need a reason for joining NAPS, here are three: representation, information, and opportunity. Over 26,000 NAPS members have representation where it counts; at Postal Service Headquarters and on Capitol Hill. Whether the issue is pay, benefits, or working conditions, you have a qualified group of professional advocates working on your behalf, especially in times of real need. For approved cases, NAPS' Disciplinary Defense Fund provides a trained advocate for members facing removal, reduction in grade, and postal financial indebtedness (Debt Collection Act).

From the EAS employee's perspective, members also receive information on legislation, postal policy, and ways of achieving your career goals. Area training seminars are held on a variety of topics. Our annual legislative training seminar in Washington teaches grass roots legislative techniques and provides information on bills of interest to members.

Perhaps most important of all, NAPS members have the opportunity of becoming better informed and more efficient, while making the USPS a better place to work. NAPS exists to raise the standard of efficiency, to widen the field of opportunity and to improve the quality of the work environment for those members who make the Postal Service their career.

Respectfully,

Lonnie Lincoln  
President,  
MN Branch 926

## **www.naps.org 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.*

## **Why is it best to mail my Form 1187 to NAPS HQ, rather than e-mailing or faxing my submission?**

NAPS HQ will accept your Form 1187 submission at our office and then forward it to USPS HRSSC for dues-withholding. However, HRSSC requests that the forms be submitted by mail so that the member's signature is original. Therefore, it is recommended that you submit your Form 1187 to NAPS HQ via mail. If you elect to submit important forms, requests or information to NAPS HQ via fax, please call our office to confirm that we have received your fax successfully.

Before submitting your Form 1187, it is important to review the information to make sure it is legible and accurate. Incomplete or illegible information may delay the successful processing of your membership application. If the local NAPS branch number, officer signature, or dues amount is missing, NAPS HQ will research this information and complete the missing fields as needed. However, if personal data is missing or illegible on the form (such as the member name & address, signature, or SSN#) and cannot be researched at our headquarters, our office will contact you and your local branch officers for assistance in completing the application. If for any reason a Form 1187 is returned to our office unprocessed from HRSSC, we will notify the member and local NAPS branch involved in order to complete the member application process. --[www.naps.org](http://www.naps.org)

## **After I submit my application to be a member, when am I eligible for member benefits?**

NAPS HQ considers you a member of the organization after you and your branch officer or NAPS HQ has signed and dated your Form 1187. You may participate in local branch meetings and events as soon as you submit your application to your local branch or to NAPS HQ.

Once we receive your application at NAPS HQ, we enter your information into our NAPS membership database. We make a copy of your 1187 for our records and forward the original to HRSSC for processing. Once HRSSC has processed your 1187, your dues deductions will become active and your name will appear on the local branch membership reports. NAPS dues will be indicated on your USPS pay stub as Union Dues - S.

Soon after HRSSC has processed your Form 1187, a welcome packet will arrive in the mail from NAPS Headquarters. Your subscription to The Postal Supervisor magazine will also become active. Please inform NAPS Headquarters if your address changes so you may continue to receive your monthly magazine. --  
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## **NAPS Board 2019**

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#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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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.

### **Newsletter Editor**

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## Senate Confirms 3 USPS Governors and 2 PRC Commissioners

August 1, 2019

Prior to adjourning for its summer recess, the U.S. Senate confirmed, by unanimous consent, three new members of the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors. The new governors are Ron Bloom, Ramon Martinez IV and John Barger. With their confirmation, the Board of Governors will have a quorum for the first time since 2014. The new PRC Commissioners are Ann Fisher and Ashley Poling. The new commissioners will replace Nanci Langley and Tony Hammond. --[www.naps.org](http://www.naps.org)



## Legislative Center

The Legislative and Political Affairs Department is our “bullhorn” on Capitol Hill- serving to inform and lobby our lawmakers on issues and legislation of vital importance to NAPS and the Postal Service. The Department’s purpose is to build relationships between NAPS and members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

These relationships are built through regular ongoing dialogues between department staff and lawmakers and their staff and through rigorous financial support courtesy of the Supervisor’s Political Action Committee. This homepage will serve as the hub where you can find all the information you need to be an effective advocate on all Postal issues. --[www.naps.org](http://www.naps.org)



## I’m retiring from the Postal Service. How can I continue my NAPS membership?

If you are a NAPS member in good standing at the time of your USPS retirement, you are eligible for Associate membership in NAPS. Complete a NAPS Form 1187-A, requesting the NAPS branch you wish to be affiliated. Have an officer of the branch sign and submit the 1187-A to NAPS HQ. Associate members pay dues directly to the branch they wish to affiliate, not directly to NAPS HQ, unless you want to be a Member-At-Large (MAL) and not affiliated with a specific branch. NAPS HQ will also accept a letter on Branch letterhead, instead of an 1187-A, notifying NAPS HQ of your request for Associate membership.

Before submitting your Form 1187-A, it is important to review the information to make sure it is legible and accurate. Incomplete or illegible information may delay the successful processing of your Associate membership application. --[www.naps.org](http://www.naps.org)