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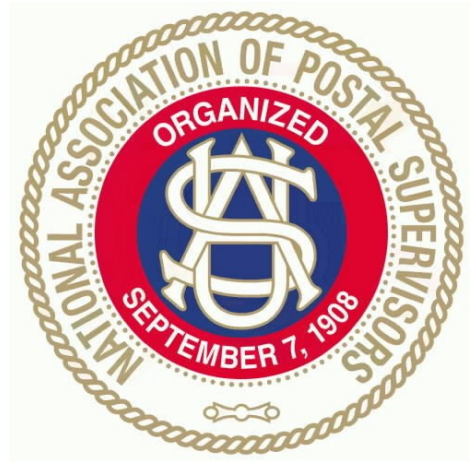
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## Branch 16 President's Report

### A Message from Branch 16 President

**Curt O'Donnell**

**ATTN Members,**

As Christmas has closed, hopefully the schedules go back to a more normal status.

I hope that you all have been entering your time Delivering Mail into RADAR. If the time is not recorded, it didn't happen. This is just part of the negotiation tools that NAPS has with USPS regarding your NPA. NAPS is the only organization that can negotiate Pay and Benefits on your behalf.

We have a few decisions to make on who and how many people to send to Legislative training in March, along with the State Convention and the National Convention later this year.

Please take a breath and get involved for the New Year. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

**Curt O'Donnell**

NAPS Branch 16 President

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## All Members



**Welcome!**

**Next Meeting is  
Thursday  
January 18, 2024**

# Next Meeting Reminder!

**Thursday  
January 18, 2024**

6:00 PM Social Hour / 7:00 PM Meeting

**Crystal VFW**  
5222 Bass Lake Rd  
Crystal, MN 55429

**See you at the meeting!**



## Future Meetings NAPS Branch 16:

6:00 PM Social Hour  
7:00 PM Meeting

**Crystal VFW**  
5222 Bass Lake Rd  
Crystal, MN 55429

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

**January 18, 2024**

**March 21, 2024**



## State President's Report

**Gina Hellermann**

**NAPS Minnesota State Branch 926 President**

**Good Day, NAPS Members!**

Good day fellow NAPS members, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Holiday Season! I know everyone is relieved the holiday rush is over and things can start to calm down. It wasn't a white Christmas but it definitely made it easier for Transportation and for the Carriers.

Our yearly trip to Washington, DC is right around the corner this year. We will be there March 2nd to the 5th for training and meeting with our state representatives and senators. We are already starting the planning for this year's State Convention which will be held in Rochester, MN, May 30th and 31st. I hope to see many of you in attendance. This summer is also the National Convention which will be held in Connecticut from August 12th to the 16th so a lot of activity coming this year.

The State is doing a Big Push for bringing New Members into the Organization. Below is an excerpt from the National Website. Our State Secretary Tammy Vail-Rimer is mailing out sign-up forms and information about NAPS. Our Non-Member List has grown quite large as now we are receiving the names of the Non-Members from the Postmasters.

"The National Association of Postal Supervisors is the only management organization that represents supervisors, managers and postmasters. Over 27,000 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. For approved cases, NAPS' Disciplinary Defense Fund (DDF) provides a trained legal advocate for members facing removal, reduction in grade and postal financial indebtedness (Debt Collection Act).

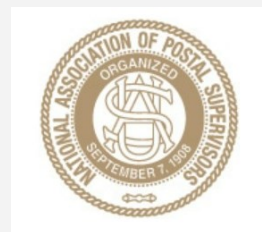
In addition to providing disciplinary defense services, members also receive information on legislation, postal policy and career advisement. Area training seminars are held on a variety of topics throughout the course of the year. Our annual Legislative Training Seminar in Washington, DC teaches grass roots legislative techniques and provides information on bills of interest to members".

National NAPS has a great and informative website at [www.naps.org](http://www.naps.org). Branch 16 Minneapolis and Branch 104 St. Paul also have great websites which are being improved all the time. Feel free to check them out as they all provide great information.

<https://naps16.org> and <https://napsbranch104.org>

Stay safe and warm until next time,

**Gina Hellermann**  
President MN State Branch 926  
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## NAPS AUXILIARY NOTES

Hi from Sherry Mattfield, your Auxiliary President of Branch 16 NAPS and the North Central Area Vice President.

If you are a member of NAPS in good standing, your significant other, relative or friend has an open invitation to join your/our team to support you on very important issues. You need to receive fair and balanced pay and have legislative representation which the Auxiliary supports via emails to fortify your standing.

We also raise money for SPAC (Supervisors Political Action Committee). This is used to reach out to our legislators to support postal issues. This is done through fund raising efforts at conventions and by your local NAPS members through payroll deductions.

We need as much behind the scenes representation as possible from you to help our NAPS members succeed and giving you a bigger voice in the Senate and Congress. If your support person is interested in becoming involved from the "sidelines" please email or call me. Your involvement is as easy as signing up as an Auxiliary member. Any dues required have been paid by NAPS.

We would love your support,

**Sherry Mattfield**  
Branch 16 Auxiliary President  
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## NAPS Board 2024

### OFFICERS

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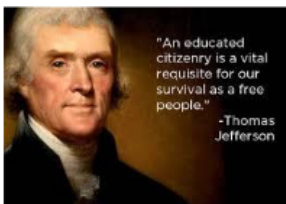
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NAPS members must attend three or more board meetings during the year in order to meet the qualification requirement for *Officer* and *Executive Board* nomination. Elections are held every January. All NAPS members are strongly encouraged to attend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

## Informed Membership



Informed NAPS members are the best advocates and activists to support legislation and policies that benefit EAS postal employees and family members. NAPS affords its members multiple channels to educate themselves about our key issues.

## Newsletter Editor

### **Ken Gardner**

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# Board Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2023

Meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Branch members Tashi Lama, Bruce Kuiper, Curt O'Donnell, Mark Hellermann, Gina Hellermann, Elfresh Tassew, Arika Sundstrom, Gloria Johnson. Dan Mooney joined the meeting via phone.

We went through the Treasurer's Report and Legislative Representative Tashi Lama went over the handouts of the Legislative Agenda. We discussed the movement plans for EAS and Function-1 clerks moving to the St. Paul Plant.

Three or more meetings have been attended by Tashi Lama, Scott Choi, Elfresh Tassew, Mark Hellermann, Gina Hellermann, Bruce Kuiper, Curt O'Donnell, and Gloria Johnson.

Mark Hellermann discussed the bylaws changes. A 2/3 vote is needed to approve the changes. Motion made and passed for Article 2, Article 3, Section 1 strike the last sentence. Section 2 change the order of C and D, add to D - \$75 currently. Motion passed.

Article 6 left as reserved; motion passed. Article 5 changed to match National; motion passed. Article 8 delete leave it as amendments motion passed. Last two sentences word from "May" to "Must" next printing newsletter; motion passed. Bylaws Article 1 should be Article 2, Article 3 should be Article 4, and Article 5 stays as Article 5 motions passed.

We thanked the bylaws committee for all their hard work.

National raised our dues and since it is temporary we are going to leave it as is.

State Convention is in May and information will be coming out in the next newsletter; it will be in Rochester, MN.

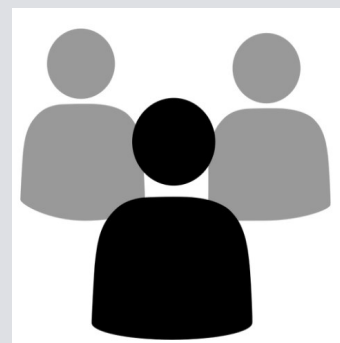
At our January meeting EAP will be present and will be speaking.

Total of 41 attendees on November meeting: Joseph Nelson, Brian Benifield, Sarah Schultz, Tyler Sjolsvold, Femi Solaja, Anthony Duncan, Erica Anderson, Shannon Lewerke, Amanda Kelley, Tammy Streeter, Adam Delcambre, Chris Avines, Jerone Kellum, Kristen Harvey-Hill, Brandy Lee, Jennifer Scarver, Maria Belter, Jason Croshaw, Heather Byrd, Cindy Barnum, Mark Peterson, Theresa Newcomb-Evans, Aricka Sundstrom, Mark Hellermann, Gina Hellermann, Elfresh Tassew, Michelle Hollie, Travis Bacon, Clayton Witt, Tashi Lama, Scott Choi, Reggie Birts, Ryan Keenan, James Cavegn, Casey Morrisette, Meagan Fortier, Luis Rosario, David Maruska, Bruce Kuiper, Curt O'Donnell, Gloria Johnson.

The big \$550 drawing name drawn was Trivonda Ray who was not present so it will be redrawn on next meeting. The small \$50 drawing winner was Cindy Barnum.

Thank You,

**Scott Choi**  
Secretary



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