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Branch 16 President's Report

A Message from Branch 16 President

Curt O'Donnell

ATTN Members,

A few items to update on this newsletter.

1. EAS annual leave carryover has now been permanently changed to 640 hours limit and 168 hours Maximum Annual Leave Exchange Program.
2. Outgoing Collection Letter and Flat mail has not moved over to Saint Paul P&DC with no updated timeframe. Still not getting updates about personnel changes.
3. State Convention at the end of the month. Resolutions for HQ's due during the State Convention.
4. No movement on Legislation in either the House of Representatives or Senate for Postal concerns.

Please come to the meeting to discuss current changes to our local offices.

Curt O'Donnell

NAPS Branch 16 President

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All Members



Welcome!

**Next Meeting is
Thursday
May 16, 2024**

Next Meeting Reminder!

**Thursday
May 16, 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

May 16, 2024

July 18, 2024



State President's Report

Gina Hellermann

NAPS Minnesota State Branch 926 President

Good Day, NAPS Members!

Our MN State Convention is just around the corner. This year it is being held at the Rochester Best Western on May 30th and 31st. I hope to see a great turnout for this event. This year St. Paul is hosting the convention and looks like it will be great fun. We will also be having some great guest speakers and a lot of beneficial information for our members.

Several folks have come forward with complaints of their live clock rings being changed by their superiors! This is totally unacceptable and if this has happened to you contact a NAPS representative immediately. It has also come to my attention that we have employees in the field ringing their own time; this is never a good idea as there is always someone you can get to do this for you. Please never use someone else's login ID to ring your time.

Also, if anyone has received a Letter of Information or Letter of Instructions, please contact your NAPS Representative. This was a big thing back in the 90's and it appears it has been coming up again in several areas. Postal Service Labor Relations stated in a memo to the Field "these letters serve no useful purpose as an element for consideration in future actions against an employee. Particularly when Article 16, Section 2 places the responsibility on management to discuss minor offenses with their employees."

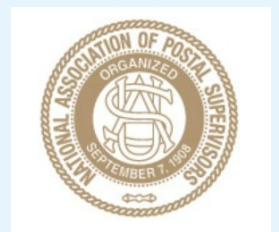
We continue working very hard to get new members but specifically we need active members; everyone is doing a great job in getting folks active.

Central Region is having training this October; watch for full information in the Postal Supervisor. Those that are active and wish to attend contact your Branch President.

Thanks and Stay Safe,

Gina Hellermann

President MN State Branch 926
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The NAPS Auxiliary

Happy May everyone! The NAPS Auxiliary, in our support of NAPS Branch 16 Supervisors / Members, is more crucial now than ever. Their success is our long range success! How can we help them?

As a friend, family member, significant other or spouse you can support them by joining the Branch 16 NAPS Auxiliary. Your participation is minimal but your support is powerful!

We invite you to come on the nights when your NAPS member has a Branch 16 meeting. The meetings are held on the third Thursday, every other month. During their bi-monthly meetings we assist in taking food orders and disperse them at their meetings. You are welcome to a free meal that evening and a short Auxiliary meeting, during their meeting, in a separate area.

We are trying to build up our Auxiliary members to support our/your Supervisors. We call our local Representatives when they are voting on matters to make our NAPS members lives better, with fair pay, benefits and retirement. It is a simple email sent to you and forwarded by you.

We could also be asked to be involved in Branch 16 banquets and parties, from planning to execution.

My goal as NAPS, Branch 16, Auxiliary President is to build the support of their Auxiliary, as WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please consider and join. Thank You!

Sherry Mattfield

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NAPS Board 2024

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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.

NAPS President Ivan Butts Shares His Concerns with 11 Alive News in Atlanta, GA

April 12, 2024

NAPS President Ivan Butts shares his concerns with 11Alive News in Atlanta, GA regarding the new Regional Processing & Distribution Center (RPDC) in Palmetto, GA. He emphasizes that without adequate staffing and resources, smooth operations at a facility this big is almost impossible to get this job done. Watch the full interview below and click here to read the full article! (www.naps.org)

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Board Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2024

Officers Present: Curt O'Donnell, Bruce Kuiper, Mark Hellermann, Gina Hellermann. **Officers Excused:** Scott Choi, Tashi Lama. **Officers Absent:** Gloria Johnson.

Meeting Attendees: Curt O'Donnell, Bruce Kuiper, Scott Choi, Mark Hellermann, Gina Hellermann, James Cavegn, Sherry Mattfield, Aricka Sundstrom, Kristen Harvey-Hill, Terry Newcomb-Evans, Meagan Fortier, Heather Byrd, Jeremiah Kalland, Dan Mooney, Joey Nelson.

State Convention information to be sent to qualified branch members. Approved maximum of 10 people to send to the State Convention on May 30-31, 2024. Any Resolutions must be approved at the Branch meeting in order to be sent to the State Convention.

The National Convention discussed approval of six or seven to send to the National Convention. Needs to be finalized at the next meeting (Curt O'Donnell, Bruce Kuiper, Scott Choi, Mark Hellermann, Tashi Lama, James Cavegn, Sherry Mattfield).

Attendance Drawing (must be in attendance to collect): Large Drawing was Rochello Tagarino (not present). Next meeting the large drawing will be \$800.00. The small drawing of \$50 went to Mark Hellermann.

Curt O'Donnell
Branch President



Senate Conducts Postal Oversight Hearing Focusing on Deteriorating Performance

April 16, 2024

Today, April 16, 2024, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs conducted a consequential hearing examining eroding performance and financial conditions within the United States Postal Service (USPS). Committee Chairman Gary Peters (D-MI) led the hearing. Witnesses included Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, USPS Chairman of the Board Roman Martinez IV, Postal Regulatory Committee Chairman Michael Kubayanda, and Postal Inspector General Tammy Hull. The hearing and witness testimonies can be viewed [here](http://www.naps.org) (www.naps.org). In addition, NAPS President Ivan Butts provided testimony on behalf of the USPS' approximately 47,000 postal supervisors, managers and postmasters, which can be viewed [here](http://www.naps.org) (www.naps.org).

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