

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL SUPERVISORS
MIAMI BRANCH 146
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Michael Lecounte, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. All attendees were asked to observe a moment of silence for those who are serving in the Military, for those who are ill, for anyone who has had death in the family

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – All officers were in attendance.

Our Guest at the meeting – Al Guemeris, Florida State District 6 Vice President. A motion to suspend business for Al to speak was made by Tom Metcalfe; seconded by Ray Maytin. Motion carried.

COMMENTS - Al was introduced by Tom Horner, who provided information on Al's Postal career and NAPS activities. Tom advised that Al will be running for the office for Florida State President at the State Convention in June. Al then spoke about his dedication to NAPS and his accomplishments. Further, that his plan as President would be to ensure all EAS get communications and notifications, as they relate to the Postal Service and their jobs. He asked for the vote of our membership to elect him.

BUSINESS RESUMED

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Pat Nolan advised of the committee's decision and that Alexis Brito, first place winner of the \$1000 scholarship would read her essay. The second place winner of \$500, Gianna Brito was not able to attend. Both recipients are the granddaughters of Ann Strickland. Alexis then read her essay, which was based on the topic: **"DO VIOLENT COMPUTER GAMES NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE PSYCHE OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND TEENS?"**

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING – Carolyn advised that the minutes of the October meeting was mailed immediately following the meeting. A motion was made by Tayloria; seconded by Ray to accept the minutes as printed and mailed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ann provided all Deposits, Disbursements and Balance on hand since the February 2024 meeting. Motion to accept the report made Ray; seconded by Tom. Motion carried. Ann reminded everyone that Associate membership dues is due in January of each year. For those not making the payment of \$156.00, you are not in good standing.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Ann spoke about attendance and participation at the LTS. Yanier and Sabrina were first timers. They were asked to share their experience. Yanier spoke about it being a very good experience to be able to meet in the offices of Congress and the Senate and to share NAPS requests for their support of the Bills in Congress and the Senate. He shared that there are barcodes that may be scanned to go directly to these requests. Sabrina expressed that it was great to visit and voice our opinions, as we know that some are not concerned until election time. Ann thanked those who went to LTS (Michael Lecounte, Michael Murphy, Ray, Carolyn, Yanier and Sabrina) and for their participation; everyone was engaged. SPAC is essential because when fundraisers for congressional members are held, money comes from that fund. It takes money to be visible. Ann spoke of the visibility and participation of Stanley Gold on the hill. Everyone knew him. All 50 Challenge coins were sold.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Tom advised that he and Ray met and reviewed all reports and documents. Further, that the books and documents were very well kept. One recommendation is for a notice of Associate Membership dues be issued in November so that payments are made on time. Motion to accept the report made by Linda; seconded by Ry. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

STATE CONVENTION – Ann advised that she and Roe did an onsite visit at the hotel. She provided information on the location and dates for the State Convention. Dates are June 6-9, 2024 at the Deerfield Beach Embassy Suites. Training for those who represent our members will be conducted on Thursday afternoon. President Michael Lecounte will notify those who are to attend. Convention business starts on Friday morning. All details for registration, the Walkathon and the hotel are on the Florida State website; **flnaps.org**. Expenses for each delegate will be \$1128.

NATIONAL CONVENTION – The dates are August 11-16, 2024. Delegates will check in on Sunday and leave on Saturday. All information for registration, hotel reservations and shuttles is in the POSTAL SUPERVISOR magazine and online at **naps.org**. Ann will provide expenses for delegates at the May meeting.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

There was some discussion about the delays and transportation of the mail. Ann advised that the FLL plant will be changed to an S&DC Center in June. Pompano has already opened as an S&DC.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the HAMPTON INN & SUITES, 11600 NW 41ST ST, MIAMI FL 33178.**

\$50 door prize drawing. The winner was Ann Strickland. SPAC drawing – The total collected was \$95 (\$45 to SPAC/\$25 each to Carolyn and Tom. Motion to adjourn – Pat; seconded by Ray. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted – *Carolyn J. Williams, Secretary*

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