

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Michael Lecounte, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The members were asked to recite 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. Also for the loss of fellow NAPS members Sammy Jones in Gainesville and Walter Holt in Atlanta.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – Absent – Tayloria McPhee-Johnson - Excused

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES AND GUESTS – Retirees were asked to stand. There were no guests.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING – Carolyn advised that the Minutes had been mailed. A motion was made by Pat Guyton; seconded by Tom Metcalfe to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Carolyn read a letter from Robert Bock, who will seek nomination to the position of Southeast Area Vice President at the National Convention. He noted his NAPS offices and accomplishments. Further, he is asking for the support of each delegate. Carolyn also advised that Bobby plans to attend our May Branch meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ann provided all Deposits and Disbursements since the February 2022 meeting. The balance on hand as of April 14, 2022 - \$170,646.85. Motion to accept the report as provided, made by Tom Metcalfe; seconded by Mike Murphy. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT –ANN'S COMMENTS

NAPS Headquarters hosted a great Legislative Training Seminar in March. Attendees from Branch 146 were Michael Lecounte, Ann Strickland, Carolyn Williams, Ilia Gonzalez and Eddy Suarez. Everything was different from previous years. Many Members of Congress and the Senate did not want to meet in person. A room full of laptops were provided for ZOOM Meetings with those who chose to meet with us to share NAPS issues. Michael, Carolyn and Ann participated via ZOOM. Eddy and Ilia did a great job. Eddy commented that more NAPS Branch members should get involved in local visitations to their respective representatives to Congress. He emphasized that SPAC is very important, Money is what speaks in Politics. We should consider ways to raise money for SPAC, One example would be to have a picnic or some other fund raising event. Eddy also said that he and Ilia met with Val Demmings, candidate for Senate. That she will be coming to South Florida and maybe a meeting with her may be planned.

Ann spoke about the SPAC Walkathon at the State Convention. She is collecting pledges for the walk. Additionally, Stanley Gold was a great supporter. He was a member of other organizations that had a PAC and he knew the importance of our efforts. Florida did not achieve #1 status in SPAC contributions for 2021. SPAC contributions are kept at NAPS Headquarters and are used to make contributions to campaigns for those who support Postal issues. Thanks for all contributions for the SPAC Walkathon. All delegates from the Branch will receive Walkathon shirt. Each person needs to print and complete the form that is on the State website to know the size needed.

Ann advised that Patti Lynn, Carolyn and Ann visited the office of Debbie Wasserman Schultz in person and attended a fundraiser event for her after the meeting. In the LTS, Congressmen from both parties were in attendance and support efforts of the Postal Service and NAPS. HR 3076 passed with bipartisan support and has been signed into law by President Biden. However, the two Senators for Florida didn't vote in favor of the Bill. Additional Bills, for the benefit of employees and retirees are being introduced. Please go to www.naps.org, under LTS for all the detailed information on the other postal Bills.

SCHOLASHIP PRESENTATIONS

Pat Nolan introduced the 1st and 2nd place winners of the Branch Scholarship. First place was Zion Cooper, grandson of Pat Guyton and 2nd place was Gianna Brito, granddaughter of Ann Strickland, Each recipient read the Essay that was submitted. Zion received a \$1000 check and Gianna received a \$500 check. Pat thanked the Branch members who assisted on the Committee.

STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATES

Carolyn reminded everyone that Registration and Hotel information for the State Convention are located on the Florida NAPS Website. All who are attending will be given Credentials at the May meeting. Registration must be mailed to the Host Branch, 154 West Palm Beach.

All information for the National Convention is in the Postal Supervisor and on the NAPS Headquarters website. Registration is only online. Hotel Registrations may be made online or by the phone number that is provided.

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GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – Ann made a request for all members to sign up new members. The Form 1187 is on NAPS Website.

Carolyn read the Attendance sheet prior to the \$50 door prize drawing. The winner was Sandra Fulcher. SPAC drawing – The total collected was \$84 (\$42 to SPAC/\$21 to each of two winners)

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the HAMPTON INN & SUITES, 11600 NW 41ST ST, MIAMI FL 33178.**

Motion to adjourn – Pat Nolan; seconded by Otis Hill. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted - ***Carolyn J. Williams, Secretary***

Updated information available in the POSTAL SUPERVISOR. Branch 146 (www.napsbranch146.org); FL State NAPS (www.flnaps.org); NAPS Headquarters (www.naps.org)