

From the Desk of The President

Convention Update

Fellow NAPS members, the Detroit branch delegation returned from the 68th Biannual National Convention in New Orleans. There, we again gathered with fellow delegates from around the country to deliberate and debate the critical issues confronting the Postal Service and our fellow supervisors and managers.

We adopted numerous resolutions involving improved pay, staffing, and operational issues. We also adopted changes to NAPS national constitutions and bylaws that some feel could be problematic moving forward. One specific change is that now our area VPs training allotments will rollover to the next year if these funds are not used to train members during the year for which they were allotted. We will monitor these changes for their effectiveness on improved and increased training opportunities for members in our respective areas. Unfortunately, the resolution count was unusually low for a National Convention, due to an only one-year lapse since our convention in Dallas last year.

We in Branch 23 were delighted to have fellow members from Branch 545 (Detroit NDC) caucus with us this year. Between our two delegations we had a total of five first timers to a National Convention. We look forward to our continued collaboration to

improve the environment for NAPS members in all our facilities.

Once again PMG Louis DeJoy addressed the gathering by giving an update on the progress of his 10-year plan, and a seeming criticism of supervisors and managers for the low retention rate of non-career employees. Mr. DeJoy believes the attitudes displayed towards non-career employees by their supervisors and managers is the primary reason for these employees leaving the service. However, he did express optimism when talking about the coming consolidations of carrier units into distribution centers around the country, with the first being in the Atlanta District.

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