

# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

## All About the Benjamins

Several years ago, the Postal Service restructured the Injury Compensation and Medical Unit functions under the same umbrella, and thereby creating a new Health and Resource Management function. As a part of this restructuring, postal HQs immediately created some new HQs positions with titles and level upgrades. During the initial announcement of these changes, it was also announced that the



district positions were also being reviewed for possible upgrades, just as the HQ positions were. These announcements took place during telecons we were required to attend on a quarterly basis. Those of us at the district level would look forward to the future telecons because we were hoping to hear the status of the district level upgrades that were suggested to be under review. After participating in several subsequent telecons, and nothing was said about the upgrades, it became quite frustrating because the HQs facilitators would spend time talking about numerous subjects devoid of relevance to our function, such as sports in the New England area. (most of them were from that area) Finally, some of us asked the question “what about the upgrades for the districts?”

After being told “it is still under review” many of us became disenchanted and no longer looked forward to the telecons.

I highlight this scenario because I’m reminded of it when I read the NAPS monthly magazine. I’m disenchanted because it continuously ignores the question that

seems to be most central to our members, based on the question I receive most often when, and wherever I encounter them.

I’m not suggesting that some of the information found in the magazine is not important or relevant to many of our members. In fact, I have had members use some of the information in their discussions with their subordinate supervisors. Some of the contributing writers in the NAPS magazine often provide some valuable and timely information relative to the current working environment. I urge those writers to keep it up. We need it!

The question I’m continuously asked is “what is happening with the lawsuit?” And where is our money?

While our magazine does provide some valuable information sometimes, such as the article in the current issue addressing some of these made-up letters that managers are being instructed to issue, for some reason NAPS leadership continuously ignore the most pressing question our members have. Just like the old Health and Resource Management leadership did years ago, NAPS leadership fails to gage the pulse of its audience relative to the information they want most.

## Where is our money?

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