

NAPS Meeting

April 9 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

There were 8 members present.

Richard Ainsworth reviewed the saving and checking accounts and the bills paid for the past month.

Balances: Checking \$2651.79, Saving \$11.53, Petty Cash \$18.88

Bills: Paid \$81.71 to P. Caliva for balances of expenses from 11/08 Presidents meeting in Bend.

Paid \$480.00 for registration of Doug, Danny and Richard for the 5 State Convention Bend 5/09.

Paid \$1703.00 to Richard for expenses for LTS 3/09.

Paid \$190.00 to NAPS HQ for registration for Richard at LTS.

Paid \$21.00 for 6 months P. O. Box rent.

He also announced the Supervisors Political Action Committee (SPAC) will be the holding a raffle at the 5 State Convention in Bend and tickets are 10.00 each. Our branch is responsible to sell 54 tickets and they can be purchased by contacting Richard. The cash prizes are:

1st prize is \$ 1250, 2nd prize \$500 and 3rd prize \$250.

\$2000 dollars from the SPAC funds was recently given to Senator Wyden to support his efforts to support us as Postal Service supervisors and managers by supporting the initiative for a nation wide voting by mail program.

State Officers Kathie Clapp, Ben Clapp, and Joe Lahmann were in attendance at this meeting to discuss the current Reduction in Force in the Portland District. Members had just returned from Washington DC and reported that the USPS is undergoing a RIF and we need to reduce our numbers by 150,000 employees. The USPS has extended the timelines for the VERA and for the Phase one and Phase Two of the RIF Avoidance procedures. Corrine Loprinzi, HR Manager joined the meeting via phone conferencing and reported that the new timelines have been posted on the blue page with updated information for all impacted employees. They recommend going to these informational pages and reading up as much as you can on the RIF procedures. There is a section that has frequently asked questions and if your question is not answered there you can contact them and they will try to find the answer to your questions.

Joe Lahmann suggested combining the Southern Oregon NAPS branch with the Capitol Branch and Eugene. The meetings would alternate between Eugene and Salem. Those in attendance did not know if this would be a good idea.

LTS – Reported on meetings the members had with the Senators and Committees while recently in Washington DC. Items discussed included:

HR 22 – Prepayment of health insurance prefunding for retirees. Asking congress and senate to stop the requirement for the USPS to prefund the 5.5 billion dollars per year until 2016.

HR 1203 and S 491 – Retirees allowed to pay health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars.

HR 1604 - Vote by Mail – Currently 22 states without vote by mail.

HR 958 - FERS Sick Leave – Allow FERS employees to get credit at retirement for Sick Leave balances similar to the CSRS retirees. Has passed the congress and on to the Senate.

HR 1157 – Preserve the Military Rights of Veterans

HR 235 and S 484 - Restore Social Security Fairness – Social Security Retirement Offset

As members if any one else would like to attend 5 State Convention in Bend 5/ 14-16 /09 branch will pay registration fees and expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Reminder that the next NAPS newsletter will be coming out soon and will have lots of good information for NAPS members.