

## APPROPOS OF NOTHING...

*As I write this I have just returned from the 2018 National Convention which this year was held in Connecticut. We have many new supervisors in the two years since the last convention, so I would like to take some time to discuss what a convention is.*

*The convention is scheduled to run daily for a week from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. However, if there is still work to be done we continue past the deadline. On some days we caucus after the meetings. This is usually to give the members who are running for office a chance to speak to us in a smaller group. In this case it was the Northeast Area, which we are a part of, who gathered.*

*During the week we have many speakers; from Postmaster Meghan Brennan on down. To their credit, the hierarchy of the Postal Service always lets us ask questions. As of this writing over 1700 supervisors will NOT be getting a raise this year. We argued with the Postmaster General that this would prove the goals are unrealistic and unattainable. But she countered that she will not change them, and we need to work harder to achieve them. You can make your own opinion on that.*

*The majority of the convention is voting on resolutions submitted by members. In the past we have over 100 resolutions that we need to debate, but this year we had less than 90. Our branch did not submit any this year. Are you aware that any member of NAPS who is in good standing can submit a resolution? If the resolution passes NAPS is mandated to partake in negotiations with the Postal Service regarding it.*

*We had over 200 Postmasters join our organization this past year. Many were at the convention and some stated to us that they are struggling financially and there is debate within their organization to merge with NAPS. NAPS is financially viable, and we own our own building which we rent out some of the floors to bring in more income.*

*Nationally, your offices remained the same. In my opinion this was the best run convention since Vinny Palladino was President. President Brian Wagner walked*

*the fine line of keeping things moving yet no letting any delegate feel they were rushed of did not have time to speak.*

*In a few months every member will receive a book in the mail which will be a complete word for word transcript of the convention.*

*Locally, Greg Murphy (who did a great job) stepped down and Cy Dumas, who was the former New England Area VP got his old position back. Surprisingly, it was a close race with a relative unknown from Connecticut who challenged him.*

*The next National convention will be in Grapevine, Texas in 2020. It will be in New Orleans in 2012.*

*Your local delegation made many donations throughout the week to SPAC. SPAC is the Supervisors Political Action Committee. The money is used to support candidates (regardless of political party) who support our issues on Capitol Hill.*

*Finally, if you know someone who is not a member of NAPS, please encourage them to join. This is your career. You need to protect it and be involved in your pay packages and benefits.*

*Keith Dinsmoor*

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