The next NAPS meeting will be held on September 11th at 5:30 PM in Room 3001C at the General Mail Facility 25 Dorchester Ave. The Executive Board will meet at 4:15 p.m. in the NAPS Office Room B-15

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the following months; January, March 13th, September 11th, and November 13th, in addition, a brunch is scheduled for November 4th.

**Annual Scholarship Award:** NAPS Branch 43 will again be awarding ten (10) $500 scholarships. Applications must be received by August 31, 2018. Awards will be presented at the Annual Scholarship and Retirement Brunch which will be held on November 04, 2018 at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St, Dorchester. There is a change this year as the Branch 43 member that submitted the application or a family representative must be present at the Brunch.

**NAPS National Convention** The National Convention was held at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT on August 6-10. Guest speakers included PMG Megan Brennan, COO Dave Williams, DDF provider Al Lum, NE Area VP Edward Phelan, Greater Boston DM Michael Rakes, Conn Valley DM David Mastroianni, UPMA co-presidents Sean Acord and Tony Leonardi, and NAPS legislative and legal counsel Bruce Moyer. All of the guest speakers were available for Q & A’s. Please read Keith Dinsmor’s article on the convention, “Apropos of Nothing, “on the following page.

**Change of Address:** If you have moved in the last six months, please send us your new address. In too many cases we do not find out a member has moved until we receive a notice of “Forwarding Order Expired with the returned newsletter from the PO

**Tell it to NAPS:** This is one way to make your voice heard. If you have any feedback or issues you wish to make your NAPS officers aware of, please use the Tell it to NAPS webpage. Remember, if we are not aware of a problem, we can't do anything about it.

**Legislative Update:** Bruce Moyer told the convention that the report on the presidential task force on postal reform was due to reach the president by Aug 10th but no date was set on when it would be released to the general public. Moyer predicted that the report would likely call for the privatization of the Postal Service. In another note Moyer stated that through the efforts of NAPS, particularly the LTS, NAPS members’ health and retirement benefits were saved from proposed budget cuts.

See you at the Next Meeting September 11th – Room 3001C in the GMF