

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION ISSUE

The New York State Convention was held at the Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon, New York May 26 thru May 29th. The convention was attended by all three NAPS resident officers, President Louis Atkins, Executive Vice President Jay Killackey and Secretary/Treasurer Brian Wagner. The event was also attended by Northeast Area Rick Uluski and two district managers from surrounding districts. The program was filled with presentations, Blue Cross, 3M Technologies and Dillards Financial.

The Dillard Financial donated prizes valued over \$500.00 given away at the convention.

3M Technologies presented a \$1000.00 scholarship to the daughter of Joseph Amash President of the Albany Branch.

Our three resident officers had an opportunity to be part of a round table discussion which included Tom Roma, Northeast Area Vice President and Jimmy Warden, New York State Vice President.

Brain Wagner Secretary/ Treasurer had a few remarks for the audience regarding his candidacy for office at the upcoming national convention in San Diego CA. An opportunity was given to Mary Burkhart for her remarks. Mary is also vying for the position of Secretary/Treasurer in San Diego, CA..

The convention final presenter was Charles Scialla. The material covered was the latest changes from the Postal Service.

During the convention four different places for the upcoming 2015 convention were presented. The Sheraton at the Falls, Niagara Falls, New York, The Desmond, Albany, New York, The Islanda Marriott Long Island and the East Wind, Long Island, New York. After balloting the convention voted to have the next convention, 2015, at The East Wind, Long Island, New York. After final consideration by the attendees it was noted that the proposal needed more in-depth information. The New York State Executive Board will visit the location and finalize the package. With regard to future proposals, so as to be able to compare each presented location on an even basis, each proposal must be presented to the State Executive board no less than two months before the start of the upcoming convention and include all the information in the CONVENTION PROPOSAL INFORMATION included with this issue. I would like to extend my thanks to 202 Branch President Tom Barone for his work on the two locations he presented to the convention.

During the convention the attendees raised over \$3000.00 for SPAC. Thanks to those individuals who donated items and purchased raffle tickets to make SPAC collections a success.

I would like to extend my appreciation to The Executive Board members, Phyllis Morrissey and John Yuen for their assistance and hard work to make this a successful convention.

Dennis C. Gawron

New York State President

CONVENTION PROPOSALS

In order to compare proposals from convention locations on an even scale the convention locations are to be submitted to the New York State Executive Board at least TWO MONTHS before the start of the convention so the proposal can be evaluated and there would be time to obtain any missing items and clarification to any concerns that the executive board may have with the proposal.

The following items are to be address and prices quoted:

3 rooms advance board members with dinner, day before the registration begins (usually complementary)

3 night stay for convention attendees

First night reception one hour (Drinks and snacks) followed by dinner (alternative barbecue)

Second day breakfast, lunch, dinner

Third day breakfast, lunch and dinner

Last day breakfast and box lunch

2 Morning Breaks (second and third day) (coffee, tea and pastries)

2 afternoon breaks (second and third day) (soda, cookies, milk)

Meeting room 2 days (possibly 3rd day morning session)

Room after meeting for fund raiser

Hospitality room 4 days (to include fridge, TV and tables for after meeting)

Is there a charge for food and beverage, we bring into the hospitality room

Audio visual equipment

Location with tables for registration on first night

Any gratuities and taxes to be imposed on everyone

Meeting room to be class room seating

Provide Cold Water during morning and afternoon meeting times.

Will there be any additional charges from the site for services or material used by us.

NAPS New York State Legislative Update

Postal Reform will most likely not be voted on by the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee until the next session of Congress in 2014. Roadblocks continue to emerge forcing changes in the language to amend the bill. The latest markup that was scheduled for November 6, 2013 was delayed indefinitely due to lack of support by Democrats.

Committee Chairman Senator Tom Carper, D-DE and Ranking Member Senator Tom Coburn, R-OK introduced some reform to S-1468, which they had hoped would be voted on before Thanksgiving but were still unable to get enough support due to concerns by other members of the committee and stakeholder groups.

Additional amendments were filed by other committee members prior to the December 16, 2013 deadline for a markup scheduled for December 18, 2013.

Senator Tammy Baldwin, D-WI, does not support the bill and has introduced an amendment to eliminate a provision in the Carper/ Coburn bill that would give the Postal Service more freedom in setting prices.

Senator Jon Tester, D-MT and Senator Heidi Heitkamp D-ND have concerns with cutting six day delivery and door-to-door delivery which unfairly targets rural states.

The major hurdles continue to be reduction of six day delivery, healthcare costs and pricing. Once past these issues the remainder must be streamlined in order to quickly move forward.

Needless to say, the December 18, 2013 mark up was postponed.

John Yuen
NYS Legislative Chair