

NAPPS State Associations Committee Report
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Fellow NAPPS Members

I submit for your consideration the State Associations Committee Report summarizing the committee's purpose, goals and activities since the last 2012 Annual Conference in Boston.

Committee's Name

The name of the committee is the "NAPPS State Associations Committee". This name encompasses and symbolizes the committee's purposes and goals.

State Associations Committee Purpose and Goals

- To support existing chartered state associations.
- To encourage and support the establishment of new state associations.
- To support and encourage non-chartered state associations to seek NAPPS chartered status.

How are These Purposes and Goals Being Fulfilled?

- Attendance and participation at state association meetings and conferences.
- Demonstration of the value of having association sponsored initiatives and programs as an integral part of the association's purposes and activities.
- Assistance and support to meet particular state association challenges.
- Provide forum for discussion of state association issues and concerns on the NAPPS State Associations blog, and at the NAPPS Annual Conference.
- Provide support to newly established associations through NAPPS state association mentoring program.
- Recognize and celebrate state associations at the State Associations Thursday Night Welcome Reception preceding the NAPPS Annual Conferences.

Summary of 2012 Committee Activities

North Carolina

On September 22, 2012, I attended the First Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of Professional Process Servers (NCAPPS) in Durham, NC. I had been asked by Ruth Reynolds, NCAPPS President, to address the members. It was an honor to do so, in particular, since having attended and participated in their first organizational meeting in September, 2010 in Greenville, NC.

Since the first organizational meeting two years prior, the membership had grown from 18 founding members to over 40 members, most of who were in attendance, along with new persons seeking to know what NCAPPS was all about. Four exhibitors also

attended the meeting. A great conference! Congratulations to all who attended and supported this event.

Washington

On September 28-30, 2012, I then attended the annual conference of the Washington State Process Servers Association (WSPSA) in Lake Chelan, WA. There, long time, as well as new, members conducted a vibrant meeting discussing various aspects of the association's purpose, constituency, and future direction. After very interactive discourse, a new Board of Directors was elected including some first board members. I left that meeting with the feeling that WSPSA had reinvigorated energy with a clear view toward the future.

Arizona

Thereafter, I went to Phoenix, AZ to do a site inspection for the next State Associations Thursday Night Welcome Reception preceding the 2013 NAPPS Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ. See below for more information on the welcome reception.

California

On October 5-7, 2012, I attended the annual conference of the California Association of Legal Professionals (CALSPRO) in Anaheim, CA. As always, attending a CALSPRO Annual Conference is an exciting event, one full of informative Board and Committee reports, legislative reports, and special guest speaker presentations. This year's conference in Anaheim, CA met, and perhaps surpassed, those expectations.

New York

On October 12-14, 2012, I attended the annual conference of the New York State Professional Process Servers Association in White Plains, NY. The conference was, again, a very productive and informative event. At the conference, an attorney who had represented NYSPPSA in its legal battle with the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, presented an enlightening review and projection of the legal hurdles that had been experienced, and those that needed to be addressed in the near future. The say the least, New York process server have formidable tasks ahead of them regarding regulation that will affect their profession.

A new Board of Directors was elected. Bruce Kenny was elected President. Congratulations to all the new Board members. I am confident that NYSPPSA will continue the momentum it has created in legislative and educational endeavors.

South Carolina

On November 30, 2012, I, along with NAPPS Director Ruth Reynolds, attended the first organizational meeting of the South Carolina Professional Process Servers Association (SCPPSA) in Columbia, SC. The meeting, organized by NAPPS member Ron Grossberg, was well attended by professional servers from various areas of the state. Without hesitation, those present agreed to form the association and elected an interim Board of Directors. Ron Grossberg did an outstanding job. He was elected interim President. Congratulations to all.

NAPPS 2013 State Associations Thursday Night Welcome Reception

The concept of a Thursday Night Reception preceding the start of the NAPPS Annual Conference started several years ago. Initially, I solicited participation from members and state associations. Later, through the diligent efforts of NAPPS members Larry Roth and Marybeth Rice, the task of doing so was borne by them. This year, Larry Roth and I are continuing this event through NAPPS affiliated state associations sponsorship.

We have selected Majerle's Downtown's Original Bar and Grill, 24 North 2nd Street, Phoenix AZ 85004, as the site of the NAPPS 2013 State Associations Thursday Night Welcome Reception. This is located two short blocks from where the 2013 NAPPS Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Hotel. This event will include hosted food and beverages to all NAPPS members and their guests attending the conference. Representatives from the various state associations will be there to meet and greet you. So will other members. Bring plenty of business cards.

When making your travel plans to attend this year's conference, arrive on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there.

State Associations Meeting at 2013 NAPPS Annual Conference

At the 2013 NAPPS Annual Conference, I have scheduled a meeting of the Presidents and Administrators of the various state associations for Saturday, April 20, 2013, at 7:30 a.m., immediately before the start of regular business on that date. In an effort to engender discussion at that meeting, I have posted a survey that I am conducting on the State Associations Committee Blog. All members are encouraged to read it and are invited to respond to me via email at newjerseylegal@aol.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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