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Facing the Future Together

Anthony Leonardi



Candidate for NAPUS National President 2014-2016

I begin this mission with a need to continue serving the Postmasters of this great organization—that is why I am declaring myself a candidate for National President. I want to give back to an organization that has given me so much.

Personal ambition is not what drives me. My goal is to continue to serve—and lead—NAPUS, which has become as much a part of my life as the Postal Service itself. It has always been—and continues to be—an honor to be able to serve the Honorable Postmasters of this organization.

I pledge to campaign with the utmost respect for the office I seek and the Postmasters I want to represent. We will unite our organization as never before, remembering we all come to the table with great thoughts and experiences to share.

My postal career began in June 1994, first as a letter carrier for four years, then as a supervisor for four years, before becoming a Postmaster in 2002. Since then, I have held many management positions, including as Level-16 supervisor and Level-22 station manager and currently as the Level-20 Postmaster of Colchester, CT.

My NAPUS leadership experience makes me uniquely qualified for this position. NAPUS national presidents have recognized my leadership abilities and appointed me to serve in various capacities: National Membership chair; national Postmaster representative, 2007-2010; and member of the 2011-2015 pay talks committee.

I also have been selected chair of the National Audit Committee, Housing Evaluation Committee and the National Office Staffing, Salaries and Benefits Committee. In addition, I co-chaired the First-Timers and Constitution and Bylaws committees.

I just completed my two-year term as Area 2 national vice president, serving Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. And for the past 10 years, since I became a

Postmaster, I have been extensively involved with NAPUS at the state level. I served my chapter as secretary-treasurer for three terms and Membership chair and Postmaster rep for a decade. I currently serve as Connecticut's state president.

The economic crisis facing the Postal Service will continue to drive operational changes that will permanently alter the number of post offices and their roles within communities. We need to work with our employer to help define that role—and, by extension, the role of Postmasters—and ensure the sustainability of the Postal Service.

I will constantly promote the value of Postmasters as the key component in transforming the Postal Service. Postmasters are the backbone of the Postal Service; we are the face of the business in every community across this vast land. In many places—as the only management representative—we are solely responsible for protecting service, providing a safe working environment and ensuring compliance with required financial controls.

Times are tough and the challenges ahead are daunting. NAPUS will require, now more than ever, a strong, experienced and knowledgeable leadership team. We must face the future united, confident and with a common vision.

I believe in NAPUS, its strength and my promise to remain vigilant and steadfast in serving the Postmasters of this nation. That is why I am seeking the presidency of this great organization.

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