

President's Message



Accomplishments In One Of The Best Years Ever—

Thomas MacDonald, President

The last sentence of my first president's message read, "*Remember this is going to be one of our best years ever...be part of it.*" Some may contest "*best,*" but I won't. I set out to accomplish five things, and with the great team that I had to work with, this is what we have managed to do so far:

1. *Videocommunication committee:* Our team decided it wasn't economical to do video to communicate to process servers, but audio worked for those who drove around all day. An audiotape was made for specialty training for forwarding work in Florida. It is a great tape and very thorough. Fifty tapes were made prior to the Florida Association's annual meeting and several were sold. Other states are anticipated.

2. *Motions and more motions:* Al Crowe has compiled all of the minutes and motions of NAPPS and bound them by Presidency. Anyone needing to get up to speed on this association, can now do so with the aid of these books.

3. Lee Russell and Mac MacDonald have been working on the history of NAPPS and biographical data sheets of the past presidents. This is a tremendous task, but the results of their efforts should soon be appearing in *The Docket Sheet*. Ultimately, a book will be published.

4. *The Internet Page:* If you haven't seen it, you need to. It is still under construction, but what is there is impressive, www.napps.org.

5. *Membership services/purchasing power:* This is exciting! Errors and Omission Insurance, Long distance Telephone, Visa/Mastercard, prepaid phone cards, NAPPS credit cards—there is too much available to list here, but in the near future you will be seeing great savings opportunities that your Board has selected for you.

veah...that's great, but what else have you done for me?

—How about a protocol agreement with the International Union de Hussiers? This will enable the Hussiers to use us from overseas.

--A meeting with the Justice Department in Washington, DC in an attempt to get an executive order to change the Hague Convention to include process servers, thus giving the Central Authority the option to use a process server, rather than a Marshal.

-A State Association Committee, designed to aid in the forming and building of a state association—chaired by an individual who has seen the success of his own state and is willing to pass this knowledge along.

-Or, advertising in the Buyers Guide of Martindale-Hubbell, to let the attorneys know that we are out there and ready to assist them in maintaining the smooth spin of the wheels of justice.

This past year has had its ups and downs, but like a heartbeat, you need those ups and downs to survive. NAPPS has a big heart and it is strong and healthy. Its heart is the Board—a team that keeps this body moving forward.

I want to thank the Board and everyone else who made it possible for NAPPS to accomplish so much this past year. I want to thank the *The Docket Sheet* editor, Grace Castle, and the NAPPS newsletter liaison, Paul Tamaroff, for six opportunities to communicate to the membership through *The Docket Sheet*. Most of all, I want to thank you, the members, for doing your best job on the work you receive and making this association what it is today—the best!