

President's Message



Sue Collins, President

Here we are through our 2nd quarter already, and what a busy one it's been! In August, the board met in Portland, where board members had the pleasure of inspecting our Administrator's Office. I couldn't believe the amount of information Alan Crowe has at his disposal! Alan has every record since the formation of NAPPS. Alan has copies of every members' application for membership, all grievances ever filed, Docket Sheets from day one, any law or rule concerning process service. More incredible is that it's all organized and filed for immediate access. It was truly amazing! Thank you, Alan. It was quite an experience.

Our next board meeting is in Memphis, Tennessee, November 5th, 6th and 7th. Thanks to a suggestion from Joe Karotkin of California Legal Support Services, the 6th has been set aside as a workshop for organized state associations, and states in the process of forming an association. As of September 16th, we have 20 members planning to attend this workshop. Thomas MacDonald, chairman of the state charter committee, will set the agenda and chair this meeting. MaryLee Rustand has been helping Thomas as co-chair of the workshop. Both Thomas and MaryLee have contributed many hours preparing for the meeting and I am sure will work many more hours before it is over. There will be a report on the success of the workshop in the next issue of *The Docket Sheet*. Thanks to all of you planning to attend. Your presence and ideas will make this workshop a great success

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a commission organized by the Hague Conference with Fred Blum, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee. This commission discussed the possibility of service by email and its use in international service of process. Fred contributed greatly to the direction of this discussion and should be congratulated for his representation of our industry in the United States and in particular, the views of NAPPS' membership. Fred's report is published in this issue of *The Docket Sheet*.

While attending the Hague commission, I was pleasantly surprised by the number of individuals from around the world that told me they recognized me from reading *The Docket Sheet*. I had no idea that *The Docket Sheet* was circulated as widely as it is, and even more surprised that people in other related industries actually read its contents. Thanks to all of you who contribute ideas and articles, and to Joe Butler for producing such a quality publication.