

1992 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

All NAPPS convention records were smashed when over 180 persons showed up at our 10th Annual Conference in Nashville, Term.

Held at the impressive Opryland Hotel - a mini-city of 1,800 rooms, shops and restaurants built in and around a 4-acre tropical jungle - the convention was, in a word, hectic. From Friday noon through Saturday night there was virtually no break time in the tight schedule. Both the Friday night cocktail party and the Saturday night banquet had to start earlier than usual so that members could finish in time to make the 9:30 late show at the Grand Ole Opry.

Election of Officers and Directors

Some new faces have surfaced following one of the most contested elections in NAPPS history. At least 20 candidates were in contention for the eight available seats on the board. The ninth seat, which is automatically given to the immediate past president, went to **David Schirtzer**.

Those winning election and who will be serving on the board of directors for the coming year are: **Ronald Ezell** (Tucson), President; **Ann Clanton** (Atlanta), 1st VP; **Thomas MacDonald** (Phoenix), 2nd VP; **Mary Anne "Mimi" Corwin** (Riverhead, NY), Secretary; **Alan Crowe** (Portland), Treasurer; and three directors - **Fred Blum and Jerry Menichini** (Philadelphia), and **Paul Tamaroff** (Atlanta).

Important Resolutions

Several important resolutions were adopted by the members at the business meeting held on Friday afternoon. The annual dues were raised to \$150, the first increase in seven years, and the travel expense for board members to attend the three interim-conference board meetings was increased to \$500 for each meeting attended. Some members, who have wanted to run for the board, have been held back because of the personal cost involved. It was felt that this increase would open the door...and the flood of new candidates running for office proved the point.

The \$1,000 Death Benefit, which was voted in at the 1991 Convention, was terminated because of the potential liability it posed to the Association's treasury. Since the beginning of our last fiscal year (July 1), \$4,000 has been paid out in behalf of four members who have died... Charles Lee (NJ), R.C. Jones (TX), Roy Rottner (CA) and William E. Mayer (NY).

Proposed Bylaws Adopted

The bylaws, which were adopted at this convention by two-thirds vote of the members present, are printed on pages 10, 11. The Code of Ethics is on page 12.

The proposed revision of the bylaws, mailed to the members in advance of the convention, was discussed extensively during the 3-hour Saturday morning session. The bylaws committee, chaired by **Michael Buter** of Los Angeles, had drafted a **policy manual** to implement the bylaws. There were no substantive changes made in the proposed bylaws, however, the members did vote to move some sections pertaining to membership requirements from the policy manual to Article III of the bylaws.

Seminar a Big Hit

A special highlight of this convention was the Saturday afternoon seminar. **Andy Estin and Kendall Carter** led off with a timely subject - Independent Contractors in Process Serving. Their lecture included a very informative 45-page handout which explains the law, tells you how to evaluate your exposure, and gives some advice on how to challenge and defend against a tax assessment. (Members who didn't attend may obtain a copy by calling the NAPPS office.)

Then **Bruno A. Ristau**, a Washington, DC, attorney, lectured on International Judicial Assistance ~ the ABCs of serving documents in foreign countries. NAPPS has been actively working on developing a program to assist members who serve in foreign countries, and it was only shortly before the convention that the decision was made to include this subject on the agenda. Mr. Ristau graciously consented to appear on short notice and his presentation was a rewarding surprise for the members who attended. He has a unique ability to breath excitement into what otherwise might be a dull subject. (See article on page 7.)

Golf Tournament

NAPPS held its first golf tournament on Thursday, April 30, at the hotel's new Springhouse Golf Club. Seven members - **Michael Borg, Alan Crowe, Todd Goodman, Jack Janney, Rick Keeney, Bruce Lazarus, Rick Purser** - lay siege to the 18-hole championship course and pounded it into submission in just under 5 hours after tee-off. Of course play was slowed a bit because the club house was all sold out of its floating golf balls, a real necessity when playing a course with so many water holes. Although a winner was never announced, knowledgeable insiders have let it leak that **Jack Janney** of Los Angeles was the low gross winner.