



Local 302 San Francisco Branch President Gregory Montes



(l-r) Eastern Region Vice President and National Trainer Sam D'Ambrosio, Southern Region Vice President Bruce Z. Miller

Retiring National CAD Representative Dallas Jones



National Secretary-Treasurer Mark A. Gardner



Local presidents engaged in the proceedings



National CAD Manager Bill Flynn delivers the CAD Report



Local 297 President Beverly Henderson

particular, Congressman Filner expressed his full and unequivocal support for pending legislation that will relieve the Postal Service of its unfair Retiree Health Benefits funding obligation, and for other legislative initiatives that would help prevent the piecemeal dismantling of the USPS currently being pursued by postal management and some right wing members in the U.S. Congress.

The attendees heard reports from NPMHU Legislative and Political Director Bob Losi and Senior Legislative Advisor Roger Blacklow on various important legislative and political efforts, followed by a comprehensive report and discussion from Coventry Manager of National Accounts Brad Corban on the status

of the Mail Handlers Benefit Plan (MHBP).

Contract Administration Department Manager Bill Flynn then provided a full report on the activities of the Contract Administration Department since the last meeting of the Local Unions. As part of the CAD Report, National CAD Representative Michael Hora provided the attendees with an update regarding the ongoing restructuring of the NPMHU CAD operations. The new structure is scheduled to be fully implemented by the fall of this year, at which point all NPMHU Step 3 appeals will be processed out of either the NPMHU National Headquarters or out of the newly named Denver CAD Field Office. Brother Hora's report included an overview of the scheduled tim-

ing for transition of Step 3 appeals to this new structure, as well as a review of other important logistics involved in this project.

Eastern Regional Vice President D'Ambrosio then took the podium to lead two discussions, first on activities of the NPMHU/USPS Article 12 Task Force, followed by an update on activities related to the NPMHU/USPS joint Task Force on Discipline. As a subset of the Task Force on Discipline, Local 301 (New England states) President Tim Dwyer delivered a progress report on the Modified Arbitration Process (MAP) pilot program, which has now been implemented, on a voluntary basis, in several NPMHU Local Unions.

The third and final day of the meeting consisted of a lengthy

and comprehensive Article 12 workshop, which was delivered by Eastern Region Vice President and National Shop Steward Trainer Sam D'Ambrosio and Northeastern Region Vice President and Local 300 President Paul Hogrogian. This workshop delved into the details of the provisions of our National Agreement covering countless issues that have and will continue to come into play as the USPS moves forward with its plans to close and consolidate more than two hundred of its mail processing facilities.

The meeting and workshop were both well-received and successful, and resulted in a lively exchange of opinions and ideas as to how best represent all Mail Handlers during these difficult and challenging times.

Saturday Article 12 Training



Local 321 President Don Gonzales



Eastern Region Vice President and National Trainer Sam D'Ambrosio presenting at Saturday's Article 12 Training

NPMHU Local Leaders at the microphone during Saturday's Article 12 Training; Local 307 Michigan SEBM Rita Tripp making a point at the mic



Northeastern Vice President and Local 300 President Paul Hogrogian presenting at Saturday's Article 12 Training

Local Leaders focus on the proceedings



Local 315 President David Jarvis at the Mic



Saturday's Article 12 Training geared the SAMLU into a heavy question and answer period; Local 313 President Julio Figueroa asking a question

