

Convention Delegates Adopt Important Resolutions

Over the course of the NPMHU 2012 National Convention, the delegates considered, debated, and voted on a series of important resolutions. All of these resolutions were initially submitted by NPMHU members for consideration by either the Resolutions Committee or the Legislative and Political Committee. Both of these committees were comprised of elected convention delegates, who met prior to the Convention to review, debate, combine similar resolutions, and on occasion to modify the submitted proposal to language that the committee could agree to present to the full Convention for consideration.

What follows here are the fourteen resolutions that were adopted by the Convention (including any amendments adopted during the debate at the convention). The first three of the following resolutions were presented by the Resolutions Committee, and the remaining eleven resolutions were presented on behalf of the Legislative and Political Committee.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE *Recommendation No. 1* BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Support the U.S. Mail-Use the U.S. Mail

WHEREAS, the mail processed and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service has been a lynchpin of the American communications system for more than two hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. mail provides a secure and private means of communication in a fully unionized environment; and

WHEREAS, communications that are accomplished electronically and over the internet are far less secure and less private, and are processed in what is largely a non-union environment; and

WHEREAS, the recent economic downturn has negatively affected the Postal Service, as has the electronic diversion of mail to on-line communications, such as on-line banking and on-line bill paying; and

WHEREAS, all Mail Handlers and other postal employees should patronize the Postal Service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU fully supports continued use of the U.S. mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU supports all forms of mail communications, including first-class stamped mail such as cards, letters, and packages, that can be sent via the Postal Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU urges its members, families, friends, and business associates to use—to the maximum extent possible—the U.S. Mail for all of their communication needs, including a follow-up hardcopy by U.S. Mail in those situations when time-sensitive matters require use of electronic mail or facsimile; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU will disseminate this message through various communication channels, such as the NPMHU website, the Mail Handler Update bulletin, and the Mail Handler magazine.