



prepared for the many hours of floor debate that would result from its recommendations. Committee members reviewed their written reports one final time, and the Committee prepared to field questions from delegates. With major changes occurring both in the Union and the Postal Service since the 2016 Convention, Constitution Committee members were diligent and careful in their preparations for the Convention floor. After a fruitful meeting, committee members emerged from the conference room well-suited to do their duty.

On August 6, the Rules Committee met to approve the rules and

regulations that would govern the Convention and ensure equity amongst the delegates. Most of the guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee have served the NPMHU well in past conventions, which meant that the Rules Committee completed its business quickly. The Legislative and Resolutions Committee also met that day to review the NPMHU's legislative and political agenda for the forthcoming Convention. While most of their work had been done when they earlier met in Washington, DC, these two committees met one last time to guarantee that they had all the requisite

knowledge necessary to field questions from the delegates.

By the evening of August 7, delegates from all over the country began to arrive in Denver. Many members who had longed to see their long-distance brothers and sisters got the opportunity to embrace for the first time in six years. Registration ran smoothly, and by dinner time, most of the Convention's delegates had been registered. Amongst the material received by delegates was the customary "swag bags" provided by the National and Local 321. In addition, delegates received a wonderful surprise: the heavy and cumbersome delegate



books usually printed and utilized by the delegates were replaced by a brand-new iPad — courtesy of LiUNA, the NPMHU's international parent body. Delegates used these devices to access the Convention schedule and committee reports, saving the NPMHU the cost of printing and providing for a much more climate-conscious Convention.

DAY 1: MONDAY, AUGUST 8

On the morning of August 8, hundreds of delegates, guests, and distinguished speakers made their way into the Hyatt Regency's Centennial Ballroom. After a hearty breakfast, delegates made their



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way to the Convention floor for the opening of the 2020 NPMHU National Convention. Following the introduction of all Local Presidents and all National Officers, National President Paul Hogrogian took to the podium to open the Convention as only a long-time Mail Handler could. After some colorful remarks by President Hogrogian, the Convention was officially kicked off with an invocation by Local 306 President and Central Region Vice President June Harris. Following the invocation, the delegates enjoyed the presentation of the colors by a local Air Force auxiliary unit, and a beautiful rendition of the national anthem performed a cappella by the talented Ishka Bee Phoenix. Local 321 President Tony Wilson, representing the Convention's host Local, gave remarks welcoming all the delegates and guests to the "Mile-High City."

Delegates and their guests were thereafter treated to the words of various allies from politics and the labor movement, as well as familiar voices within the NPMHU family. Congressman Ed Perlmutter (CO-07) was the first to speak and reaffirm his dedication to reforming the Postal Service and remaining a strong ally to the NPMHU. Following Congressman Perlmutter was Representative Don Bacon (NE-02). A proud veteran and staunch ally of the labor movement, Congressman Bacon reported on all the wonderful legislative reforms that had been achieved by the NPMHU in the past couple of years. This includes the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022, which relieved the Postal Service of the burden of prefunding retirement benefits. Like all the guest speakers would eventually receive, Congressmen Perlmutter and Bacon were given a small gift (aptly called a "little thing") by



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