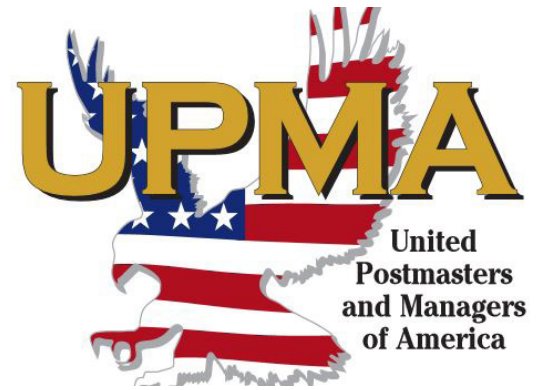


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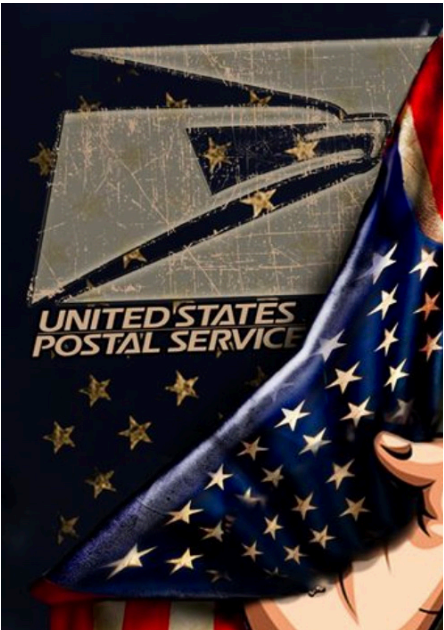
# Edmund Carley~ Illinois State President

## USPS is essential

UPMA Members perform duties that are considered essential. During the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, all employees of the US Postal Service are expected to continue to fulfill their assigned duties. This is what distinguishes us from employees of other companies, agencies or industries. We are duty bound - this is not just a job, this is an obligation, a duty, and a promise to the citizens of these United States. Even in this digital age, our nation is bound together by the work of UPMA members and the people they manage. I am proud of those that I serve

with in my Post Office and I hear directly from our customers that they are eternally grateful for the sense of normalcy that seeing our carriers in their neighborhoods brings. Our work is important, necessary and, indeed, essential. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, the worst of the crisis will have passed. Just like after the 9/11 attacks and countless other national crises, the US Postal Service and the Postmasters, Supervisors and Managers of UPMA will continue to be an integral part of the recovery and healing process for our nation.

As of writing this article none of our plans for the summer activities of Illinois UPMA have changed. The Chapter Convention is planned for May 14-16 in Peoria and UPMA National Convention is set for August 1-7 in St Lou-MO. Your Illinois Executive Board has authorized a generous stipend to go to National and for the refund of first timer's registration to Chapter Convention. National UPMA is also refunding first timer's registration to National Convention. There has never been a better opportunity to go to these events as this year, especially if you haven't been before. If dates need to be moved it is important that you get the right information from the right source. Our website [illinoisupma.org](http://illinoisupma.org) and our Facebook page are both updated frequently. Additionally, we use our email list to pass along updates and news as and when it happens. You can edit your contact information anytime on the national website [unitedpma.org](http://unitedpma.org), which is where we get this data.



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Illinois UPMA continues to meet regularly at the District level to further the concerns of UPMA members. There have been multiple daily touchpoint telecoms during the pandemic and, now more than ever, the partnership between the Service and UPMA has been highlighted. It is important to remember that UPMA members should hold themselves to a high standard. However, they should not allow themselves to be taken advantage of; there are, unfortunately, all too often times where our dedication and hard work are taken for granted. During this national emergency it is being clearly demonstrated that UPMA members are leaders within the USPS and that is being acknowledged. I am very proud to represent you as your Chapter President in these matters as I know you are doing everything in your power to protect your employees and serve your customers; it is not just what we do, it is who we are. Together We Can!

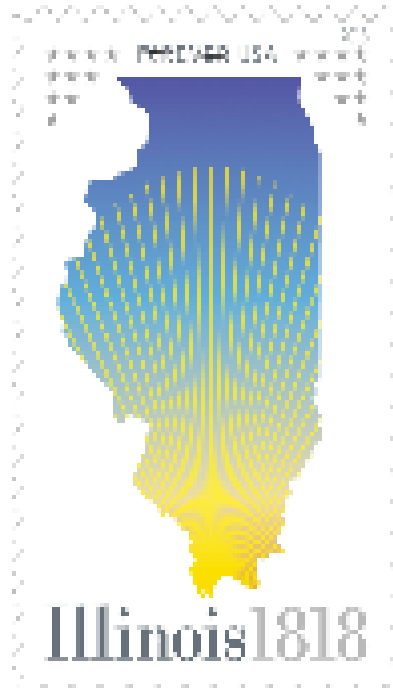


# Shelley Zellers ~ IL State Treasurer

UPMA  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
12/31/2019

Balance on hand January 1, 2019	\$125,433.60
Receipts	\$83,256.50
Dividend	\$309.29
Deposits	\$82,947.21

Disbursements	\$95,152.27
Editor	\$374.70
Executive Board	\$29,350.47
IPN Postage & Fees	\$8,486.13
Legislative	\$4,048.46
Legal & Accounting	\$871.18
Membership	\$6,513.45
Misc.	\$2,354.42
National Convention	\$2,513.28
PAC	\$0.00
PM Rep	\$1,868.61
President	\$236.72
Retiree Expenses	\$3,127.50
Secretary/Treasurer	\$71.62
State Convention	\$26,654.26
Webmaster	\$1,350.00
Event Reimbursement	\$7,331.47



Balance on hand December 31, 2019 \$113,537.83

Respectfully Submitted  
Shelley Zellers  
Illinois Chapter Treasurer



## Bev Freehill ~ IL State Secretary

### Do YOU Work to Live OR Live to Work? What are your Priorities?

Recently I was asked these questions, and as I pondered my answers I thought perhaps this would be a great exercise for all of us. I remember going to my initial postal orientation 26 years ago. The presenter welcomed us to the postal service, and then he proceeded to show us all what the postal service can do for us in our personal lives. He showed a slide show of a fancy house, boat, and fabulous vacations. He was trying to motivate us to realize that by working hard for the postal service we would benefit by having the opportunity of owning nice things and enjoying our free time.

Speaking of that, how do you enjoy your free time? I know we are all so busy. If you are like me, you are always trying to stay ahead so you keep off lists and then somehow your free time lessens. As I am getting older and approaching those golden years, I realize how important it is to spend our time wisely. The HERO career conversations that we are to have with our employees starts off with a really good question – What are you passionate about? What about your work motivates you the most?

Does it give you a certain satisfaction to be able to assist your employees to be the best they can be, and thus provide the best possible service at your post office? Even though, of course, we work to live we do spend a vast amount of time at our workplaces. What kind of leader are you? How do you treat your employees, and how do you let them treat you?

One of the things I feel passionate about is UPMA. I know that the UPMA is a great organization of excellent managers. There is a tremendous amount of resources, and there is always someone who will assist you when you need an answer or some guidance. Even though I was sick and was not able to attend the legislative forum in Washington DC I could feel good knowing that fellow postal managers took the time out of their busy schedules and free time to communicate with our IL representatives, senators, and staff members. We need each other to build a solid foundation and to keep our postal service strong.

As you are living your life, keep in mind that each day is a new day to begin again. My mother recently told me that sometimes it is hard to have friends when you get older because all a lot of them want to talk about is their health which isn't so good. She wants to be around upbeat people. How are we doing? Do you like me often complain rather than trying to come up with a great solution or reason why this is happening?

I hope to see each of you at the IL State convention this May. If you have any suggestions let us know what we could do to help you. Would you like to help? Meta Belford is the chairperson and would certainly appreciate any help! Don't wait to be asked. Step up and volunteer!

Happy Spring!!! Enjoy the upcoming beautiful weather, and enjoy your free time!! ☐



## Marianne Miller ~Illinois State VP

### GOING VIRAL

As I write this article the world is at odds with the Corona Virus. After hearing Postmaster General Brennan speak and visiting our Representatives in Washington DC, one thought that looms in my mind is, what impact is this virus going have on the US Postal Service?

After 9/11/01 we experienced a massive decline in our economy. In 2008 we experienced yet another devastating blow to our economy, coupled with the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) which mandated prefunding of retiree health benefits to the tune of over five billion dollars a year. Ever since

then the Postal Service has been struggling to meet its needs and be able to reinvest funds back into the infrastructure. And now, we have the Corona Virus to tend with. We have already begun to see effects on the world wide economy, and we are just beginning to feel its impact. It will take months to determine the full impact on the world economy.

The DC Summit was very interesting this year. We heard some brutally honest assessments of the state of the Postal Service and Congress' willingness to work together on legislation to keep us solvent. PMG Brennan made it very clear that we need legislation now. She did not mince words or add any fluff; we will be out of cash in three to four years. I have been attending the Legislative Summit for approximately ten years and the attitude of urgency was evident in her manner, voice, and words. Every year we stress the importance of postal reform legislation, yet for me this year the message seemed more ominous. I liken it to a speeding train about to go off the rails. Do we be proactive and try to stop it before it careens out of control, or do we wait and react to the aftermath and the damage it creates? Please bear in mind that PMG Brennan was to retire at the end of January 2020. The next PMG will have an even harder hill to climb with this latest boulder tossed onto the path of Postal Service recovery. We need to be proactive in reaching our Representatives and Senators, and continue to commend those in support, and encourage those who currently are not.

The media is interviewing and covering stories of how Congress will act to support the American economy amidst this pandemic. I would personally like to ask Congress what they are planning to do to keep the US Postal Service alive amidst this latest world-wide trauma. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 2382: USPS Fairness Act in early February (309 to 106). We are truly thankful to the Representatives who sponsored and fought for the passing of the resolution; amongst them were Representatives Rodney Davis, Darin LaHood, Mike Bost, and Adam Kinzinger. After our Hill visits, Illinois sponsored a dinner with the aforementioned Representatives as our guests of honor. Representative Kinzinger was unable to attend due to being on his honeymoon.

We were a bit tentative initially as this was the first time we had guests of honor at our state dinner. As the evening progressed we enjoyed wonderful conversations with the Representatives. They understand the importance of the Postal Service to the United States as a whole, to the individuals within our communities, and why our founding fathers thought it necessary to have it written into our U.S. Constitution. Their support and the support of other representatives is a glimmer of light in the darkness.

Prior to leaving the Hill a few of us were able to meet with Senator Durbin at the Capitol. The meeting was arranged by Brian McLaughlin from Imperium Global Advisors, to whom I am extremely grateful. The discussion was led by Edmund Carley, our Chapter President and UPMA National Executive Vice President and Legislative Chairman. I would love to say that the conversation was encouraging, but I would be lying. The Senate is not planning on working towards passing any Postal Reform resolutions any time soon. At the time, they were more concerned with elections. Now, I believe they are more concerned with the Corona Virus. I also believe it is important for us to continue to be in contact with our

Senators; to educate them on the importance of the US Postal Service to the economy, and to the fabric of the nation. They would never dream of not having a Congress. They are one of the three branches of government delineated within our Constitution. We need to keep up the pressure; perhaps a written reminder that the Postal Service is also delineated within our Constitution, as a specific line item within their duties.

I would like to thank our first time attendees to the DC Summit; Anne and Patrick Balsley, Katie Levernier, Kasey Simmons and Doug Carroll. Their input during the meetings was insightful and valued, as we had some alternate viewpoints regarding the importance of the Postal Service within our communities from people who are not postal employees. Thank you for taking the time to join us at the DC Summit. My hope is that you join us again next year, and bring a friend!

I would also like to thank our advisors for making arrangements for meetings, a “huddle room” on the Hill, pinch-hitting at visits, providing valued advice, being the calm in the storm, and many other behind-the-scenes activities. Thank you Brian McLaughlin, Chris McCannell, and Joel Reithmiller for your continued support of our mission and for your wisdom and enthusiasm in helping us accomplish our goals. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

This year UPMA had more attendees than expected which made the event planning a very fluid process. Due to that fact, we moved our first day of the conference to the Hyatt Hotel which is located across the street from the Renaissance Hotel. Thank you to UPMA Headquarters for working hard and making all the arrangements; for making the changes seamless to those of us in attendance. You did a fabulous job!

The Postal Service is in a very precarious position. As Postmasters and Managers we are going to continue to feel the heat as the funds dwindle and we receive little support from Congress. I suggest we deflect the heat we are feeling directly onto Congress. For every telecom you must be on and hear that you must pick up the slack - write your congressman and congresswoman. For every day that you must work over your Form 50 days and hours - write your congressman and congresswoman. For every vacation day that gets left on the table because your office does not have enough staff to cover the time - write your congressman and congresswoman. For every time an LLV breaks down and has to be towed because we do not have the funds available to purchase new vehicles - write your congressman and congresswoman. The message to our elected officials that they need to act, and to act now, needs to be overwhelming;

The Postal Service will  
Corona Virus worse than  
It is the responsibility of  
fulfill their constitutional  
US Postal service thrives  
We elected them. Now  
accountable.

God Bless~  
Marianne Miller



it needs to be viral.  
feel the brunt of the  
any private company.  
our elected officials to  
duties, and ensure the  
for future generations.  
we have to hold them



## Meta Belford ~ Executive Vice President

Here are some updates to well, keep everyone updated!

Illinois is doing good in the National Membership contest good has gotten us to 5th place over all. The standings as of right now are 1st place Wyoming, 2nd place Mississippi and 3rd Florida. Rhode Island is in 4th place with 13.33 points and we are at a strong 12.00 for 5th place. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 State Chapters.

We are in 1st place within our Team “We are Membership” which has 9 states. The top chapter within each Team will win \$1.00 per member! We still need to keep up the great work, talk to fellow employees tell them what a great organization UPMA and sign them up!

National also has an individual contest for everyone who has signed up a new member. Each time you sign up a new member and your name is listed at the bottom of the 1187 you’ll receive an entry into a drawing for \$100, five entries will be drawn at National Convention in St. Louis. You are eligible to win more than one time!

6 months free membership update: As of 1/1/2020 new EAS members joining UPMA will receive a rebate of their first 6 months dues once they reach their one year anniversary with UPMA. The new member will receive a check my mail and this is for new EAS members who have joined on or after 1/1/2020.

The next update, a reminder about our State Lincoln program. This program runs from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 so you have just 2 short months to get more new members signed up. For every active member you sign up, you’ll be awarded 5 Lincolns (\$25.00 total) and for every Associate member you receive 1 (\$5.00) Lincoln. Over \$400 was given away last year at State Convention. You’ll need to be present at State convention in East Peoria in order to be awarded your Lincolns, which brings me to the next update.

State convention update. “The Roaring 20’s” State convention will be held May 14th - May 16th, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Congratulations to the approximately 55 people who signed up at the early rate! To those who haven’t signed up yet or missed the Feb 29 cut off, convention is still a good bargain considering what you receive in those 2.5 days. Your registration fee covers lunch on Thursday and Friday and our Roaring 20’s banquet on Friday evening, informative training, which will be from the podium on both Thursday and Friday, an impressive District and Area panel and and as always we’ll have great fun in the evenings. The lowest registration fee will be refunded to first timers upon attendance at convention. We have got a lot packed in the 2 1/2 days we’ll be together. I’m looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones! Remember you get out of your convention only what you want too!

See you in May....what are you waiting for? Rip the convention registration page out and get signed up!





# Signature Credit Union

SIGNATURE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

I was reading an article in our Credit Union magazine recently on increasing membership. It stated many people think credit unions are just for making loans or for setting up a savings account. Worse yet they thought if the credit union wasn't located nearby their funds would not be reachable from where they live. Perhaps we need to make it more clear how to join and who can join and how easy it is to reach us. People need to think "credit union" when they think checking account, vehicle loan, credit card, mortgage, etc. If you are still not a member but are interested in joining just call our office at 1-800-336-0284 and sign up over the phone. They will explain all the various cards we offer and help you decide which one is best for you.

Every year at State or National Convention it seems attendees sign up as a member, pay the \$5.00 fee and then nothing more is every done. This results in members being sent a letter that their account is inactive and they need to make only one transaction per year to keep their account in active status.

Here are some of the options to keep the account active:

1. Apply for a Visa card and make at least one yearly transaction.
2. If you already have a Visa card perhaps it needs to be activated (or maybe it is expired).
3. Make a deposit by mail for a little as \$5.00.
4. Or set up a recurring ACH from your local bank, OR
5. Set up a one-time transfer from your local bank.

Have you members signed up for a My Card Rules app.

Just go to MyCardRules app and register your cards to receive push notification for purchases, freeze/un-freeze your card in the event it is lost or stolen, and set international card preferences for travel.

Just go to [SignatureFCU.org/Protect-My-Card](http://SignatureFCU.org/Protect-My-Card)

How about personalizing your Credit or Debit Card with Create-A-Card?

Choose your favorite family photo, vacation photo, or even feature your family pet on your card. We also offer a gallery of images to choose from including images in categories such as sports, patriotic, monuments and summer fun. Start designing today at [SignatureFCU.org/createacard](http://SignatureFCU.org/createacard).

Have your ever thought of a Digital Wallet?

Pay on the go with a Digital Wallet, instead of presenting your card. You can then pay with your smart-phone, tablet or smartwatch. Choose from Apple Pay, Samsung Pay wor Google Pay.

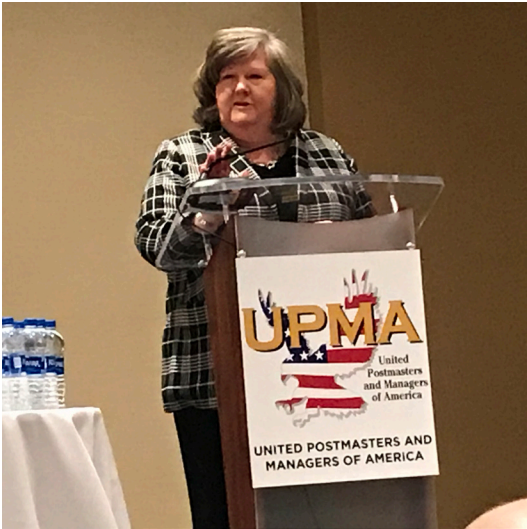
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In closing I wish everyone this Irish Blessing.

May your troubles be less,  
And your blessings be more.  
And nothing but happiness,  
Come through your door.

Carol Sue Carnes

# Illinois Visits Washington DC





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## Lincolns Standings as of 3/1/2020

Sponsor	EAS	Associates	Lincolns
Barbara Anderson	20	2	102
Edmund Carley	13	9	74
Jim Maher	14		70
Bev Freehill	4	7	27
Meta Belford	1.5	6	13.5
Tony Gray	2	1	11
Jeff Arment	2		10
Kerry Nichols	1		5
Barry DeJaynes	1		5
Michael Beutel	1		5
Adam Copsy	1		5
Rick Goertz	1		5
Shelley Zellers	1		5
Marianne Miller	0.5	2.5	5
Patti Sadnick	0.5	2	4.5
Pamela Bardell	0.5		2.5
Sarah Repinski		2.5	2.5
Laurie Weilep		2.5	2.5
Anne Balsey		0.5	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>355</b>

### *Illinois UPMA Lincolns Program Membership Drive*

Any UPMA member that signs up a new member from May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 until the Illinois Chapter Convention May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will receive:

5 Lincolns for a Postmaster/EAS who joins.

1 Lincoln for any associate members who join.

What is a Lincoln?

This





## UPMA Auxillary Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

UPMA Family member \_\_\_\_\_

Active \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Primary member name \_\_\_\_\_

B.R.A.T. age 6-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional members \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are 10.00 for primary member 5.00 each additional member

Send completed form and payment to Josey Oakes 1403 W.Naraja Mesa AZ 85202

Illinois State Auxillary president Virginia Chalifoux  
virginia.chalifoux@gmail.com

# IL UPMA State Convention 2020

## Peoria IL



### Tentative Convention Schedule

Wednesday May 13, 2020

- 5:00 PM Executive Board meeting
- 3:00 PM Registration until 5:00 PM
- 7:00 PM Activity?
- 9:00 PM Hospitality Room opens after activity

Thursday May 14, 2020

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies
- 9:15 AM Convention rules and courtesy
- 9:30 AM Illinois Executive Board Reports
- National UPMA Rep
- National UPMA Retired Rep
- Chapter Committee chair reports
- Reading of Chapter Resolution(s)
- Reading of Resolution(s)
- Signature FCU
- 2022 Time and Place Presentation
- 10:15 AM National Secretary/ Treasurer Candidates
- 10: 45 AM Chapter Officer Candidate Announcements
- Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Vice President
- 11:00 AM Legislative Message
- 12:00 PM Luncheon (Active and Retired)
- 1:00 PM Retirees Tour
- 1:00 PM Training
- 3:30 PM TBD Area Law Department
- 4:15 PM TBD Retirement Information
- 5:00 PM End of Session
- 6:00 PM Candidate Meet and Greet
- 7:00 PM Hospitality Room Ope

Friday May 15, 2020

8:00 AM Registration  
 8:30 AM Call to Order  
 8:30 AM IL UPMA Retired Annual Meeting and Tour  
 8:45 AM USPS Great Lakes Panel  
 11:00 AM District Breakouts – Speak to your respective DM’s and/or POOMS  
 12:30 PM Luncheon (Active and Retired)  
 1:30 PM National Message  
 3:00 PM National By-Laws vote  
 National Sec/Treasurer vote  
 Chapter Resolution(s) Vote

Chapter Elections  
 Time and Place 2022 Vote

3:30 PM Break  
 3:45 PM TBD  
 4:30 PM Vendors, Member Services Representation  
 5:00 PM End of Session  
 5:00 PM Hospitality Room Open until 6:30 PM  
 6:30 PM Awards Banquet  
 Scholarship Award Winners  
 8:00 PM Dance  
 10:00 PM Hospitality Room Open after Dance

Saturday May 16,2020

9:00 AM Call to order  
 9:10 AM Memorial Service  
 9:45 AM Old Business  
 10:00 AM New Business  
 10:15 AM Swearing In and Release of Colors  
 10:30 AM Brunch  
 11:30 AM Executive Board Meeting

## Mark your calendars for State convention May 14th-16th, 2020

In East Peoria at the Embassy Suites! We are going to have a “roaring 20’s” good time! There is going to be some great training, abundant networking and unlimited fun! This year let’s encourage new members and first timers to come to convention and see all the information and camaraderie we come away with. To encourage members to come for the first time we are going to reimburse anyone who has never attended a UPMA state convention \$50.00 of their registration fee. That means if they sign up before Feb 29 their entire registration fee will be refunded to them by check after convention! There is a registration form in this IPN and in the next one I’ll have more details on the training we’ll have, speakers we’ll hear and the fun we are going to have!! Fill out your registration form and get it turned in!!

Meta Belford  
 Roaring 20’s (2020) Convention Chair



# UPMA



## United Postmasters and Managers of America

**2020 ILLINOIS CHAPTER STATE CONVENTION**

**EMBASSY SUITES & CONFERENCE CENTER**

**THURSDAY MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please check one:**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Postmaster</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Auxiliary Member</b>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Supervisor</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Retired UPMA Member</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Manager</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Associate Member</b>    |

\$50 before February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020; \$100 after

Please check if you are a First Timer ( )

Lowest Registration will be refunded to First Timers upon attendance at Convention.

Your registration fee covers Thursday Lunch, Friday Lunch & Banquet.

Send your registration forms and fees to: Shelley Zellers, 12646 SR 78, Havana IL 62644

Rooms will be \$96.00 per night Single \$106.00 Double \$116.00 Triple \$126.00 Quad.

**This price includes free breakfast buffet for all registered guests plus Managers Reception each night from 5:30-7:30.** Room rate will be guaranteed until April 27, 2020.

Reservations requested beyond the cutoff date are subject to availability.

Embassy Suites & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria IL

Telephone: 1-309-694-0200 or [www.embassysuiteseastpeoria.com](http://www.embassysuiteseastpeoria.com) Group Code: UPMA





# Cheryl Quaka~ IL State Editor

## Stability is comforting.

Stability is comforting. In these uncertain times we must remember to try and bring stability to those we can influence. Reassure our employees that they are important, and they are valued. Comfort our customers that the US Postal Service will be here during this crisis and the next. Support our fellow UPMA members by coming together (in spirit at least, for now) to mark the familiar events. About every 2 months you will get this newsletter, every year there will be a trip to DC for Legislative Summit, a Chapter Convention and a National Convention. Just like the passing of the seasons these are familiar reminders that can become stabilizing events. We can all find comfort in returning to normal, regular and stable recurring things. The leaves will fall in Autumn, the snow will come in winter, April showers will bring May flowers, the mail will be in your box and UPMA will keep its focus on protecting, representing and educating our members.

Stay Well

Cheryl

**Illinois UPMA Elections at Chapter Convention.**

**We will be electing a Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary and a Chapter Treasurer:**

**Secretary**  
Shall keep all records, record the proceedings of all conventions and meetings of the executive committee.

**Treasurer**  
Shall be bonded and shall deposit, withdraw and have custody of the funds of the chapter, be responsible to keep an accurate and complete account of the receipts, vouchers and membership.

**One of the 3 At-Large Vice Presidents** positions; they will be responsible for the one of the following duties:

**Education Chair**  
It will be their duty to work with the President in aligning training that is deemed necessary and appropriate for the membership.

**Legislative Chair**  
It will be their duty to handle legislative activity within the chapter.

**Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair**  
It will be their duty to handle any PAC activities within the chapter.

**The Vice Presidents will have their duties assigned by the Chapter Executive Board at the organizational meeting following Convention.** All of these positions will assume office on June 1st, 2020 for a three year term, incumbents (except for treasurer) are limited to 2 terms. All Active Illinois UPMA members are eligible to announce at, or before Convention. The elections will be by ballot in the Friday afternoon session.

## Patti Sadnick~Illinois State VP



I am writing this article as the harsh reality of the threat of the Coronavirus raises its head in Illinois. The fear that has hit a lot of the population is unbelievable!

As events are cancelled one by one as well as schools being closed, bars and restaurants restricted to drive through or pick up...the list continues to grow. This is something that most of us have never seen in our lifetime. As I spend my time

trying to calm fears in my employees as well as my customers, I tell them to wash their hands, never touch their faces except to wash them, use hand sanitizer but most of all BE KIND! Almost everyone you meet is stressed right now.

But now I better address my article or my editor will be stressed! Your Illinois board went to Washington DC last month still trying to get some relief for the Postal Service. There were 420 Postmasters and Managers present at Legislative Summit. Every Illinois Congressman expressed support for changes needed however, the Senate does not seem to feel the same, or at least not enough to get our bills passed. As always, it was good to be able to join forces with my peers, trying to get changes made that will benefit us all.

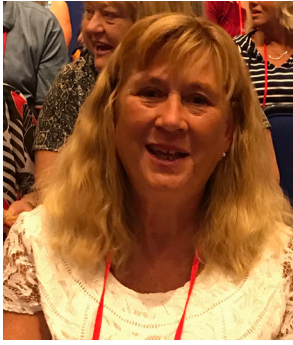
It was great to hear from PMG Megan Brennan again. There is still no word of who will be replacing her as far as I know. My opinion is that as Postmasters and Managers, we have been lucky to have her the last 5 years. Even when I didn't like what was being done, I knew that she was trying to be as fair as she could be. Over the years, I have sent her many messages, and always got a personal reply, sometimes not for a week or two, but always got a reply explaining either why something was being done the way it was or just saying that was the way it had to be. I truly appreciated her honesty and willingness to share her thoughts with me.

Coming up next will be our Illinois UPMA Chapter Convention in Peoria on May 14-16. More information will be coming as our plans develop but mark this down. If you have never been before, you can register for free! So make this a priority, there will be many of us there to share with!

Until next time,

Patti Sadnick,  
Vice President IL UPMA





## Pam Bardell ~Illinois State VP

### Creed of A Postmaster

What does our job mean to you? There are so many things we good of chose for our career path. Most of chose a management path. Many years ago, I chose to move to the management path. I took a Oath for to become a postmaster. I felt honored to be a postmaster. I thought about George Washington taking the Oath in 1789. George Washington added to his Oath "So help me God". I have noticed over time the Oath of office has become perfunctory. It has lost its meaning to many of our new postmasters. If you read this article and you are a new postmaster's, pick a day and have your POOM and your community and family, present to do installation to your office. IT is a great honor to take the Oath and awaken a desire within all to take the pride of a new manager for United Stated Postal Service.

I had the opportunity to go to our Nation's Capital and ask Congressmen, Congresswomen about our needs to stay viable as a Post Office. I feel UPMA did amazing, job! We had several guest speakers. Also Postmaster General Meg Brennan spoke to all 420 of the UMPA members that had used their own Annual leave and retirees that took time out of the busy schedules to listen to our concerns. When I left DC I felt good vibes from our politicians about United States Postal Service. We need to feel that vibe every day, how honored it is to be a Supervisor, Manager or Postmaster. Reflect on your career path, help make 2020 Strong. They say there is strength in numbers. Let start with chapter convention! Take time to attend and see what UPMA can do for you. I hear every day, that UPMA, does not help managers and Postmaster. Come to the meetings and see for yourself that we do! We have great speakers and we are putting some classes together to help you in your everyday job duties. Hope to see you May 14 thru May 16 in East Peoria IL.

I would like to share my Creed of Postmaster and Managers

Mail is my business, and through it can serve my community and my country. May my contribution to that business be made with pride and with honor!

Mail is my business. It builds bridges between peoples, and pathways between human hearts. Leaf, stem, root of me...I am part of it and it's part of it and it is part of me. I have invested my life in the postal tradition and in the business of the mail.

Mail is my business. It provides the only human contact millions who count on it for warmth, affection. Information and financial sustenance. I will be an integral part if that lifestream on which so many desperately depend. I will defend the sanctity of the seal which protects mail from both curious and the corrupt. With my sacred honor I will guard from incursion the mail of a child and the mail of a president, for both are equally deserving of my protection and concerns.

Mail is my business, I desire to advance, elevate and improve the facility and dependability of the Postal Establishment in providing excellent mail service for all. Just as the mail searches out and touches the lives of billions throughout the world, so I will reach out and touch those who will assist me in this unparalleled communications adventure. Accepted, processed, transported and delivered: mail forges unbreakable links between human minds of both individual and corporate entity. I will use my skills and talents in forging such links as will last long after I am gone.



## Morrie Smith ~ Retiree President elect

Do you recall the excitement that the father exhibited in “A Christmas Story” when he received an unexpected package delivery? And then his pride receiving a “Major Award”? I can truly state that I felt the same emotions recently, when the USPS delivered an unanticipated parcel for me from Illinois UPMA. I continue to be amazed by our chapter, and grateful for the recognition offered by being a member. I have been honored as “Postmaster of the Year” and selected for the “UPMA Hall of Fame”, but nothing prepared me to become the first recipient of the distinctive prize I received this year. What is it, you ask?

It is a traveling award that reflects the merit and spirit of our organization, and is to be shared among worthy recipients. I’m not a liberty to share other specifics, as it will soon leave my possession to be shared with another member, who is sooooo much more qualified meeting the criterion established (plus, it wasn’t really “befitting” of my stature). Please don’t think I am disparaging the prize; it is currently my pride and joy, and kept in my bosom, very close to my heart. Thank you once again for the consideration; you can be guaranteed that I will never forget it!

Morrie Smith





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United Postmasters and Managers of America

## EXPENSE VOUCHER

Charge To GL Code: Assesment Fund for Stipends

Pay to the Order of: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: **National Convention 2020**

**Not to Exceed \$300.00**

Expense	Date									
<b>Gas (Not mileage)</b>										
<b>Event host Hotel</b>										
<b>Airfare</b>										
<b>Registration (lowest rate)</b>										
<b>Totals</b>										

### Instructions: Read Carefully

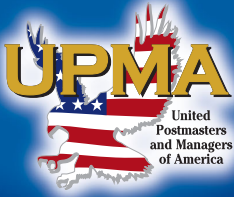
- A. All expense receipts must be attached to voucher
- B. Expense items must be clearly and correctly identified
- C. By signing this voucher the payee certifies that they attended all general sessions, mandatory meetings and at least one training session, if offered at event.

Vouchers are due to the State President no later than 30 days from the end of the event  
Late vouchers will not be considered.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Payee  
  
**Verified**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State President

**Certified correct in the amount of** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State Treasurer

**This voucher must be submitted directly to the IL UPMA within 30 days.  
Send completed form to: IL UPMA State President PO Box 1 Lincoln IL 62656-0001**



# St. Louis Missouri



# 4th UPMA National Convention

**Aug. 1-7, 2020**

## Official Registration Form

Registration also available at [www.unitedpma.org](http://www.unitedpma.org)

Please complete one form per registrant. Photocopy the form for additional registrations.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Title:**
- Postmaster/OIC
  - Supervisor
  - Manager
  - EAS Professional
  - Associate
  - UPMA Retired
  - Spouse
  - Guest

First Name (for your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office You Represent City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Active First-Timer?**  
 Yes  No

**UPMA Retired First-Timer?**  
 Yes  No

### Convention Registration (only one person per form):

Please circle the appropriate fee:

**8/2/19- 1/1/20- 3/1/20- After**  
**12/31/19 2/28/20 6/15/20 6/15/20**

Postmaster/Manager/Supervisor/ Associate/OIC/EAS Professional \$195 \$220 \$245 \$270

Daily registration is available at \$65/day until June 15; \$75/day after that date. Check all that apply:

- Sat  Sun  Mon  Wed  Thurs

First-Timer\*—Active and Retired \$95 \$95 \$95 \$95

UPMA Retired or Guest† \$171.25 \$190 \$208.75 \$227.50  
*(UPMA Retired Luncheon included)*

Auxiliary/Spouse/Postmaster Guest \$142.50 \$161.25 \$180 198.75  
*(Does NOT include UPMA Retired Luncheon)*

Children (17 and under) \$80; includes child's meal at the Grand Banquet.  
 \*First-timers must pay their registration fee in advance. After attending the convention, they must submit a form to the National Office to be reimbursed.  
 †UPMA Retired member may have one guest (not an active member) register for the same price.  
 Grand Banquet: Aug. 6, 2020

### Payment Information

Convention Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional tickets for UPMA

Retired Luncheon @ \$25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to UPMA

Visa/MasterCard

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Card security code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

(3- or 4-digit code imprinted on card)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with full payment to UPMA National Convention Registration, 8 Herbert St., Alexandria, VA 22305-2600.**

### Hotel Reservation

UPMA has a special rate at the convention hotel beginning Aug. 1, 2019. You must call the hotel directly to make a reservation. The National Office will not handle room reservations. **To make a reservation, you must make a deposit to the hotel in the amount of your first night's lodging; this deposit is non-refundable after July 8, 2020.** All room cancellations must be made directly with the hotel. To secure the special UPMA rate, you must identify yourself as part of the UPMA convention. The rate is available only until July 8, 2020, or all rooms in the block are sold, whichever comes first. The group rate is available five days pre- and post convention based on availability.

**Marriott St. Louis Grand**  
 1-877-303-0104  
 \$119—single/double/triple/quad

**Be sure to request the UPMA group rate.**

### Registration Cancellation Refund Policy

Requests for cancellation refunds must be made in writing to the UPMA National Office. Requests must be postmarked by June 1, 2020; no refunds after that date. All refunds are subject to a \$30 handling fee.

**Registrations are non-transferable.**

**Questions?  
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Please include name and address of family so I can send them notification of the memorial donation.

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Mail completed scholarship form to:

Illinois UPMA Scholarship Fund  
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Prince George , VA 815 252 4756

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I'll do my share. Enclosed is:

\$10                      \$25                      \$50                      \$100  
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Please return this with your contribution to:

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Due Dates

April 10th 2020  
June 2nd 2020  
Aug 10th 2020  
Oct 15th 2020



Upcoming Events

State Convention  
Peoria, IL  
May 14th -16th, 2020

National Convention  
St Louis, IL  
Aug 1st - 7th, 2020