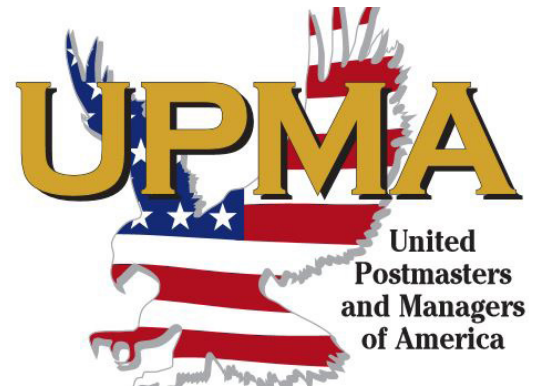


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Earl Husbands ~ President

March to a Free Convention

Greetings UPMA family,

The 7th annual UPMA Illinois Chapter Convention will be held on Friday, April 14 thru Sunday April 16, 2023, at the Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center located at 201 Broadway in Normal, IL. If you haven't already registered, please print the attached registration form and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form ASAP! **All UPMA members that submit their registration form to Shelly Zellers by March 1, 2023, will be reimbursed their registration fee from the stipend fund at the close of convention providing they have attended all 3 days.** All members that register after March 1, 2023, will still be welcome to attend but will not be eligible for reimbursement of the registration fee, so I strongly advise that everyone register ASAP and take advantage of this reimbursement incentive. You will also need to book your room at the Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. The phone number to the Bloomington/Marriott Hotel & Conference Center is (309) 862-9000. **Please make sure you use the group code: UPMA to take advantage of the discounted room rate of \$127 per night.**

Meals included with registration will be lunch on Friday, and lunch and a dinner banquet on Saturday. Breakfast will be available in the Hospitality Room on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. The convention will be casual business attire for all business sessions, including the banquet. Chapter Conventions are the perfect opportunity to engage and network with fellow members who all share the same interests in creating a better workplace environment. It is also a good for just getting a chance to spend some time with our beloved members, both active and retired, that we haven't seen in awhile and enjoy each other's company. We are currently working on the convention itinerary and some fun entertainment activities. Details will be coming soon. Thank you and I hope to see you all in Bloomington in April. Please make your plans today to come and join us!

Earl Husbands
UPMA Illinois Chapter President
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ANNOUNCEMENT: The National Executive Board has approved offering new EAS members that join from November 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2023 a free year of membership, dues withholding will start once they reach their 1-year anniversary with UPMA.

Join on-line at www.unitedpma.org/membership/join or by completing Form 1187 and mailing to the UPMA National Office. Any questions concerning the membership promotion, contact the National Office by email: Information@unitedpma.org or call 703.683.9027. Scan the code below to be taken to the 1187 form.



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Registration Form

UPMA 2023 Legislative Summit

March 19-22

Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA



You also may register online at www.unitedpma.org

Please note: one attendee per registration form.

Name (as it should appear on your badge): _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title (please check one that applies): Postmaster UPMA Retired Associate Member Guest
 Supervisor Manager EAS Professional PMR

Post Office You Represent: City _____ State _____

Name of your U.S. representative (not senator): _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee: (please circle fee that applies)	Registration
On or before Feb. 15, 2023	\$45
After Feb. 15, 2023	\$65

Hotel Information

Reserve rooms at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; 1-800-233-1234. The room rate of \$209 will be honored until March 1, 2023, or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first.

All reservations must be accompanied by the first night's room deposit. After March 1, all first-night room deposits will be non-refundable.

The \$209 room rate includes 50% off valet parking, complimentary access to the health club and complementary shuttle to/from Reagan National Airport.

Payment (Payment in full, using one of the following payment options, must accompany this form; payment is non-refundable):

- Check payable to UPMA
 Visa/MasterCard *only*

Card Number _____

Expiration Date ____/____ Card Security Code _____

Signature _____

Please mail completed forms, with payment in full, to:

**UPMA Legislative Summit Registration
8 Herbert St.
Alexandria, VA 22305-2600**



Registration Form

Central Area Officers Summit

September 22-24, 2023

Indianapolis, IN

Omni Severin Hotel

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

UPMA Chapter: _____

UPMA Chapter Board Position: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

One attendee per registration form

**We look forward to seeing
you in September!**

Registration fee is due by
September 1, 2023 and can be
paid using VENMO
(@IndianaUPMA), or by
check/money order payable to
"Indiana UPMA." Mail a copy of
your registration form and payment
to: Indiana UPMA, PO Box 355,
Oakland City, IN 47660

Registration Fee:	Registration
On or before July 31, 2023	\$100
After July 31, 2023	\$150

If using VENMO, please email a copy of your completed registration form to IndianaUPMAConventions@gmail.com be sure to include your VENMO username so we can track payment.

Hotel Information

Contact the Omni Severin Hotel at 317-634-6664

The room rate is \$128 per night. This rate will be honored until September 1, 2023.

Use block code: 092223UPMACENTR

Each reservation will require the 1st night deposit.

Any reservation not cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival will be subject to a one-night room and tax cancellation fee.

Additional information can be found on our Facebook Group "UPMA, Indiana Chapter"





Cindi Cotton ~ V.P. Education

You Can Make A Difference

One of the awesome benefits of UPMA membership is the ability to network with other UPMA members. I was a member for many years before I took advantage of this benefit and it has truly made a difference in my career, not only in my personal growth but also in my advancement. Attending UPMA events gives you access to a wealth of knowledge and friendship. Getting involved will open new doors you may not even realize exist.

I have attended Legislative Conventions and spoken to members of congress for the last 10 years. It is a great feeling knowing that you made a difference with your words and actions. It was very fulfilling when the Postal Reform Act was passed. Had the management organizations not been pursuing this, I don't know that it would have come to pass. That was a big hurdle, but there is still more we need to get done. This year's Legislative Convention is March 19-22. Because of the importance of getting members to talk to Congress, UPMA will reimburse verifiable expenses up to \$500* when you attend. We get a much better audience with members of Congress when we have someone from their district with us. This is a busy few days, but there is still time for networking and some sightseeing. You can even add a day to your trip if you wish to do even more.

National Convention this year is in Denver, Colorado August 26-31. This is a chance to meet with members from all across the nation. There are training classes and speakers from headquarters and the UPMA national office. Again, the Illinois

Chapter will be reimbursing up to \$500 in verifiable expenses* to any regular or retired member that wishes to attend. Bringing a friend to share a room with is a great way to reduce your expenses and makes it more fun too. There is usually a day free from meetings and group tours can be scheduled.

Closer to home, the Chapter Convention will be held in Bloomington, Illinois April 14-16. If you register by March 1, 2023, your registration fee will be refunded to you*. This year, elections will be held for Secretary, Treasurer, and one Vice President position. As a regular member, you are eligible to run for these positions. The retirees will also be electing a Retiree President. Any retired member is eligible to run. You can contact any current board member if you would like more information about any of these positions or the convention in general.

Even if you can't get away for any of the conventions, you can still make a difference by doing other things like recruiting members, writing articles for the newsletter, or presenting on Zoom meetings. Contact any board member for ways you can be involved.

*Attendance is required at all general sessions and two training classes when presented.

TEXT-TO-JOIN FEATURE GOING AWAY - from UPMA GOLD

Just a reminder:..We have been notified that our option to Text-to-Join is going away as of March 30, 2023. Due to changing regulations, our Text-to-Join feature, which allows members to sign up for UPMA Gold emails by text, will be deactivated on Mar 30, 2023. If you are promoting Gold by including this feature, please remove keywords from any marketing materials, newsletters, sites, social media pages, and emails. Until then, feel free to encourage members to sign-up by texting the word UPMAGOLD to the number 22828, then follow the prompts. It is the easiest and fastest way to join the GOLD network. Other ways include sending your name and chapter to upmagold@gmail.com.



2023 UPMA LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT ~ Gerri Swarm

This is a very brief agenda for the Legislative Summit. The Summit is March 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel. Registration form is available at www.unitedpma.org, click the Events tab, then National Events. It is also enclosed in this publication if you prefer to print and mail it in. Scan below to be taken to the Legislative registration form.



MARCH 19, 2023

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration, Independence Foyer

MARCH 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

General Legislative Session, Regency E/F

10:00 a.m.

USPS SPEAKER

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:15– 5:00 p.m.

General Legislative Session, Regency E/F

(Please Note: IL Chapter Dinner will take place following General Session)

MARCH 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm

UPMA Visits on Capitol Hill

Free Evening



Shelley Zellers ~ Treasurer

Money Matters

The Illinois board made some decisions concerning our finances. We voted to reimburse members, including retirees, up to \$500.00 in verifiable expenses to attend the 2023 Legislative Summit in Washington, DC. The summit will be held March 19, 2023 through March 22, 2023. You will find the registration form for the event in this issue. I strongly urge you to attend as we convey the needs of our employees and retirees to our congressmen. Nothing changes without constituents pleading their cases. UPMA needs you to help represent us in DC!

Also coming up soon is our annual Chapter Convention, which will be held April 14 through April 16 in Bloomington, IL. The registration form for this event is in this issue. If you send your registration in by March 1, 2023 and attend the entire convention, the fee will be reimbursed. There are 3 board positions that will need to be filled at this convention. After 12 years as your treasurer, I am stepping down from this position. Last year I retired and I feel it's time to transfer my skills and support to the retiree section of this great organization! Along with the treasurer position, you will also be electing a secretary and a vice president. Anyone interested in running for a position is encouraged to do so! Please join us in April to conduct the business of Illinois UPMA, attend educational classes, network with your peers and have some fun!

The final event I would like to mention is National Convention. This year we will be traveling to Denver, Colorado for our 7th Annual UPMA National Convention. My first national convention was in Denver in 2003 and I've attended nearly every national convention since. It has been amazing hearing our PMGs speak. I've learned so much at the training offered each year and I've enjoyed networking with postmasters from all over the United States. National Convention is truly an event no one should miss. This year Illinois UPMA is offering up

to \$500.00 reimbursement of verifiable traveling expenses to all active members and retirees attending this convention. So mark your calendars, make your arrangements, and join us in Colorado August 27th through September 1st.

Since we have so many new members attending events, I wanted to reiterate the reimbursement process. The expenses eligible for reimbursement are registration, airfare and baggage, mileage to/from airport, gas receipts if driving, hotel, and transportation fare to meetings with congressmen. These expenses must be recorded on a stipend voucher for non-board members with receipts attached. There is a separate voucher for board members. These vouchers can be found on the Illinois UPMA website. Your name badge can be used as the receipt for registration. Actual receipts are required for all other expenses. Vouchers and receipts should be mailed to Earl Husbands for his approval. He will then mail them to me for payment. Expenses are required to be submitted within 30 days of the actual event. Late submission will require board approval for payment.

President Earl will be issuing travel orders for board members four to six weeks before each upcoming UPMA event. Travel orders will also be issued for members at large that are approved to attend. Airline tickets are not to be purchased until the receipt of the travel order unless otherwise instructed by Earl. We also voted to require prior approval of the President for the purchase of any ticket exceeding \$500.00. Please keep these new requirements in mind when planning future UPMA travel.

Have a blessed new year!

Until next time,
Shelley

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors will meet Feb. 9, 2023, in open session at Postal Service headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC. The public is welcome to observe the meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. ET in the Benjamin Franklin Room on the 11th floor. The Board is expected to discuss the following items:

- Remarks of the Chairman of the Board of Governors
- Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO
- Approval of the Minutes
- Committee Reports
- Quarterly Financial Report
- Quarterly Service Performance Report
- Approval of Tentative Agenda for May 9 Meeting

For further information go to: <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2023/0127-usps-board-of-governors-to-meet-feb-9.htm>



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United Postmasters and Managers of America

2023 ILLINOIS CHAPTER STATE CONVENTION

Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Normal IL

Friday April 14th - Sunday April 16th

NAME _____

OFFICE _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

PERSONAL PHONE _____ **FIRST TIMER** _____

Please check one:

_____ **Postmaster**

_____ **Auxiliary Member**

_____ **Supervisor**

_____ **Retired UPMA Member**

_____ **Manager**

_____ **Associate Member**

Fee: \$50

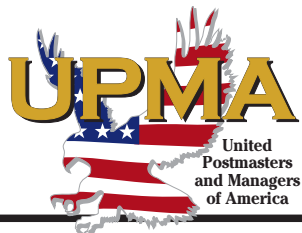
Registration will be reimbursed if registered by March 1, 2023

Send to: Shelley Zellers, 12646 SR 78, Havana IL 62644

Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

201 Broadway, Normal, IL (309) 862-9000

Room rates are \$127.00 use code: UPMA



Form 1187

Request and Authorization for Voluntary Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues

Fill Out Form On-line, Print it out, and Return to UPMA National Office at the Address Below for Processing

Section A: All New Members Complete

USPS Employee Identification Number (EIN)	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (PRINT Last Name, First, MI)		Contact Telephone	
Home Address (Street and Number/Box)	City	State	ZIP+4
Personal E-mail Address			

Section B (Check One): **Postmaster** **Manager/Supervisor** **Associate** **PMR**

Position	PO/City/State/ZIP
Post Office/Work Telephone Number	Pay Schedule Level
Post Office/Home Payroll Office Finance Number	Designation Code

Section C: For Use by the Employee Organization

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Mail completed form to: **United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA)**
8 Herbert Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22305-2600

Visit the UPMA website unitedpma.org for membership benefit information.

Section D: Authorization by Employee

I hereby authorize the above-named agency to deduct from my pay each pay period the amount certified above as the regular dues the (UN-P) United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA) and to remit such amounts to that employee organization in accordance with its arrangements with my employing agency. I further authorize any change in the amount to be deducted that is certified by the above-named employee organization as a uniform change in its dues structure.

I understand that this authorization is a pay periods deduction. It will become effective the first pay period, following its receipt in the employee organization's headquarters office: UPMA, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22305-2600.

I further understand that revocation forms Standard Form No. 1188, "Revocation of Voluntary Authorization for Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues" are available from my employing agency and that I may revoke this authorization at any time by filling such a revocation form or other written revocation request by "Certified Mail" directly to the employee organization's headquarters office: UPMA, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22305-2600. Such revocation will not be effective, however, until the first full pay period following March 1 or Sept. 1 of any calendar year, whichever date first occurs after the revocation is received in the employee organization's headquarters office.

Signature of Employee	Date
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Section E

Check this box to signify you've read and understood the terms in Section D of this form.

Who/what most influenced your decision to join UPMA?

Person's Name _____

Career Awareness Conference USPS Provided Training Other _____

UPMA NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING



FORM 1187-R

Request and Authorization for Voluntary Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues

Please complete and mail to:

UPMA National Office
8 Herbert St.
Alexandria, VA 22305-2600
(703) 683-9027

***OPM assigns the CSA number to all Civil Service and FERS annuitants and/or surviving spouse**

Social Security Number

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My Annuity Number is:

CSA

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Name of Retired Employee (PRINT Last Name, First, Middle)				Date of Birth					
Street and Number/PO Box			City			State		ZIP+4	
Month/Year Retired		Home or Cell Number ()		Gender Male _____ Female _____		Chapter			
Email Address				Sponsored by:					

Note: If not receiving an annuity contact National Office for information on membership.

SECTION A – Authorization

The United States Office of Personnel Management is authorized to make an appropriate deduction from my annuity payments, not to exceed the amount certified by the **United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA)** as the amount of dues for which I am obligated, and to pay the deducted sum to **UPMA**. This authorization shall apply to any and all dues changes certified by **UPMA**. This authorization shall be valid until **UPMA** receives and processes my written notice of cancellation in accordance with its agreement with the United States Office of Personnel Management. Any disputes regarding this allotment authorization shall be a matter between **UPMA** and me; I hold the United States Office of Personnel Management harmless for any erroneous deductions made pursuant to this authorization.

I also request the United States Office of Personnel Management to disclose any information necessary to execute this request.

Signature	Date:
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JOIN TODAY!
Fill Out
Form 1187
UnitedPMA.org

Free Membership Offer Ends
December 31, 2023

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Know A Retiree?  
Pass Them Form 1187R  
To Join The Fun!

**Article Due Dates**  
Feb 15, 2023  
Apr 15, 2023  
Jun 15, 2023  
Aug 15, 2023  
Oct 15, 2023

Please remember that **all members are welcome to submit articles**. All content is subject to the approval of the Editor and State President. Submit to:  
**IPN\_Editor@Yahoo.com**

## Upcoming Events

Membership Kickoff  
Denver, CO

January 13th - 15th, 2023

Legislative Summit  
Washington, DC

March 19 - 22, 2023

IL Chapter Convention  
Bloomington/Normal, IL  
April 14th - 16th, 2023

7th Annual UPMA National Convention  
Denver, CO  
August 26th - 31st, 2023

Central Area Officers Symposium  
Indianapolis, IN  
September 22nd - 24th, 2023

Southern Area Officers Conference  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
October 5th - 8th, 2023