

Southern Officers Conference 2012

Next year North Carolina will have the distinct honor of hosting the annual Southern Officers Conference. Before I share any further information about this event, allow me to dispel the greatest misconception concerning this conference.

The Southern Officers Conference is only for officers. **WRONG!!!!** The conference is a training and networking opportunity for EVERYONE. In fact many attendees ARE NOT even postmasters within the SOC and a significant number of other attendees are RETIREES and GUESTS.

The Southern Officers Conference combines the knowledge and talents of members within the eleven southern states, the National Vice-Presidents representing these states as well as the NAPUS National President and National Secretary/Treasurer. The purpose of the conference is to discuss current issues affecting postmasters and develop resolutions to be brought before the national office for consideration and implementation. So as you can see, this is a great opportunity to meet, learn, discuss and brainstorm ways to make our job and share concerns to help develop solutions to Real” problems.

Will you be there? Why should you attend? What’s in it for me? There is no such thing as a dumb question but all three of these come really close! Of course you should be there. Why? Because it will provide the best opportunity to meet and discuss personal issues in an intimate setting with top NAPUS officials. What’s in it for me? SOLUTIONS!!!! If you attended State, National or Leadership Conferences, you know how difficult it is to get to meet and speak with our national officers. This venue provides formal and casual opportunities to speak with everyone in attendance. Including National President Bob Rapoza who was just reelected to a second term as our National President. You will have three days of networking and building new friendship with out top officials, people who help those in need. If I haven’t shared enough reasons to spark your interest, then allow me to share just a few more perks.

First of all the conference is offering an unprecedented “early” registration rate of \$99.00. What does it include? All general meetings and training classes. Full breakfast for each day you are at the hotel. Dinner/Entertainment at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on Friday and Dinner/Entertainment at the hotel on Saturday. Not to mention cocktails in the hospitality room each night sponsored by Jim Willet of First Marketing.

You will not find a better value or job opportunity for your money anywhere else. All for just \$99.00! And did I share that everyone who submits an early registration will be eligible for a \$100.00 gift certificate. In addition we are working with the Charlotte speedway to provide NASCAR ride-a-long rides and ultimate driving experience where you obtain a license and actually DRIVE a NASCAR on the track. Side trips will include Concord Mills Mall, NASCAR Hall of Fame, Billy Graham Library, Carrowinds, and Charlotte Aquatic Center where the Olympic team trains and where you can do white water rafting and zip lining. See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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