

Sean Acord

National Secretary-Treasurer Candidate

For the past year and a half, I have stepped away from the national scene to focus on my postal career. I am president of the West Virginia Chapter and a chapter member representative. My passion for this organization has never wavered, but some decisions concern me. For this reason, I have declared for national secretary-treasurer.



At the 2019 National Convention, I tried to professionally and respectfully bring information to our leadership in the interest of our members. During the general session, the membership made the decision to postpone amendment decisions until the procedure was clarified. UPMA has retained a professional parliamentarian to educate us on both our bylaws and “Robert’s Rules of Order.” This will allow members to set the direction of UPMA.

Members should hold officers to high standards and accountable for decisions. Membership dues finance UPMA, so I will work to see that dues are spent wisely. This is *your* organization. If you elect me secretary-treasurer, I will answer your questions and provide needed information.

UPMA should be a *member-driven* organization. We need to properly and promptly move forward from past issues and invest our time and energy where it belongs—on challenges that impact our members. If I simply attend board meetings, I cannot provide information, speak or debate. To do that, I need a seat at the table.

Two seasoned board members are vying for secretary-treasurer. We both have served prior organizations and UPMA. It’s fair for you to ask about our records, challenge our opinions and expect answers. Officers work for members, are accountable for their actions and must represent UPMA in a knowledgeable, professional manner.

There was not one day in my two years as UPMA co-president that I did not understand that I served at your pleasure; I was grateful for that opportunity. I am

asking for your vote and support to come back and assist in taking care of the unfinished business so we can get down to the real business of serving UPMA members— G. Sean Acord; 304-646-7879 (cell); gregory.s.acord@hotmail.com.

Susan Rice

National Secretary-Treasurer Candidate

Since announcing my candidacy to be your next national secretary-treasurer, I've been humbled by the outpouring of support I've received from my UPMA family. The encouragement from my fellow members across the country has been overwhelming.



During these uncertain times, UPMA needs experienced leaders who respect the past, have a thorough grasp of the present and possess dynamic vision for the future. I believe I am such a leader and would be honored to have your support. Throughout my career, I have proudly and assertively represented my UPMA family at the chapter and national levels.

Serving as both president and editor for my chapter, I learned firsthand how hard it is to get everyone involved, but also how to get it done. I am proud to be part of the Alabama Chapter—with the highest percentage of Postmaster membership in the country!

As a national vice president, I have served as board adviser to the editor and as adviser to multiple USPS areas. Most recently, as board adviser to the Southern Area, I temporarily filled in as the postal area coordinator. Wearing both hats for the Southern Area and representing our members from both positions provided me a unique opportunity to understand these roles.

Having served with committees conducting numerous audits of the organization's finances,

I pledge to you that I will keep our finances in order. Also, I will answer promptly any questions raised about specific issues.

Our financial health is better than ever. Under the current board, our reserve accounts have increased by almost \$3 million since the end of 2016. I have consistently advocated avoiding expenditures that do not lend value to our membership, and I will continue to do so.

My thorough understanding of our finances, combined with my experience on our national leadership team, gives me an advantage: I'll "hit the ground running" as your next national secretary-treasurer. I won't need any learning curve to do this job.

I will, however, need your support and your vote. Together, we will make UPMA stronger than it ever has been.

Brian Archuleta

West Area National Vice President Candidate

I'm pledging my dedication to UPMA's success and I'm asking for your support to make it happen. As the EAS-21 Postmaster of Marana, AZ, I have time to dedicate to UPMA.



After consulting my family and the Arizona Chapter's board, I am declaring for the West Area national vice president position. I have worked in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. Over the past year, I visited other chapter conventions and conferences to broaden my understanding of common issues that UPMA members face.

Being new on the national level, I bring a new perspective and ideas to problems. I'm an advocate for UPMA education and representa-

tion. My personal work life has been majorly enhanced by networking to find the job that's the right fit, so communication is a priority with me. I encourage you to share problems and suggestions because, together, we can seek solutions, solve problems and make UPMA the go-to resource for both members and the USPS.

I have served on the chapter level and national committees, but, with limited space, I won't list my resume. I will be sharing information in newsletters, rail cards and chapter conventions; I encourage you to call or email me.

I have a clear vision for UPMA in 20/20! I pledge to serve with integrity and transparency. I believe in timely, accurate minutes, open communication and quick response to members. Board members must be accountable to UPMA members because we work for you.

If you are looking for a light at the end of the tunnel, a positive thinker and a passion for UPMA, that's me. If you are looking for someone who understands the responsibility to serve, to listen, to be willing to help sweep the floor and set up the tables—not just be the guest—that's where I am most comfortable.

I want to stand behind you and beside you; that's where your leaders belong. I'm asking for your vote and support. You can reach me at 505-249-4599 or bwolflobo@aol.com.

Jim Dunlap

West Area National Vice President Candidate

As we stormed the Hill, speaking with a united voice, we prepared for the future that only we can bring this country and this organization. Unity, steadfast and engaged, focused and driven on the success our members deserve and our customers demand.



It was in this solemn place that I chose to announce my candidacy for a run at the West Area national vice president position. Knowing that, of my 38 years of federal service, 26 have been spent in postal leadership serving my employees and my customers, working with fellow Managers and Postmasters on issues of concern, educating on evolving programs and striving for excellence with communication that drew us together as a team.

I became the guy that any neighboring office could call and say, “Jim, where do I find that it says this, that or the other?” A call they knew would be answered any time of day or night, whenever a fellow Postmaster or Manager needed the help.

It was those friends who asked me to run and serve as chapter vice president for Colorado, 2017 to 2019, and chapter member rep for those same years, responding wherever and whenever needed with great success. I have served my chapter members with the same fire and tenacity that I will bring to the National Executive Board—working for you, working for us, focusing on one voice, one team, our organization—United Postmasters and Managers of America.

I respectfully ask for your vote—a vote for me, a vote for you and, ultimately, a vote for us as a team in one battle together.

Jim Maher

West Area National Vice President Candidate

After consulting with many UPMA leaders across the country whom I respect and admire, I have decided to run for national vice president for the West Area.

As your national secretary-treasurer the past three years, I have seen our organization move forward in many ways. It has been an honor to



be part of that. However, there remain many opportunities to better position UPMA for the future. To do so, we will need strong, experienced leaders. With your support, I would like to be part of that.

From the moment I became a Postmaster, being part of our organization has been a priority. I served many years as a chapter officer and have served multiple times on the National Executive Board. Along with these positions, I've been appointed to numerous committees: Audit/Budget, Articles and Bylaws, Presidential Pay Package and Pay Talks for Level-22-and-above offices.

I chaired last year's Ethics Committee and currently am the national board adviser to both the Adverse Action and EAS Professional committees. I also was the driving force to establish the UMPA National Secretary-Treasurer of the Year Award.

Times like we currently are facing demand that we have experienced, dedicated members serving on the national board. The board's work is more involved than many members realize. The board sets policies that will shape the organization's direction, monitors the finances and, most importantly, safeguards the jobs and the benefits of our members.

We are facing major challenges in our organization. My experience and skills make me the candidate best prepared to help solve them, while ensuring our members' voices are heard.

I've demonstrated that I will work tirelessly for you at the national level. With your help and support, I'll continue to do so!

When you are deciding who you will support for West Area national vice president, please ask yourself who has demonstrated the dedication, the experience and proven ability to get problems resolved and keep UPMA moving in a positive direction.

I hope you will agree the answer is Jim Maher! Thank you for your support.