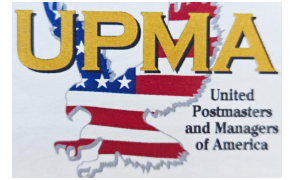


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Starting top left: IA-NE-SD President's with DM Sam Reed, Jeff Arment with his award, Murder Mystery Night, Mr. Lincoln's, registration table, new Iowa officers, recognizing KSA helpers

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Printed below is the UPMA Adverse Action Legal Defense Plan. This plan is available to all active EAS members after one year of membership. We are here to help you should the need arise. If you are called in for an Investigative Interview, contact us immediately. It doesn't mean you're about to lose your job. Investigative interviews can be positive; often to air out differences or misunderstandings.

Cut out the box below and keep it in your office. If a Postal Inspector or OIG comes to your office and the questions are related directly to you, ask the question 'AM I UNDER INVESTIGATION?' If they say yes, tell them you will not talk to them until your Chapter Member Rep is present.

IF YOU RECEIVE A VISIT FROM THE INSPECTION SERVICE OR THE OIG

Statement to be read to Postal Inspectors or OIG:

I request to talk to my UPMA representative before answering any additional questions. If I am a suspect in a criminal matter, please so advise me. If so, I wish to contact my attorney.

Chapter Member Rep: Greg Snow(who will assign & send someone) Phone: 515-371-1094

If I am under arrest, I request you to so advise me and inform me of the reason or reasons. I will not resist arrest.

I do not consent to a search of my person or property. However, I will not physically resist or obstruct such a person. If you have a search warrant I request to see it at this time.

I will cooperate with you fully, but I will not sign a waiver-of-rights form. I will not admit or deny any allegations, I will not make any written or oral statement unless my attorney and/or UPMA Representative are personally present and so advise me.

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Iowa UPMA President

Well, the 3rd Annual Tri-State Convention has wrapped up, and it was an exciting time. The food was great, the vibes were even better! The Embassy Suite was outstanding!

Next up?? San Juan, Puerto Rico, are you coming? This will be an amazing time and a beautiful location. The dates are August 1st through August 7th. If you and the family want a glorious vacation, come join us in San Juan. Our National President has changed the program to allow for afternoons as free days. Join the UPMA Sessions in the morning and enjoy San Juan in the afternoons!

Political Season....is it over yet?!? Yes, I know, another Political Survey....it seems to never end and keeps growing. My advice, get your checklists in place, have a back up plan if you are gone for the day so that you do not miss any of them. It is easy to miss, forget to upload a JPEG, forget to check a box and you are not in compliance! Been there, done that! It happens, even to the best of us. Remember everything is visible, so that means doing the right thing every time. I may not be the first one done, and sometimes I am the last one done, but I try every day to do it the right way, even if that means I must close the Area because we were the last one to clear the CPMS scans!! Roll with the issues and correct them when you can!

24-hour Postmasters....does that mean we have no life outside the Post Office? I ask that question almost daily. I am currently short two Supervisors, out of three, and have been working a lot more hours than I would like. That is my choice currently as I am training a new 204b and I want her to succeed so that she may become my "new" supervisor when it is finally posted again! She is doing great and I have high hopes she decides to move up and work as EAS! However, I do not believe we have to be in the office 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our form 50 shows 40 hours— not 168 hours. Will we be required to work an occasional Saturday morning to cover our employees? Yes, absolutely; however, we should not have to be "on call" all day long. In the event of an emergency? Yes. I will answer my phone, run to the office for an accident. Reporting out that we are clear, just to hear from the Postmaster, is excessive. Follow the instructions you are given and then report to me so I can move it up through our leadership and hopefully rectify the situation!

That being said, I mentioned earlier that I am short supervisors, so I am not always able to capture emails that come to me at home. If you need my attention on a matter, PLEASE mention UPMA in the subject line so that it draws my attention. Example: UPMA, Help, I cannot locate the Political Log!

The last topic I want to discuss is the concern for the Level 18 and 18b Offices. Nothing has been finalized yet, so do not panic. As you know, the Postal Service is struggling and cutting costs are on the forefront. Every avenue is being discussed. Will there be changes? Yes. Does that mean all levels 18 and 18bs need to worry? No. They may be held for review when they become vacant, but there is no grand plan to eliminate Postmaster positions. Do your part, show up for work, make your operation as efficient and safe as possible and with the grace of God, we can come through this as we have in the past.

You all are the most amazing bunch of people I know and no matter what it feels like, you are doing a great job. Your offices are in good hands and even though they are overwhelming at times, you will get through it! I have the upmost faith in you and nothing but respect.

Remember the quote: "How do you eat an Elephant? One Bite at a Time." You may not get to everything every day, but you can complete a lot of tasks by fixing one thing at a time.

Thank you for all the support you have given the board and myself, and we look forward to continuing to make things better.

Greg Snow

Iowa UPMA President



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What a fun & exciting time we had at the 2026 Tri-State Convention that was held in Lincoln, NE on Apr 24-26. Just to experience the beautiful, incredible, and very accommodating hotel was a plus. Find Mr. Lincoln was the first part of the mystery that was to unfold over the weekend. As you can see by the many pictures, there was fun every where you turned. The murder mystery was started with clues coming from those Mr. Lincoln's. Needless to say, there was lots of gossip and mishaps going on for this story, which included my character, the postal carrier, getting strangled by their satchel. Ask a member who went for all the sordid details... On Saturday we held our Iowa Chapter meeting to discuss any new, old,

or future business. We held an election for the few positions that were up for re-election. It was great to see that we had several new members who were willing to step up and try a board position. With that being said, I am producing my last newsletter after six years. You aren't getting rid of me yet since I decided to run for the Sec/Treasurer position. I knew my goal on the board was to further develop my skills and help make sure the Iowa Chapter is financially strong and help give our members the tools they'll need to succeed,

I am excited to have been elected to this position along with three newcomers for the other positions. We now have Skyler Brooksby as your Editor, Ashley Hardenbrook as your Education Chair, and Brian Lawson as your new Legislative/PAC. I can't wait to see all the new vision they will bring to Iowa UPMA. I've truly enjoyed being your editor, and I look forward to being your Sec/Tres, but to really make it successful, we need to hear from all of you! You have a voice and you can give advice, ask questions, or just be a mentor to someone. Speak out and help UPMA grow for the better.

Special occasions for a couple of proud Postmasters. Deb Droz receiving her 30 years of service on April 13th and then retiring April 30th. Darcie Renze received her 30 years of service on May 14th. What a great accomplishment! Congratulations to these ladies!



Iowa UMPA VP Legislative / PAC

Hello



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I just wanted to introduce myself to any of you who do not know who I am. My name is Brian Lawson and am your newly elected Vice President-Legislative/ PAC.

A little bio of myself- I started my government career when I was 20 and joined the United States Marine Corps, where I honorable served for 4 years of active duty. I started my postal career in 2006 in Temecula, California, as a PTF SSDA clerk. In 2011, I transferred to Plainfield, Indiana as a PTF city carrier. In 2015, I again transferred states. This time to Ames, Iowa, as a full time city carrier. In 2017 I started transitioning to management when I started a stint as a 204B supervisor. I was promoted to a full time supervisor in Ames, Iowa in 2018. In 2019 I got my first Postmaster job, level 20, in Boone, Iowa. In 2025, I got my second postmaster job, level 22, in Ames, Iowa, where I am currently. I hit my 20 year mark with the postal service on May 13th, 2026. Family- I have a beautiful wife, Rachel, 26 years of happy marriage. 5 kids, Russell, Zoie, Josiah, Savannah, and Isaiah. Also, bonus daughter, Jayden. Isaiah graduates high school this year. Hoping to finally become an empty nester. I also am blessed to be a grandpa of 7 grandkids, Karma, Henry, Elisiah, Harlow, Deliah, Hudson and Winston.

As your newley elected Legislative chair, I would like everyone to know that I will do my best to be a voice for all Iowa UPMA members on Capitol Hill and locally. I would like to encourage everyone to not be afraid to contact your members of congress and the Senate to let them know what is important to you and your fellow postal employees. If you have a topic you would like me to discuss with our represenatives, please let me know. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity.



Jeff Arment giving Mr. Lincoln.s a drink after their busy night. Mural at the Osborne Legacy Complex, and a mural in the State Capitol .



Iowa UPMA Retiree President

2026 Tri-State convention is now history! If you weren't there, you missed a good time! At our Retiree business meeting, Jeff Arment was elected as our new Retiree Secretary effective July 1st, replacing Lisa Eittreim, who has served the past 4 years. Thank you Lisa for the fine job you have done! Also 3 newcomers were elected to serve on our Iowa Board. Welcome Ashley, Brian, and Skylar for stepping up and being willing to serve! I look forward to working with you! Also it was decided the 2027 State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Cedar Falls, April 23-25. This is where the 2022 State Convention was held, so hope to see a good number of you there!

IN MEMORY(from the State Convention, not previously mentioned)

Eugene Boroff, Postmaster Retired Glenwood, who died April 25, 2025

Carol Alleman, Postmaster Retired Slater, who died July 2, 2025

Mary Lee Vogt, Postmaster Retired Urbana, who died August 12, 2025

Barbara Beeding, Postmaster Retired Oakville, who died October 23, 2025

Marilyn Hill, Postmaster Retired McCallsburg, who died November 18, 2025

Dona Matthiesen, Postmaster Retired Wadena, who died February 12, 2026

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Sarah Morse, Postmaster Retired Maquoketa, who died April 25, 2026

John Roberts, Postmaster Retired Royal, who died April 28, 2026

Another project I have been tasked with is updating email addresses for Iowa members that do not have an email address on file with the UPMA National Office. I hate to admit, but in this electronic age, more and more communication is done by email. Therefore if the national office doesn't have an address for you, you are missing out on valuable information that you as a member should be receiving as one of your membership benefits that you are paying dues for. So if your name is on this list, they do not have a current email address for you. So I am asking a simple favor of you that are listed, simply send me an email to mailman4699@yahoo.com with the subject line updated email address and be sure to put your name and email address in the body of the email. I will then forward this on to the UPMA National Office so you will receive future emails that contain valuable information. THANK YOU so much for your help in doing this and maybe we can make Iowa number 1 with the cleanest email database in the country!

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Hello, my fellow UPMA members!

There are several things I want to touch on.

First off is the Tri-State Convention. We had a wonderful time, and a pretty good turnout of around 120. IA-NE-SD District brought some great speakers and answered a variety of questions. Mr. Sam Reed gave a motivational speech and engaged with everyone there. He was also open to any questions. We had a couple of speakers that presented information on LEG 1/ LEG 3, NDI, EAP and Safety. That was a great help for many of us. The managers were all for the question-and-answer time. Where everyone learned a little more about their managers.

We had a murder mystery that began with a find MR. Lincoln (in Lincoln) scavenger hunt. When you turned in your Lincoln you received an extra clue to who had done it. MPOO against MPOO. The retirees got there first. All had a good time and some of us got sidetracked, which was even better (I did not say we got lost or mis-directed).

Saturday morning, we had some training and UPMA National Officer Mr. James Maher had come to spend the weekend, and he took the time to speak with all of us about some national items and conducted a vote on some amendments to our bylaws. He was open to any questions or concerns and took some time to explain things to us. Thank you Jim.

Each State held elections for open positions on the board. In Iowa we had 3 positions that were up for election and the remainder of the Legislative/PAC position that will expire in April 2027. We had several candidates for these positions, and it was great to see so many that were interested in helping to shape the future of Iowa UPMA board. On the last page, please look at the new list of Iowa UPMA Board.

I also want to remind everyone to check their pay stubs for deductions. There was a change in the value of taxes deducted from your pay. You are in charge of your deductions, so you want to double check what is coming out of your check or you may be having to pay in.

There was a lot of focus on following the process. Please ensure that we all follow the processes. Do not deviate from the SWI. Think about it this way, if you take a short cut and the next person takes a short cut what might the effect be? It will be a trickle-down effect and it will impact our customers, employers, and employees. When we fail to follow the process could there be discipline? Was my shortcut worth it? Was I accountable for the integrity of the process? The answer to them all is— yes. Please make your process a success each time by leading with integrity.

The new Political processes. We have two that you must complete each morning, in two different sites and a final one at the end of the day. Watch your compliance items, focus big on your HR training and, WebBats Audits, PES. Check your FDB, to ensure all contact information is correct. Ensure that you have updated your contact information, your emergency contact information, as well as back up information.

On a lighter note:

Have you ever thought Imagine: it is a beautiful summer day, light breeze in the air, the sun is rising high in the sky, and it is a day meant to be on a beach to be carefree and time to soak up the sun. You are watching Moms, Dads, Grandparents or babysitters bring kids to the beach. You notice one mom bringing two kids, one goes running and jumps right in and plays and plays. The other one is practically drug out of the vehicle and sits on the blanket under an umbrella. Do you think to yourself, the poor kid is missing out -they must be shy or do you think to yourself - that kid is a watcher and the one in the water running around is a leader and or they are outgoing? Neither is wrong, because it is the perspective of the person watching. The kids at the beach with their mother are learning. They are learning what they like, what they want to experience, some are more cautious and this is how they grow into themselves. We as adults do the same thing.

We go to work, we listen, we sit quietly, we are watching and sometimes we must be drug out of our comfort zone to accomplish what our potential may be. The unknown potential is out there and at the Postal Service those learning lessons, those experiences and those accomplishments are there for the taking. Just learn at your pace and if you need some help reach out. I would be more than happy to drag you out of that comfort zone or help just by listening. We all need those perspectives. Each of us has our own way of looking at something and it takes all those perspectives to see a whole picture. Together we can.

Tri-State Retirees Enjoy Fieldtrips

Tri-state retirees were treated to a fun day of field trips on Friday at convention. In the morning, we walked from the hotel to Huskers Memorial Stadium and the Osborne Legacy Complex. Unfortunately, we were unable to go inside the stadium as it was being prepared for the Zach Bryan concert the next day. But we were fortunate to go inside the Osborne Legacy Complex, which serves as the headquarters for Nebraska Football operations. The complex includes a 200-seat auditorium and houses advanced training, recovery, and nutrition areas, along with a new academic center for all 22 Husker sports. It features a beautiful floating auditorium above all of the national championship trophies they have earned. We had a special bonus as backup quarterback, Daniel Kaelin, 12, stopped in and took a selfie with a few of the girls!

After lunch we headed out to tour the State Capitol Building downtown. What a treat that was. We had a wonderful, engaging tour guide who had been there over forty years, so she really knew her facts. It is a beautiful building filled with artwork in tiles telling the stories of the history of the state. We also saw a wedding, groups taking prom pictures and a senior picture session. The building and gardens are so lovely we could see why it would be such a popular destination for such events. It really was a treasure to see and we all enjoyed the art and architecture of the building, especially our visit to the Supreme Court Chamber. Thank you so much to the Nebraska retirees who planned such great activities for us!

Submitted by Lisa Eittreim, Iowa Retiree Secretary



Retirees enjoying their “free” time to tour parts of Lincoln. Jeff Arment being sworn in as the new Retiree Secretary and Jeff being awarded the Hall of Fame from Ellen Opperman.





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Postal History in Iowa

This year as we celebrate 200 years of history with the Postal Service, it is also a chance to look around at the history of our offices in Iowa. Most of us have taken pictures with Post Offices as we travel across the country from the smallest Post Office in the country, the one that is farthest south, and of course the Postal Museum in Washington DC.

I was lucky enough to be in Columbus Junction, IA which is one of the 36 offices in Iowa that have Post Office New Deal artwork in display. This particular fresco was completed in 1942 by Sante Graziani. It is such a piece of pride for the office, and complete information about the piece can be found in the office.

The murals were intended to boost the morale of the American people suffering from the effects of the Depression by depicting uplifting subjects the people knew and loved. Murals were commissioned through competitions open to all artists in the United States. Almost 850 artists were commissioned to paint 1,371, most of which were installed in post offices. 162 of the artists were women and three were African American.

The Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture funded most of the works of art between the years of 1934 – 1942. This department was later known as the Section of Fine Arts.

"Often mistaken for WPA art, post office murals were actually execute by artists working for the Sectino of Fine Arts, Commonly known as "the Section," it was established in 1934 and administered by the Procurement Division of the Treasury Depart. Headed by Edward Bruce, a former lawyer, businessman, and artist, the Section's main functino was to select art of high quality to decorate public buildings if the funding was available. By providing decoration in public buildings, the art was made accessible to all people." from "Articles from EnRoute: Off the Wall: New Deal Post Office Murals" by Patricia Raynor

I hope as you travel throughout the state, you will take the opportunity to stop in and visit the remarkable pieces of history in our own offices.

Location	Artist	Title	Date	Medium
Algona (now the Algona Public Library)	Francis Robert White	"Daily Bread"	1941	oil on canvas
Ames	Lowell Houser	"Evolution of Corn"	1938	oil on canvas
Audubon	Virginia Snedeker	"Audubon's Trip down the Ohio and Mississippi - 1820"	1942	oil on canvas
Bloomfield	John Sharp	"Autumn in Iowa"	1940	oil on canvas

Cedar Rapids, Courthouse	Francis R. White	“Community Service,” “Development of the West,” “Archeological Research,” and “Su- perstition and Science”	1937	tempera (funded by TRAP)
Clarion	Paul Faulk- ner	farm scene	1943	tempera
Columbus Junc- tion	Sante Gra- ziani	“Lovers’ Leap”	1942	fresco
Corning	Marion Gilmore	“Band Concert”	1941	egg tempera on gesso
Corydon	Marion Gilmore	“Volunteer Fire De- partment”	1942	mural
Cresco	Richard Haines	“Iowa Farming”	1937	oil on canvas
De Witt (now City Hall)	John V. Bloom	“Shucking Corn”	1938	oil on canvas
Dubuque	Bertrand R. Adams	“Early Settlers of Dubuque”	1937	oil on canvas
Dubuque	William E. L. Bunn	“Early Mississippi Steamboat”	1937	oil on canvas
Emmetsburg	Lee Allen	“Conservation of Wild Life”	1940	oil on canvas
Forest City	Orr C. Fisher	“Evening on the Farm”	1942	oil on canvas
Hamburg	William E. L. Bunn	“Peony Festival at Hamburg”	1941	mural (ex- tensive dam- age)
Harlan	Richard Gates	“The Farmer Feeding Industry”	1937	oil on canvas
Hawarden	John Sharp	“Hunters”	1942	oil on canvas
Ida Grove	Andrene J. Kauffman	“Preparation for the First County Fair in Ida Grove - 1872”	1940	oil on canvas
Independence	Robert Ta- bor	“Postman in Storm”	1938	oil on canvas
Jefferson	Tom Savage	“The New Calf”	1938	oil on canvas
Knoxville	Marvin Beer- bohn	“Pioneer Group at the Red Rock Line - 1845”	1941	oil on canvas
Leon	A. Criss Glasell	“Rural Free Delivery”	1938	tempera
Manchester	William E. Henning	“Iowa Farm Life”	1938	mural
Marion (now City Hall)	Dan Rhodes	“Communication by Mail”	1939	tempera
Missouri Valley	Francis Rob- ert White	“Iowa Fair”	1938	tempera
Monticello	William C. Palmer	“Iowa Landscape”	1941	oil on canvas
Mount Ayr	Orr C. Fisher	“The Corn Parade”	1941	oil on canvas
Mount Pleasant	Dorothea Tomlinson	“Mount Pleasant in the Forties”	1939	oil on canvas
New Hampton	Tom Savage	“Breaking the Colt”	1939	oil on canvas
Onowa	Lee Allen	“Soil Erosion and Con- trol”	1938	oil on canvas

Osceola	Byron B. Boyd	"Arrival of the First Train"	1936	oil on canvas
Pella	Byron B. Boyd	"Hollanders Settle in Pella"	1938	tempera
Rockwell City	John Sharp	"Summer"	1941	oil on canvas
Sigourney	Richard Olsen	"Indian Harvest"	1940	oil on canvas
Storm Lake	(moved to Public Library) Dan Rhodes	"Storm Lake"	1937	oil on canvas
Tipton	John V. Bloom	"Cattle"	1940	oil on canvas
Waterloo (now Public Library)	Edgar Britton	Exposition" and "Holiday"	1940	fresco
Waverly	Mildred Pelzer Lynch	"Letter from Home in 1856"	1938	oil on canvas

Source:
Democratic Vistas: Post Offices and Public Art in the New Deal
 by Marlene Park & Gerald E. Markowitz

Other history that is available for Postal history can be found in Morning Sun, Iowa. This small town in Southeast Iowa celebrates the establishment of rural free mail delivery. In 1896 this location became one of 20 test sites across the United States to begin rural mail delivery. Three horse-mounted routes were established out of Morning Sun snaking up to 22 miles long.

The museum is only open by appointment at 19 S Main St.

On the western side of the state, the Nishna Heritage Museum in Oakland, Iowa has part of the Oakland's Main Street post office in display. According to former Postmaster, CC Morris, Dr Minor Palmer operated the post office out of his grocery/drugstore. Former Postmaster George Read was killed by the kick of a horse and Postmaster Alvin Eck stole \$2000 of postal funds in 1882. There is always a story at the Post Office throughout history. I am very glad that I did not have to do that accident report!!

And as we educate the future postal workers, it is definitely worth a stop at the Iowa City Children's Museum Post Office in City Works. Here, young hands are able to sort letters, deliver packages, weigh packages and practice communication skills in their different roles. Life skills that can never be learned too early.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Droz, Retired Postmaster

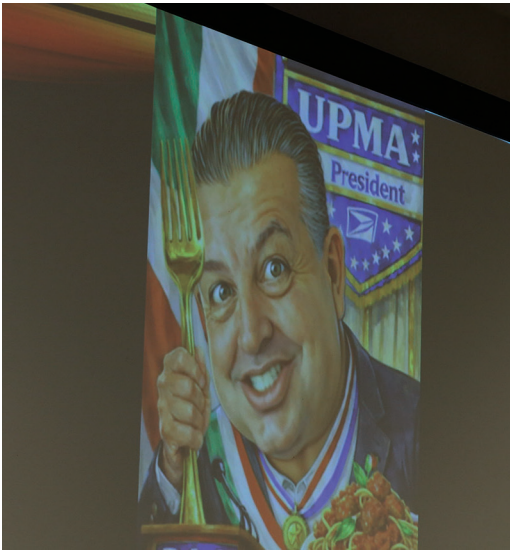
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USPS 2026 IA-NE-SD CAREER CONFERENCE

LET UPMA INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Sunday, July 25, 2026

UPMA is once again investing in our member's careers.

All members are eligible to have their Career Conference Registration reimbursed. UPMA Members attend for FREE!

Saturday, July 25, 2026

8:00AM – 3:30PM

Des Moines Area Community
College

600 N. 2nd Ave. W

Newton, IA 50206

(just 30 short minutes east of
Des Moines)

Use QR code below to register

Core Sessions: InterviewTip

- Navigating eCareer & KSA's
- Developing Your Career
- Accelerated SelfDevelopment
- Spotlight-Not Interviewed or Selected
Now What?
- What to Expect from the Supervisor
Role
- Effectively Developing Your Team
- Building a Positive Workplace Culture
- Networking byOrganization
- Speed Networking

The Headquarters keynote speaker is Isaac Cronkhite, Chief Processing and Distribution Officer and Executive Vice President.

Cost: \$30 Early Bird pricing available through July 10th. \$40 Regular pricing starts July 11th.



Come join us Friday Night from 5-9 PM at
Sunset Park Shelter @ 110 N 6th Ave E
Newton IA



Visit the UPMA Table at the event for your registration reimbursement form.

UPMA 10TH ANNUAL
**NATIONAL
 CONVENTION**
 AUGUST 1-7, 2026 • PUERTO RICO

One form per registrant.
 Form can be used only for
 check payment. Credit
 card payments must be
 processed online.

CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Badge Name (if different from first name) _____ Chapter _____
 Post office you represent - City _____ State _____
 Your mailing address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell phone _____ Email _____

F E E S

2026 National Convention Registration Rates	August 9, 2025 - August 15, 2025	August 16, 2025 - March 31, 2026	April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026	After June 30, 2026
Postmaster, Manager, Supervisor or EAS Professional	\$200	\$220	\$252	\$300
UPMA Retired, Auxillary, Associate or Guest	\$150	\$155	\$189	\$225
Children 17 and under <i>This rate includes child's meal at the Banquet.</i>	\$100	\$110	\$126	\$150

Select your title:

- ☐ Postmaster ☐ Manager ☐ Supervisor ☐ EAS Professional
☐ UPMA Retired ☐ Auxillary ☐ Associate ☐ Guest ☐ Child

If you are attending as a guest, who are you joining? _____

Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions? _____

- ☐ I am a First Timer ☐ I am a UPMA Retired First Timer

Note: Active 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.

CHECK PAYMENT

Payment Information

Convention Fee: _____

Check payable to UPMA Check # _____

Signature _____

By signing this form:

- 1) I understand that I am responsible for booking my hotel room and managing my reservation.
- 2) I have read and understand the registration cancellation policies. Cancellation Policy: Cancellation requests must be submitted via email to UPMA@crispevents.me. Requests received on or before July 13, 2026 will be assessed a \$50 cancellation fee per person. Cancellations received on or after July 14, 2026, will not receive a refund. Tickets for cancelled registrants are not available for use by other registrants. Registration transfers (name changes) are not permitted.

RESERVATIONS

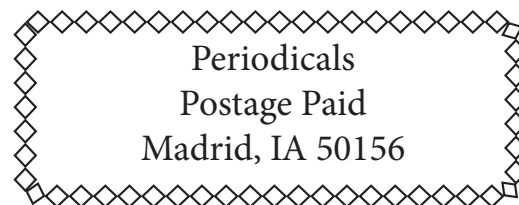
**Hotel reservation are open! Details regarding available room types at the El Conquistador Resort are available on the UPMA Website.
 Select National Events from the Events drop-down menu**

The UPMA room rate is \$219/night. In addition to the room rate, the following fees will be assessed.

- Daily housekeeping fee of \$3/day plus taxes (total fee \$3.35 per day);
- One time bellman fee of \$10/person (total fee \$11.15 per person);
- Daily resort fee of \$35/day plus taxes (total fee \$38.15 per day)

UPMA rates are available until July 10, 2026 or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first. The group rate is offered 5 days before and 3 days after the event dates based on availability. To reserve extended dates, book your room for the event dates in the UPMA block first, then contact the El Conquistador Resort reservations department (reservations@elconresort.com) to request your extended dates.

Darcie Renze
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Article Due Dates

July/August: July 8th

September/October: Sept. 12th

Please remember that all members are welcome to submit articles. All content is subject to the approval of the Editor & State President.

Submit to: upmaiaeditor@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

CMR 101
Chicago, IL
June 27, 2026

2026 July Board Meeting
Ames Post Office
July 11, 2026
10:00 am

IA-NE-SD Career Conference
July 24-25, 2026
Friday Evening Get-to-gether 110 N 6th Ave E
Meeting at 600 N 2nd Ave West
Newton, IA

UPMA 10th National Convention
August 1 -7, 2026
Las Croabas, PR

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