

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

January 2013

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

For those of you making plans for the year:

- Feb. 9 is the National Rap Session in Las Vegas,
- March 2 & 3 is the Region 5 Rap Session in Kansas City,
- May 5 – 7 is the Iowa State Convention in Altoona,
- Oct. 20 – 22 is Iowa Fall Training session in Coralville...

and January 31st is the deadline for the Joe Miller scholarship application for children of Iowa letter carriers who are graduating from high school in 2013.

The latest news of course is our new contract handed down by an arbitration panel. Looks like a good package, especially when you consider the political and economic environment faced by our national officers during negotiations. Retaining COLA's, modest wage increases and a path to career status for our current TE's (and future CCA's) - while reducing the threat of contracting out letter carrier work. If your TE's are not part of the union, now is the time to let them know what the union is doing for them and convince them that they should be a part of it.

For those of you who are e-activists: please don't forget the most important part of being in this group. When you get the alert, make the phone call or send the email to your Senator or Representative. Let them know why the passage or rejection of the bill at hand is important to you as a voter in their district. If you don't share the information and let your views be known, it doesn't do you or any of us any good. If they don't hear from us they think it's not important to us or that we don't care how they "fix" the problems facing the Postal Service. 5 day delivery is NOT the way to a financially stable Postal Service. Pre-funding 75 years worth of retiree health benefits in 10 years is not a burden we should be saddled with. No other agency or company does this. It would force them into bankruptcy in short order.

Check www.nalc.org for the latest legislative updates and stay informed.

Don't forget to make your donation to COLCPE. Rest assured we do need everyone to pitch in.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach

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