

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The Feb. 28 deadline for the Joseph Miller Scholarship application is fast approaching - if you have a son or daughter who will graduate from high school this spring please take advantage of this opportunity.

Last month I spent several days with Meredith Place, NALC's Regional Field Coordinator, talking to Iowa's CDL's and several branch presidents. We discussed ways we could increase our political presence and impact. There is a good framework in Iowa to build on and we need many more carriers involved to ensure success. Our political plan will continue to evolve and improve – don't be afraid to offer your opinions!

While Congress included the continuation of 6 day delivery in the latest spending bill, S 1486 just came out of committee and has provisions to put an end to 6 day delivery. Some of our friends voted for this bill – we need to be vigilant so that it does not get passed in the Senate in its present form.

One of the amendments to this bill called for all union contracts to be renegotiated, but banned no layoff clauses and negotiating over wages. Thankfully it was not included, but there are many other provisions included that are unacceptable. Watch for updates via [eActivist](#) messages. Talk to your fellow letter carriers and friends so that they are aware of the harm that could come to the Postal Service and your job. There are many carriers with a long way to go until retirement that are depending on a financially viable employer. S 1486 would cause our employer to fail. Check out www.nalc.org for details.

Hope to see many of you March 1 & 2 in Kansas City – and again May 4-6 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona for our Iowa Spring Training.

Changes are coming – stay informed.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach

President

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