



REGION 5 NBA REPORT



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National Business Agent's Report

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The Regional Rap Session which just concluded was a tremendous success despite Mother Nature and all her elements. This event is built around the membership, strictly for their education and enjoyment. An event of this size cannot be put on without numerous helpers and others just saying what can I do to help, or do you need anything? I have had the pleasure to be in this office for twenty four years, twenty as a Regional Administrative Assistant working with four National Business Agents and four years as your NBA. This year was one of the most rewarding for me with all the help and support that this office received from the membership. I want to express my deepest thanks to a few of the ones that gave up their time to support the Region and this office.

First and foremost I want to thank our National President Fred Rolando for taking time out of his busy schedule for our Region. Fred has been to our last three Rap sessions and I cannot thank him enough. We also owe a debt of gratitude to your RAA's, Mike Birkett and Mark Sims. They constantly were answering questions and helped with the logistics of such an event. Both put numerous hours into making this Rap an educational event for everyone. Charlie Sexton for stepping in and doing the Stewards training while answering questions on residual vacancies. David & Jan Davis for helping out with the hotel contract and getting the training and reception rooms ready for each event. Rod Holub for keeping all the audio visual equipment set up for the various events. The Missouri State officers headed by Kevin Boyer in their help at registration, NBA reception and the pull tabs. Dave Stewart and Gail Wade who generously gave up their time while taking care of the raffle. A special thanks to my own Branch #30, David Teegarden and Melvin Moore for being the host branch. Everyone appreciated Melvin Moore for acquiring the services of the D.J., Ben, for the reception on Saturday night. I want to thank those who brought door prizes for the reception and especially Karen Tompkins from Columbia, Missouri. I would like to say a big thanks to Gary & Anita Franklin of Independence, Missouri for being there for transportation issues and helping with the gifts. From Iowa, our own Regional Field Coordinator, Meredith Place for giving us an update on the current situation in Washington. I also want to thank our Leadership graduates who helped with the handouts and training. Chris Grunke & Chuck Walls from Omaha, Nebraska, Larissa Parde, from Lincoln, Nebraska and Tom Bolen from Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Last but not least I want to give an honorable mention to Field Secretary Cheryl Stout for

putting up with all the commotion within the office and for putting the bags together for the members. Most of all I want to thank all of you who made this Rap session a very successful event and one that will be remembered.

Politics, Post Office and CCA's—what's the connection? Despite the efforts of a lot of letter carriers, Senate Bill 1486 (S.1486) recently was voted out of Committee and may well become law. To be clear, under its present form NALC does NOT support this bill but the bill does for the time being preserve Six-Day Delivery. With this preservation the Postal Service has effectively been halted from continuing its Area Mail Processing plans and most of the proposed plant closures will be put on hold. We have received notice that some have already been canceled. Since most of the withholding's which has prevented the conversion of PTFs and CCAs to Full-Time status, are likely going to be lifted we anticipate seeing even more movement promoting and converting our PTF and CCA members. This office is monitoring the cancellation of the AMP events as we work to implement the provisions of M-01824 and hope to see many more promotions and conversions in the near future. For those who are losing hope, don't give up—this may be the light at the end of the tunnel. It was refreshing to see two newly converted regulars from Jefferson City, Missouri sitting in the front row at our recently concluded Rap session.

Region 5 Dates to Remember: Kansas State Training will be held April 25-26, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, 549 S. Rock Rd., Wichita, KS. Nebraska State Training will be held April 26-27, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Express, 3615 Cimarron Plaza, Hastings, NE. Iowa State Training will be held May 5-7, 2014 at the Prairie Meadows Hotel & Casino, 1 Prairie Meadows Dr., Altoona, IA. Missouri State Convention will be held June 7-8, 2014 at Tan-Tar-A Resort and Conference Center, 494 Tantara Dr., Osage Beach, MO.
NALC Dates to Remember: 22nd Annual Food Drive, May 10, 2014. 69th Biennial Convention, July 21-25, 2014, Philadelphia, PA

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Michelle Vaske of Branch 5, Omaha, Nebraska on Michelle's tragic and untimely passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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