



REGION 5 NBA REPORT



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National Business Agent's Report

NALC Region 5

We have just returned from the 2014 National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. This was my last National Convention that I will attend as your National Business Agent. Preparing for the National and getting our sections set up was not an easy task but it was completed with the hard work of your RAA's, Mike Birkett, Mark Sims and Field Secretary Cheryl Stout. For those leadership graduates and local business agents who have had the opportunity to work in the Regional office, they are aware that at times I can be quite demanding and I can complain. But through the good times and the bad we have always accomplished what our goals were for the Region. I will miss the camaraderie and chemistry within this office in 2015 and beyond.

I was fortunate and honored to be able to represent the Region on numerous awards given out to local Branches. Thanks to the hard work by Mike Birkett on an e-activist network, we were able to be presented with two prestigious awards. Kansas City, Missouri, Branch 30 won top honors for branches with 1,000 to 1,999 members at a amazing 33% e-Activist. Then out of 15 Regions, our Region won the Regional e-Activist award at 27%. Both of these awards were humbly received and appreciated. Mike Birkett and I accepted the Regional award while Branch 30 President, David Teegarden and I accepted the Branch award.

Not to be outdone, there were other Branches that received recognition and awards. Under Branch Publications, First Place, The Viewpoint, Kansas City, Missouri Branch #30 Promoting Unionism, by David Teegarden.

First Place: The Mountaineer, Springfield, Missouri Branch 203. "Editor's opinion" by Warren Cooke. This was accepted by RAA and Branch 203 member Mark Sims and I.

Honorable Mention: Mound City Carrier, St. Louis, Mo, Branch 343. Best cartoon or photo.
Honorable Mention: Mound City Carrier, St. Louis, Mo, Branch 343. General Excellence.

MDA Region 5 winner was Jefferson City, Missouri Branch 127, raised \$5,289.00. The award category was for Branches 50 – 99 members. Jefferson City President, Pat Baker and I accepted this award.

All in all this was a very successful and rewarding convention for our Region. I congratulate all the members who were in attendance in Philadelphia.

The personal highlight for me was on Thursday night at the Retiree's Dinner where Region 5 members Jane Broendel and I were honored and roasted at the dinner. With my wife, friends and Jane's family looking on, we celebrated the many years we gave to the NALC, locally and nationally. Silvia and I thank all those who attended and helped us celebrate this occasion.

A special thanks to Region 7 NBA Chris Wittenburg for being the one who roasted your NBA. As a sympathetic friend he took it easy on me except for the Milk and Cookies statement.

(CCA Retirement Savings Plan):

The NALC Mutual Benefit Association is now offering a CCA Retirement Savings Plan. This plan is open to all CCA's who are members of the NALC.

CCA's should take advantage of this opportunity. The MBA is dependable, has low overhead and the NALC stands behind every policy written. CCA's will also enjoy a high rate of return, a guaranteed minimum interest rate while enjoying tax advantages.

CCA's can; choose how they want to contribute (payroll deduction or lump sum deposits); choose between a Roth or Traditional IRA; choose to receive their annuity and even make early cash withdrawals.

When CCA's are converted to career, they can join the Thrift Savings Plan and will have the option to transfer their funds from the MBA without a surrender charge.

For more information, contact your MBA representative, local branch office, or MBA's headquarters office (800.424.5184 – Tuesday & Thursday 8-3:30 ET).

(Hero Corner):

Larry Warren, Branch 763, Columbia, Mo, reported a gas leak to a gas company employee that likely prevented a possible accident to a home that no one was at home on his route

Ms. Ann Leonard, Branch 763, Columbia, Mo prevented a possible house fire when she notified a mentally challenged woman that smoke was coming from her house. The woman had accidentally left the stove on and went outside.

During the normal course of the day, this is what we do.

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