

## ***Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers***



### ***President's Report***

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Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

New Year's resolutions anyone?

Resolve to stay informed – sign up for [eActivist](#) messages if you haven't already done so. Talk to your fellow carriers about the issues we face. We will have a new Congress in January. The postal related bills from the last 2 years did not pass and must be re-introduced and debated again. We have some new members of Congress from Iowa that we must reach out to and inform about the economic consequences of a Postal Service that is being crippled by current law.

Resolve to get involved. Go to your union meeting. Maybe there's an opportunity to volunteer to help your local in some way. Write a letter or make a phone call – you can help all letter carriers when you ask your representative or senator to back beneficial postal reform.

Resolve to support your fellow letter carriers; you might be the one who needs some support one day. What do the officers and stewards need from you? What do the letter carriers working next to you need from you? Stick together – it's your union, together we'll make it strong – or weak.

Resolve to give – to [COLCPE](#) – so that our voice will be heard. Our legislative department has a tough job ahead of them, we need to give them the tools they need to work on our behalf.

Resolve to eliminate apathy. If you don't care, who will? The people who want to privatize the postal service, take your benefits and reduce your pay are waiting to pounce when they see an apathetic response to their proposals. They care – about themselves, not us.

Get involved and bring someone along with you.  
WE have some work to do.

In Unionism,

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