



# Region 5 NBA Report



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National Business Agent's Report

NALC Region 5

**Negotiations** – Our first full week of negotiations with the Postal Service took place March 21 – 25, 2016. Since that time, the parties have continued to discuss issues both in person and by telecom. While I cannot divulge any proposals by either party, you will be glad to know that the NALC was fully prepared and is hopeful that we will be able to negotiate a contract that rewards Letter Carriers for their hard work and contributions, while still maintaining a viable and vibrant Postal Service.

**Food Drive** – All locals must have their results mailed in to the Letter Carriers' national headquarters in Washington, DC, by the end of May. Typically, the tabulated results are expected to be revealed the first week of June, and they will be posted here as well as on Facebook and Twitter. Branch Presidents, I've attached a copy of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive Results form for your convenience. Please make a copy of your completed form and send it to our office at: 2029 Woodland Parkway, Suite 101, St. Louis, MO., 63146.

**FSS** – The Postal Service has recently announced the expansion of FSS in a few sites around the country. Here in Region 5, FSS will be expanding into the 640\_\_ zip code area (Independence, MO) and approximately 53 routes. President of Branch #30 Melvin Moore and VP Curtis Walker have been made aware of the expansion while stewards should familiarize themselves with previous Step 4 Agreements, M-1643 & M-1831.

**PERF** – The Postal Employees Relief Fund was established in 1990 to help carriers, clerks and other active and retired postal workers to rebuild after natural disasters. Homeowners are eligible for grants of \$3,000; homeowners or renters displaced by severe damage but who will eventually return to their homes, can receive \$2000. Non-career and retired employees are eligible for half these amounts. To donate, mail a check to PERF at P.O. Box 7630, Woodridge, VA 22195, donate through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #10268) or by credit card online at its website at: [www.postalrelief.com](http://www.postalrelief.com)

**National Convention Delegates/Deadlines** – Delegate eligibility lists for the upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> biennial national convention have been mailed to all branches. The lists must be completed and returned to Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine’s office at NALC Headquarters no later than June 15 for branch representatives to be registered as delegates. By June 15<sup>th</sup>, proposed amendments to the NALC Constitution must be submitted and received by Rhine’s office for consideration at the convention. June 15<sup>th</sup> is also the day Resolutions should be received by Rhine’s office in order to be printed in time for the convention. Note – At past conventions, branch presidents or officers have been able to register their entire slate of delegates. This will no longer be the case. Each delegate must register this year in person. Be prepared for some longer lines and a little more time than in the past.

**Lastly** – The NALC, Region 5, the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers, and Branch #69 in Sioux City, Iowa, lost a true trade unionist who worked tirelessly for Labor and Working Families. Tim Skidmore, the longtime Secretary of the ISALC passed away on April 9, 2016 after a short illness. Personally, I was blessed to call Skiddy a friend for the past 25 years. He was an original Union Management Pairs team member (now DRP) and advocated on behalf of Letter Carriers throughout his career, lately representing them in the City Delivery Route Alternative Adjustment Process (CDRAAP). He was always there for Letter Carriers, his friends, and family. Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Skidmore family from the Letter Carriers in Region 5. RIP Skiddy.

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