

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

The contract expiration deadline has come and gone without an agreement – but the two sides are still talking. So maybe that's a sign that we can at least have a dialogue with the new PMG. We hardly need a long drawn out battle that gets us nowhere.

The nominating process is drawing to a close. This year's election season promises to be not only contentious but uglier than ever. Iowa will once again be in the swing state category so we will be bombarded with ads and phone calls about the presidential campaign.

There is also a Senate seat up for grabs in Iowa, and the House races in the first and third districts will likely be close races. All point to numerous TV ads, phone calls, mailings and knocks at your door.

You can avoid some of the phone calls, slick mailers and door knocks.

How? Vote early and vote often. Oh wait – that's Chicago. But, you can vote early in Iowa, as early as September 29. When the various campaigns and special interest groups see that you have voted they tend to take you off the lists used to call and mail. You also support the Postal Service when voting by mail.

The other thing you can do this election cycle is to support candidates who support us as letter carriers. First you can vote for our endorsed candidates and - you know where I'm going with this - LCPF. If you're not signed up to be a regular contributor, now is the time to do so. Go to www.nalc.org and click on "Contribute to our PAC" to sign up.

Watch the dogs and watch the heat and have a safe summer.

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