

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Sisters & Brothers,

There are several conventions of interest approaching.

Our national convention is less than a month away. It is inspiring to attend a national convention, to be in a room with about 8000 other letter carriers who will decide the direction this union takes. It's also a great opportunity to soak up a little knowledge. Click on <https://www.nalc.org/news/the-postal-record/2016/july-2016> and then the "Convention" tab to scroll down to a description of the classes that will be offered.

Maybe there will be an announcement of a new contract? At least the negotiations are continuing.

The presidential nominating conventions are in progress – quite a show. This year will show us if the office of the President can be bought. Then the election season will come down on us hard. Be prepared to deliver the extra mail – and deliver the vote.

For those of you who have not signed up as an e-activist, try this link:

<https://www.nalc.org/government-affairs/legislative-updates> for some news. The House has passed a spending bill that includes maintaining six-day delivery. While this is good news, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2016 is being discussed in the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. There are some provisions in this bill that would be detrimental to the Postal Service if passed in its current form. Hopefully the Committee will give consideration to removing the language that would allow the postal service to identify business deliveries to convert from door delivery to centralized delivery instead. There are several provisions that would weaken the Postal Service.

And if you have not signed up to be an e-activist, why not do so? Stay informed about issues affecting your job, your future.

The summer heat is here, sometimes causing tempers to flare and carriers to become careless with their own safety. Stay hydrated, don't become a victim of heat stress just to make someone's goal. Your job includes taking care of your personal safety.

Don't forget the MDA golf tournament, details and entry form can be found at iowalettercarriers.org

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