

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



### *President's Report* November 2017

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Fall training was presented at the Coralville Radisson October 15th 16th and 17th. Special guest was NALC Executive Vice President Brian Renfro. Sunday's training by the University of Iowa's Labor Center reviewed the gutting of Iowa's public-sector workers in the last legislative session.

The purpose of this presentation was to inform and prepare our members in our battle to preserve our contract, and our jobs. As disheartening and depressing as this presentation was, it was an eye-opener for our members to observe how easily the process to eliminate our contract can be.

Monday Executive Vice President Brian Renfro, and legislative and political organizer Brent Fjerestad doubled down with their information on the proposed White House budget and the effects it would have on federal employees. Our members responded with 12 new contributors to [LCPE](#), and 8 branches reaching out for information to sign members up.

It was encouraging to see all the new faces at training, and to witness the understanding of the necessity to educate our legislators on postal issues. I pray that the enthusiasm and excitement that is experienced at training is carried home and distributed to our members.

If we, as leaders, do not share and implement what we learn, training is useless. Know the issues, and be ready to respond when called upon. With that being said, I will be

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traveling to Washington DC at the end of this month to work on Iowa's political plan for 2018. I look forward to the opportunity to help develop and execute this plan. We will all need to work together to be successful.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, I would like to thank our veterans for their service. We have a tendency to take our Liberty for granted. It doesn't come without sacrifice. I also pray that you all have a safe and trouble-free Thanksgiving.

In solidarity,

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