

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



### *President's Report*

February 2018

Greetings Brothers, and Sisters,

The motto frequently associated with the USPS, *"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stops these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"* is NOT our official motto. The phrase is a translation by Professor George Herbert Palmer, Harvard University, of a Greek work of Herodotus describing the courier service of the ancient Persian Empire. Although it isn't our motto, it could be used to describe the effort we put forth on a daily basis, to serve those customers we so greatly appreciate. It can also be used to describe the effort put forth by your Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers Executive Board, as they attended the February 5<sup>th</sup> Caucuses in inclement weather, to serve you, it's members. Seven of ten Board members were elected as delegates to the March 24<sup>th</sup> County Conventions. The members elected were Eddie Lofland, Jim Beach, Tom Kinn, Keith Brown, Mark Fallis, Joe Miller, and myself. We will be presenting a labor, and postal platform as the process moves forward. If other letter carriers were elected, please let me know, so that I may make your efforts known.

I have been asked to provide a list of Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF) Coordinators for each branch in Iowa. If I do not have that information on file, I will default to the Branch President. If anyone is having difficulty signing up for a contribution to LCPF, contact me for help. 2018 will be a repeat of 2017 as we continue to fight off legislation in D.C. designed to take away benefits, and retirement security of current, and future Federal employees. Also, everyone should make sure that they are registered to vote, and when the time comes exercise that right. We have an opportunity in the June primaries to place our candidates in position to work for us here in Iowa. Our gubernatorial endorsed candidate, Senator Nate Boulton has been named the Democratic top runner for governor by the Des Moines Register. Stay informed and engaged.

Deadline for registration to Spring Training is approaching. Please get them to us by March 29<sup>th</sup>, so that we can complete our planning for materials, and meals. All information can be found on the Iowa State Association website. Feel free to contact me for suggestions, or requests for topics you would like to see placed on the training agenda.

In solidarity,

Herb Copley, President  
Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO  
[www.iowallettercarriers.org](http://www.iowallettercarriers.org)