

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers, and Sisters,

Congratulations to Stephanie Stewart, Region 5 RAA, and Central Iowa Merged Branch 352 member, on her appointment to the position of director of the NALC Health Benefit Plan! We are excited for Stephanie, as she continues to use her talents in the service to our members. We wish her continued success in her new position.

Our endorsed gubernatorial candidate, Senator Nate Boulton suspended his campaign before the June 5th primary election, due to allegations of sexual misconduct. The Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers believes in dignity, and respect to all, and supports his decision. Following the primary results, our goal will continue to be getting pro-worker candidates elected at the state and federal level. Democratic candidates victorious in the primary for U.S. Representatives were Abby Finkenauer 1st District, Cindy Axne 3rd District, and J.D. Sholten in the 4th District.

I recently had a troubling conversation with one of my members about signing up for the [Letter Carrier Political Fund](#). The conversation was focused on the White House Task Force on the Postal Service, and all of the possible scenarios that would adversely affect letter carriers, and our jobs. After having had this conversation, I have come to the conclusion that those that are not supporting LCPF can be categorized in one of three ways: 1. Ignorance 2. Apathy, or 3. Laziness. Ignorance can be addressed through facts, and the issues that have been put in our path. Even laziness can be circumvented by providing the easiest access possible to enroll in the program. We can sign them up online or provide all the tools to hand feed them through the process. Apathy however is unique because it is basically the feeling of not feeling. It can be recognized as an attitude of indifference, unconcern, unresponsiveness, and detachment. Members don't care enough, and don't care that they don't care. See the problem? They eventually don't care into the unemployment line and help put their co-workers right there next to them. Stay focused on the issues. We need good legislation, and representatives to back it. Respond when requested to do so. Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.

In unionism,

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