

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



*President's Report*  
September 2018

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As Fall approaches I look forward to our Fall training in Coralville October 14th 15th and 16th. As always it is a time to learn and reconnect with those we haven't seen for a while. It looks to be a very full agenda with intensive Steward training provided. Come prepared to learn, and to participate.

As elections approach let's make sure that everyone is registered to vote and that everyone is requesting an absentee ballot. But most importantly make sure you vote! Elections have consequences. As we look at all the challenges we face in the Postal Service we know that ultimately the fate of the post office is in our hands. We need to continue to educate our members about the issues we face and the tools we have to respond. We also must use our membership to educate Congress and Inspire public support for our issues.

This is our opportunity to elect those candidates that support our issues. And one of those issues is Vote at Home, where ballots are directly mailed to each registered voter. As we inch closer to a coalition with Iowa's County auditors to promote this program, I urge letter carriers in county seats to reach out to their County auditors and offer assistance. There is a need to make sure that ballots are received on Election Day, and that there are legible postmarks on each one. Let's all work together on this.

Your state board plans to work with the district to help run a smooth election. Our goal is to join other states like Washington Oregon and Colorado in all vote-by-mail elections. We will be looking for opportunities to introduce postal legislation here in Iowa.

My most recent information on the letter carrier political fund contributions shows Iowa in second place by .24 percentage points. Everybody sign up one new member, and we take first place! See you in Coralville.

In Solidarity,

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