

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



### *President's Report* November 2018

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We are finally past the elections, and Iowa now has three of its four districts being represented by Democratic Representatives. Dave Loeb sack was re-elected to represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Abby Finkenauer defeated Rod Blum in the 1<sup>st</sup> District, and Cindy Axne defeated incumbent David Young in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. Watching the poll results come in on Tuesday night, I thought that J.D. Scholten was going to pull off a major upset over Steve King, but it was not to be. Our membership here in Iowa should have an easier time convincing these newly elected House Representatives of the need for Postal Reform Legislation. We look forward to the opportunity to engage these individuals with our issues.

In Iowa we fought hard to get our NALC members released to work these highly competitive District races and were successful in having two individuals released in District 1. Tom Reisdorf, and Jack Williams, both members of Dubuque's Branch 257, did an outstanding job of getting the vote out to labor families, and helping to get Abby Finkenauer elected. Because of concerns over the Hatch Act, retired members like Jack, and Tom were used across the country in this election. Take the time to thank them when the opportunity arises. Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers State Liaison, Mark Fallis, retired member of Branch 352 was not released by National, but also did an outstanding job working the election in District 3.

We had a great participation at the annual Fall Training in Coralville, with National Vice President Lew Drass, as our honored guest. Once again, the NBA's staff put together a terrific training agenda, as we returned to basics with an intense steward specific training. We also covered many other issues concerning the 2018 elections, NALC legislative goals, Letter Carrier Political Fund (15 new members enrolled), Vote at Home here in Iowa, and continued attacks on Iowa's labor organizations. Although Iowa now has a majority of labor friendly democrats heading to D.C., the state level of government is expected to continue its attacks on labor. We all must be ready to assist our Brother and Sister unions when called upon.

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Information on the state convention in Council Bluffs is on the state website. Stay tuned for application information for the Joe Miller Scholarship for 2019, and make sure to send us the names of deceased members, so that they can be recognized at our memorial service at convention. Request forms for Hall of Fame candidates timely, so that the Executive Board has time to review them at the February Rap Session. Remember, if you nominate, there will be a required biography when installed.

Take the time to thank a veteran for their service on Veteran's Day. The freedoms we enjoy were not given to us but earned through the sacrifice of many. I pray that you all have a safe, and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. I'll finish by quoting a sign I recently saw, "*Be the person that your dog thinks you are!*". Love you all.

In Solidarity,

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