

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



### *President's Report*

February 2019

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Now that we have survived the infamous Polar Vortex of 2019, highlighted by the suspension of delivery service in many northern states, it is time to continue our affront with Congress. The NALC's priority resolutions have been introduced in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. The resolutions call for protecting door delivery (H. Res 23), opposing privatization of the Postal Service (H. Res. 33), protecting six-day delivery (H. Res. 54), and restoring service standards (H. Res. 60). We all need to study these issues and be able to discuss them when the opportunity arises. Your Executive Board has already contacted Iowa's four Representatives, but every member should be voicing their concerns. Many voices carry more influence. This is also where I encourage each of you to sign up for contributions to our Letter Carrier Political Fund, LCPF. Please provide us with the resources we need to protect our jobs.

The State Association continues to support labor issues here in Iowa, through our affiliation with the Iowa Federation of Labor. The first week of February we joined with other union members at the annual Legislative Conference, in Des Moines. We had the opportunity to provide Political Information on issues effecting not only Federal workers, but all of our Brother and Sister unions in the state. We were able to talk with legislators about IPERS, Judicial selections, and apprenticeship programs to name a few. We were also able to discuss voting laws, and controversies that arose from over a thousand uncounted ballots in the 2018 general election. It provided a good backdrop for the topic of Vote At Home Legislation. We will continue to work with the Iowa State Association of County Auditors to introduce voting legislation that provides an avenue to increase voter participation, and confidence.

I also learned the secret to happiness while at the Legislative Conference. A stranger happened to sit with us at breakfast and shared his grandmother's advice to him as a young man. The secret is to keep your expectations low. He said it always works for him. So, until next time, here's a toast to keeping our expectations low. It may help us from being disappointed. God Bless.

In Solidarity,

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