

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

June 2020

Greetings Brothers, and Sisters!

It has been a very busy month since my last article. Mother's Day has come and gone, and Father's Day approaches. Iowa and the rest of the nation is starting to come out of a pandemic inflicted self-isolation. I believe Governor Reynolds is opening up bars, and restaurants to full capacity (with social distancing) beginning June 12th. The list of cancelled events is overwhelming including the National Convention that was to be held in Hawaii in August. July 4th in Clear Lake will basically be nonexistent as the town's leadership stopped the parade, carnival, fireworks, and any other planned events for the holiday. Granted, all events that have been cancelled are being done to protect the public, as a reoccurrence is highly probable.

Many interesting things have happened politically in Iowa during June. Most notable was State Senator Randy Feenstra beating fellow Republican incumbent Representative Steve King, in the 4th District. The Iowa Primary set a new record in the state for number of votes cast, basically because Secretary of State Paul Pate instructed the states 99 county auditors to mail out absentee ballot request forms to every registered voter. This voting record substantiated our Vote at Home agenda. The Republican leadership then introduced legislation to restrict the Secretary of State from having the authority to send out absentee requests in an emergency such as the pandemic, and the legislation also limits authority from the county auditors that actually run the elections in Iowa. What happened to common sense, and protecting people's lives while providing for their constitutional right to vote?

Brian Renfro, executive vice president for the NALC, recently thanked our membership for their continued efforts to convince their Senators to respond to the USPS financial crisis caused by the Covid-19. The count a few weeks ago was approaching over 200,000 contacts made. So let me say thank you to all of Iowa's NALC members, and friends, and family, that are taking the time, and making the effort to save our jobs and a service provided for in the Constitution of the United States of America. There is a possibility that the Senate will not vote on another stimulus plan until the second week of July, so keep making those contacts. I also want to thank those members in leadership roles throughout the state. Taking on duties to protect our member's rights and jobs frequently feels unappreciated. As your State President I perceive myself as being entrusted by our members, to use my knowledge and skills, in SERVICE to those members, and to PROTECT those members from outside threats. It will always be an honor to represent Iowa. So, thank you for that opportunity!

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Your executive board is also talking about enhancing communication with the members by better utilizing our website. Any changes, or suggestions for our website are always welcome. I also always welcome ideas for our State Trainings. As we approach the General Election this Fall, we will once again be looking for individuals, (retirees) to be released to work. This election due to the pandemic, we will probably be limited to phone banks to make our contacts, not door to door. If you are interested, or have names of individuals that are interested, please contact me.

Thank you for all you do. Stay safe, and healthy. God Bless!

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