

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



*President's Report*

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Hopefully by the time this article is in print, the Postal Reform Legislation we have worked on for the last 15 years will be in the process of being signed into law by President Biden. This week the House of Representatives voted on the Legislation and passed it with an overwhelming 342 "YES" votes and moved it to the Senate for their approval. I was very impressed, that ALL of Iowa's Representatives cast yes votes. It would be very encouraging to see Senators Grassley, and Ernst show support for the USPS, as did their 3 Republican counterparts in the House. Thank you to all of the Iowa State Association members that reached out and asked their Representatives to vote yes on our legislation. It is very much appreciated. We are strongest when we work together.

With that being said, I would remind our Branch Presidents to register members for the virtual Rap Session being scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. It is of the utmost importance to have our membership trained in all aspects of our contract, and the process used to protect the rights, and jobs of Letter Carriers. Our NBA and staff have always provided excellent classroom training. You are being given the opportunity to attend the Rap virtually, and the upcoming Spring Training at Adventureland in person. For Spring Training, I would advise you to get your registrations in soon and book your rooms. It appears we will have a great turnout. Much needed steward training will be the primary focus. Let me know if there are topics you want discussed.

Although we will always be on guard for legislation detrimental to the Service, having the weight of the prefunding mandate lifted from our shoulders would be a huge relief. Imagine the opportunity to look to the future with optimism. The prefunding has been a huge challenge, and distraction as we battled fake news concerning the USPS. I for one, am excited about what lies ahead. Take care, and God Bless.

In Solidarity,

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