

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

September 2023

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Last month at this time I was genuinely concerned about attendance at Fall Training this year. Our numbers were hovering around 23 participants registered and deadlines were quickly approaching. I am happy to announce this month that our numbers have tripled in the last 30 days. I would like to say thank you to all branches that listened to our requests to get their registrations and room arrangements quickly. Knowing the number of participants makes it much easier to plan for our event and make it a better experience for our members. It will not only be a well-attended training at Prairie Meadows, but we have scheduled new speakers with presentations that will add a unique flavor to our training agenda. We will of course continue to benefit with training from the University of Iowa Labor Center, as well as our NBA Dave Teegarden and his staff out of St. Louis.

With Labor Day behind us, summer is coming to an end. It has been a very hot, and dry one for all of us. As we cool off heading into fall, we are all patiently waiting for an announcement from National that a new contract is available for review, and a vote. It was encouraging to see that the NALC has scheduled a national rap session November 17-19th in New Orleans. I think the last rap I attended was in Denver back in August of 2019. It promises to be an energetic venue based on all the activity and discussions throughout the country since our National Officers were installed in December.

As always, please stay attentive to requests from your State Association, and National Association to take action on beneficial legislation when called upon. HR82, the Social Security Fairness Act is still hovering around the 290-cosponsor mark at this writing. This legislation has been worked on about four decades. It would be a great accomplishment to get this passed and stop the unfair treatment to our retired civil servant retirees, trying to draw the social security retirement that they earned. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Training. Until then stay safe, and God Bless.

In Solidarity,

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