



REGION 5 NBA REPORT

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National Business Agent's Report

NALC Region 5

Region 5 Rap Session

Please use the link below to make room reservations for the Region 5 Rap Session. The NALC has contracted 125 rooms for Thursday night 01/30/2025 and 200 rooms each night for Friday and Saturday night 01/31/2025 and 02/01/2025. This link will direct you to the Kansas City Downtown Marriott reservation block. This will get you the cheapest room rate for the hotel during our event and allows us to fulfill our guarantees with the hotel.

*****Hotel registration link *****

<https://book.passkey.com/qt/220310191?qtid=ecf1825402ca335308ec0a849362a808>

Again this year we will register for classes via the QR code below. Included in the QR code registration are all the Friday classes as well, including branch officer training. There is a limited number of seating available for the Friday classes so please register early if you want to secure a spot.

*****QR Code class registration*****



The NBA reception dinner this year will be catered by Bryan Rubner president of the Cedar Rapids Iowa branch 373 and his wife Stacy. They are co-owners of the Iowa BBQ Company. If you've never had Bryan and Stacy's food you're in for a real treat. I appreciate both of them being willing to do this and I think this year's event will be better than last year. Once again we are asking for branches to donate items that can be used for attendance prizes.

Branch presidents have been sent this same information via email.

Tentative training subjects are, branch officer, Informal, Intermediate and Formal steward, OWCP, Region 5 CAU discussion of arbitration decisions, LMOU hands on (Bring your LMOU), Art. 15 compliance, writing for stewards, PTF & CCA rights, stewards rights, Step B, Community Service, EAP, Chapter 2 Route Adjustments and COR, Interested in Arbitration? (Friday only 4-6 hours), Safety, Retirement, JSOV, Negotiating, Chat with Region 5, Mentoring, State Associations role in NALC Legislation and many more.

Region 5 Frank Joseph Ferro Solidarity Award

Nomination forms have been sent to branch presidents for the Region 5 Solidarity Award. The deadline for nomination forms has been moved to October 31st. Nominators must explain why they believe the individual being nominated exhibits the characteristics of promoting union solidarity through their compassion, unending efforts in organizing, and/or representation of letter carriers and their families. Nominated individuals should put others ahead of themselves, assist fellow carriers in need of help, lead by example and exemplify unionism. Nomination forms that do not explain these characteristics will not be considered by the Solidarity Award Committee. Completed nomination forms can be sent to NBA David Teegarden 1828 Craig Road, St. Louis, MO 63146 or by email to Teegarden@nalc.org If you do not have a nomination form and would like one call us at 314-562-5818 and we will be happy to send one to you. Although the deadline has passed, we have not received nearly enough nominations for this award, please send them in ASAP.

Tentative Agreement

There has been lots of discussion heated and otherwise revolving around the Tentative Agreement. I recently spoke about the TA at Iowa and Nebraska Fall Training and on a virtual presidents meeting. In each of those meetings I discussed my thoughts, gave factual information, and answered any and all questions about the TA. What I have tried not to do is to influence the vote one way or the other. This office represents members on both sides of this issue and we will continue to treat all carriers with dignity and respect on this issue. All of our members deserve to ask questions and voice their opinion on the TA through their vote. What is not okay is the hatred and sometimes verbal and physical abuse of another member because they are on the opposite side of an issue than you are. I assure you we have gotten some calls of these type things happening within Region 5. All members of the NALC and this region deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. As my past branch president used to say it's okay to disagree but we don't have to be disagreeable.

I attended all of the four National Rap Sessions on the TA. Our region was well represented by officers, stewards and activists at each of those events where they got a chance to get information and ask questions about the TA. President Renfroe also stated that he would have a virtual rap session in the near future for any carrier that wants to attend. Look for updates on the NALC website. I encourage you to investigate, ask questions and study all the information about the Tentative Agreement that you can and make an informed decision. Most of all I hope that you will vote when the ballots are sent out.

Until next time stay safe out there,

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