

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

June 2026

Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you already know our former National Business Agent for Region 5 and current Director of Retirees for the ISALC Mike Birkett passed on April 25 2026. Mike served this great Union for over 40 years holding many union positions. Mike was a dedicated union advocate, mentor and friend to numerous carriers over his career, myself included. It is truly a difficult task to express everything Mike did for our Union and its members. I just want to say Thank You for everything my friend you will be missed and I will see you on the other side my Brother.

Mike's passing left me with a very difficult task to find someone to carry on Mike's work as the Director of Retirees and after discussing this with my Vice President Herb Copley I believe we have found the correct person to carry the torch forward.

It is my honor, as President of the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers, to announce the appointment of Brother Vic McCuen as the new Director of Retirees for the ISALC. Vic brings nearly four decades of dedicated service to the National Association of Letter Carriers, having begun his career as a letter carrier in February 1987. Throughout his distinguished career, he has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving both letter carriers and our union. Vic's record of service speaks for itself. He has served as a union steward at numerous stations throughout the Des Moines Installation, Combined Federal Campaign Coordinator, Safety Captain, and Food Drive Coordinator for Branch 352. His leadership continued as a member of the Branch 352 Executive Board, Chief Steward, Vice President, and ultimately President of Branch 352. At the state level, Vic has served as a member of the Iowa State Association Executive Board and as the District 3 Letter Carrier Political Liaison, where he worked tirelessly to advance the interests of letter carriers through legislative and political engagement.

The knowledge, experience, and leadership Vic has gained through these positions make him exceptionally qualified to lead our retiree program. He understands the challenges and opportunities facing both active and retired letter carriers and has spent his entire union career advocating for the rights, benefits, and well-being of our members. His dedication to service and his passion for our union will be tremendous assets as we continue to strengthen retiree involvement throughout Iowa. In accepting this appointment, Vic stated, "I look forward to continuing to work for the state

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and this great union. This union has afforded my family and me so many opportunities throughout the years. I look forward to serving with you and the rest of the Executive Board." His words reflect the gratitude, commitment, and sense of brotherhood that have defined his years of service.

Please join me in congratulating Brother Vic McCuen on his appointment as Director of Retirees. I look forward to working alongside him as we continue to build a stronger Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers and ensure that our retired members remain an active and valued part of our union family.

In Solidarity,

Tomas L. Rentz

ISALC State President

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO

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