

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

August 2014

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

The National Convention in Philadelphia was great for re-charging. It's quite an atmosphere to be in a room with more than 6000 letter carriers. I had the pleasure of nominating Mike Birkett, member of Dubuque, Iowa Branch 257 as our next NBA. He will take office at the end of the year. I attended the retiree dinner where several retiring officers were honored, including our current NBA Dan Pittman, and our national Secretary-Treasurer and member of Davenport, Iowa Branch 506, Jane Broendel. We will miss having them in office but at the same time it is heartwarming to see them able to enjoy a well-earned retirement. It has been a pleasure to have known and worked with them over the years.

While Mike is unopposed, there are several contested races for national office. You will be getting a ballot in the mail. Please vote in our election.

Of course there is another important election in the near future and you can also vote by mail in the upcoming general election. Sign up now to get an absentee ballot. It will arrive the last week of September and you can return it immediately. It will reduce (unfortunately not entirely eliminate) the number of phone calls you will get about voting, and you will be supporting the postal service at the same time.

Bruce Braley currently sits on the same committee as Congressman Issa, (I can hear the 'boos' from here!) and has consistently stood up for the interests of letter carriers and the postal service. We need him in the Senate, please consider giving him your vote.

The Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers has also endorsed:

- Pat Murphy for First District Congressman,
- Dave Loeb sack in the Second District,
- Staci Appel in the Third District, and
- Jim Mowrer in the Fourth District.

Your CDL's and I have been talking with all of these candidates so that they are aware of letter carrier issues, and you can count on them to have our backs when we send them to DC. Please get that absentee ballot and vote for our endorsed candidates.

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We have also endorsed Jack Hatch for governor. Do I need to say anything more than he is not Terry Branstad? Jack and his running mate, Monica Vernon, will make a great team that will support the use of union labor and real job creation. A stronger economy will have a positive effect on the postal service.

[COLCPE](#) = job insurance. Please support your future. Sign up to give.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach

President

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