

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

Winston Churchill is credited with many quotes. One of my favorites is *"I may be drunk, Miss, but in the morning, I will be sober, and you will still be ugly"*. I'll come back to Churchill in a moment.

We have a tentative agreement. As of May 12, 2017, information on the new agreement can be found at the [NALC website](#). It was unanimously approved by the executive committee.

Thank you to Sioux City Branch 69 President Eddie Lofland, and members for their hospitality, and professionally organized state convention at the Stoney Creek Inn. They definitely lived up to their slogan "Wine and Dine with Branch 69"! Great combination of training from National officer Manny Peralta, NBA Mike Birkett, and his staff Charley Sexton, and Stephanie Stewart, State business, and of course the opportunity to get back in touch with friends from across the state. Congratulations to Hall of Fame recipients, Tim Skidmore, Jim Beach, Barb Sisley, and Kathy Miller. Tim's award was accepted on his behalf by his family.

I am excited to be chosen to serve as your State President for the next two years. Former President Jim Beach will remain on the Executive Board in the new position of Secretary. I wish to thank Jim not only for his service to our State Association, but for educating me politically. Your new Executive Board is a very knowledgeable group consisting of one former National Business Agent, three former State Presidents, and four current Branch Presidents. I look forward to the challenge of the office, and working with each and every one of you to accomplish our political goals of making the Postal Service financially strong, and protecting the jobs of letter carriers. I will be seeking your input for training suggestions in Coralville in October, and ideas for our Association Website.

Back to Churchill. I have been tasked by our NBA Mike Birkett to increase participation in the LCPF, ([Letter Carrier Political Fund](#)). Winston Churchill recognized that some things can change, and some things can't (plastic surgery was not prevalent in his day). As postal employees, we can be guaranteed two things that won't change. The first is Management has a tendency to be "ugly". Your union dues help in the training, and educating of your branch officers, who in turn, defend your rights as provided for in our National Agreement.

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You trust these individuals to protect your job daily. The second guarantee as postal employees is that we are constantly under attack politically.

Look no farther than the gutting of Iowa's Public Worker's collective bargaining this year for an example. One swipe of a pen, can take away our jobs. When the same union officers that protect your jobs contractually, ask you to contribute to [LCPF](#) there is a reason. Union dues cannot be used for political action, and we need to educate legislators on postal issues. No one else is going to do it.

Get engaged! Go to your local LCPF coordinator, or to the [NALC website and sign up](#). To those who already are signed up, thank you. Thank you to all that make political contacts when asked to do so, and those that educate their friends and neighbors about our battles. Ask a union officer what you can do to help.

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