Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers

President's Report
November 2026

Brothers and Sisters,

As NALC Branch 352 prepares to enter a new chapter, we want to take a moment to recognize and thank the retiring Branch President, Kelly Strottman, for her years of dedication, commitment, and service to the members of our union. I also want to congratulate Brian Riggins as he prepares to take on the role of Branch President beginning in 2027.

Kelly's postal career began in December 1997 when she joined the United States Postal Service. Before her postal career, she also proudly served nearly three years in the United States Air Force. Kelly's commitment to serving her fellow letter carriers and protecting their rights became evident throughout her years with the NALC. She became a shop steward in 2010, served as Branch Vice President beginning in 2014, and was elected Branch President in 2018. Since taking on the role of president, Kelly has dedicated herself to representing the members of Branch 352, advocating for letter carriers, and helping guide the branch through the challenges and responsibilities that come with union leadership.

After nearly 28 years with the Postal Service, Kelly officially retired in November 2025. As her term as Branch President comes to an end at the beginning of the new year, she will also be retiring from her service in NALC Branch 352 leadership.

On behalf of the members of NALC Branch 352 and all the Union members in Iowa I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Kelly for her years of hard work, dedication, and willingness to stand

up for her fellow union members. Union leadership requires time, sacrifice, patience, and a genuine commitment to others. Kelly has given many years of her life to that responsibility.
Thank you Kelly for your service to the NALC and the members of Branch 352. We wish you happiness, good health, and all the best as you begin this next chapter of retirement. Your contributions to your branch ,our Union and its members will not be forgotten.

As we thank Kelly for her years of leadership, we also look forward to the future of Branch 352 under the leadership of incoming President Brian Riggins. Brian shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve: "I am very proud of being nominated to be the NALC Branch 352 President starting in 2027.

Brian's career started at the Postal Service and he became a union member in March of 2017. He has been a shop steward since the beginning of 2019, also served as an instructor at the Carrier Academy and as an on-the-job instructor helping mentor letter carriers at the beginning of their careers. Brian completed Formal A and Beyond training and served as the Formal A representative for the city of Des Moines for three years, he was also part of 352's local contract negotiation team and currently serves as my State Congressional Liaison for District 3.

Brian brings several years of union experience, education, contract knowledge, and member representation to this new leadership role. His involvement in steward work, carrier training, grievance representation, contract negotiations, and state-level responsibilities has helped prepare him for the challenges and opportunities ahead. I want to congratulate Brian and look forward to seeing him continue the tradition of representing and supporting the letter carriers of Branch 352.

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Along with Brian Riggins as Branch President, the incoming leadership team will consist of Vice President Mike McKinney, Secretary Margo O'Neil and Treasurer Keith Brown. Mike and Keith bring years of union experience at the local and state levels to Branch 352. Each of these positions plays an important role in keeping branch 352 strong, organized, and focused on serving its members. I congratulate everyone stepping into these responsibilities and thank them for their willingness to serve.

The strength of the NALC has always come from its members and the people willing to step forward to represent them. Leadership changes, but our commitment to protecting letter carriers, enforcing our contract, supporting one another, and preserving the rights we have worked so hard to earn remains the same.

As Branch 352 moves forward, I recognize the years of service Kelly Strottman has given and welcome Brian Riggins and the new leadership team as they begin this next chapter.

To Kelly, thank you for everything you have done for Branch 352 and its members. To Brian, Mike, Margo, and Keith, congratulations and thank you for stepping up and continuing to serve.

In Solidarity,

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