



Ratification balloting update

Every active letter carrier eligible to vote in the election to ratify the tentative 2016-2019 National Agreement between NALC and the U.S. Postal Service was mailed a copy of the proposed agreement, a letter from NALC President Fredric Rolando, a summary of the contract's provisions, a ballot and secrecy envelope, a return envelope and instructions for casting a vote. For a ballot to be counted, it must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on July 29.

As previously reported, President Rolando appointed a Ballot Committee to conduct the ratification vote, pursuant to Article 16 of the *NALC Constitution*. The committee arrived in Washington, DC, on June 19, and monitored and observed the mailing of the ballots. The committee will return to Washington on July 30 to monitor and observe the receipt and tabulation of the ratification ballots.

The Ballot Committee is made up of 15 NALC members from branches in no fewer than 15 states. The members of the committee are:

- Region 1: Barbara Stickler, Garden Grove, CA Branch 1100
- Region 2: Phillip Rodriguez, Salt Lake City Branch 111
- Region 3: Mack Julion, Chicago Branch 11
- Region 4: Adam Fung, Aurora, CO Branch 5996
- Region 5: Rod Holub, Manhattan, KS Branch 1018
- Region 6: Robyn Williams, N. Oakland Co., MI Branch 320
- Region 7: Caitlin Hill, Minneapolis Branch 9
- Region 8: Antonia Shields, Birmingham, AL Branch 530
- Region 9: Anthony Ali, Central Florida Branch 1091
- Region 10: Vanessa Sanchez, San Antonio, TX Branch 421
- Region 11: John Oross, Dayton, OH Branch 182
- Region 12: Eryka Tolliver, Pittsburgh Branch 84
- Region 13: Delano Wilson, Bowie, MD Branch 2611
- Region 14: Christopher Henwood, Rutland, VT Branch 495
- Region 15: Joe De Rossi, Jamaica, NY Branch 562

NALC members in good standing who wish to observe the tabulation of the ballots should check nalc.org after the ballot committee arrives for details on the hours and the location where the receipt and tabulation will take place.

Caveat: Two NALC members—Thomas Houff of Richmond, VA Branch 496 and David Noble of Washington, DC Branch 142—have filed a lawsuit against NALC in federal court in Washington, DC. Houff and Noble have asked the court to issue a preliminary injunction that would defer the counting of ballots. The court has scheduled a hearing on the motion for July 28. Further developments in this matter will be reported as soon as possible.

75 million pounds!

Impressive results for 2017 Food Drive

On July 12, NALC President Fredric Rolando announced that the grand total from this year's 25th annual national Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive was 75 million pounds. Combined with last year's record of 80.1 million pounds, that makes a two-year total of 155 million pounds—the highest back-to-back total in the drive's history.

"It's an honor to be able to help people in need by leading an effort that brings out the best in so many Americans," Rolando said.

In the quarter-century since it began, the annual food drive has collected almost 1.6 billion pounds of food.

A number of NALC branches reported their local collection totals for the Saturday, May 13, drive after the July edition of *The Postal Record* went to press. Those branches will be listed in the August magazine.

Rolando appoints RAAs, RWCA's and HQ staff

National Association of Letter Carriers President Fredric Rolando has announced a series of appointments:

- The president has appointed Cincinnati Branch 43 Vice President Doug Lape to NALC Headquarters as assistant to the president for city delivery, effective Aug. 7. Lape, a Marine Corps Reserve veteran, also has served Branch 43 as a shop steward and Formal A representative. He is a 2017 graduate of the NALC Leadership Academy.
- Rolando has appointed Long Island Merged, NY Branch 6000's Jim Yates as an assistant to the president for collective bargaining, research and communications. Yates first came to NALC Headquarters in 2013 when Rolando appointed him as a field administrative assistant. In 2014, Yates was appointed assistant to the president for contract administration.
- Las Vegas Branch 2502's Jeff Frazee has been appointed by Rolando to be a regional administrative assistant (RAA) for NALC Region 1, effective July 10. Frazee has held a number of roles within Branch 2502, including Formal Step A representative, shop steward and arbitration advocate.
- Rolando has appointed Philadelphia Branch 157's Leo Zachwieja to be an RAA for NALC Region 12. Before his appointment as RAA (effective July 17), Zachwieja was the regional workers' compensation assistant (RWCA) for NALC Regions 12, 13 and the New Jersey portion of Region 15. He has held numerous positions within Branch 157, including chief steward/treasurer and trustee, and he is a 2011 Leadership Academy graduate.
- Hagerstown, MD Branch 443's Tonya Detrick has been appointed by Rolando as an RWCA to replace Zachwieja. Detrick has served as Branch 443's president, vice president and secretary, and as the director of education for the Maryland/DC State Association of Letter Carriers. She was president of the state association from 2009 until her appointment as RWCA, effective July 17.

In other news, Region 1 RWCA Jeff Fultz has retired effective July 14. Fultz, a member of South Central Indiana Branch 828, was appointed as an RWCA in 2014. Before that, he was an RAA for NALC Region 6 since 2005. He served Branch 828 in a number of capacities, including as an arbitration advocate and as a local business agent.

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