Dispensation requests for branch nominations and elections

On March 18, President Fredric Rolando sent a letter to all NALC branches issuing blanket dispensation for branches to postpone scheduled branch meetings and elections. The letter also noted that postponed branch meetings and elections should be rescheduled as expeditiously as possible.

In the health crisis, the president will advise any branch that has been forced to cancel a branch meeting or election because of the coronavirus crisis and seek rescheduling or a voice vote at a meeting of branch officers.

Alternative ways to conduct branch meetings

Many branches, state associations and regional offices have used various non-traditional ways to conduct branch meetings and communicate with members during the pandemic. Some are holding meetings online while others are holding them in person.

“Branch meetings are still important and must continue,” said NALC President Fredric Rolando. “We’ve had branches hold virtual meetings on Zoom and WebEx, as well as on Facebook Live and Instagram Live. We’ve also had branches hold social-distanced meetings in their parking lots. Branch meetings are a great way for members to voice their opinions and discuss issues.”

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