Pursuant to an election complaint received by the United States Department of Labor’s Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS), the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) entered into a voluntary agreement with OLMS to conduct a new officer election for the position of NALC Director of Retired Members, under OLMS’ supervision. There will not be new nominations for this position. This new election will take place in September and October 2015.

The election will be conducted by mail ballot. All NALC members are encouraged to update their addresses with the union by contacting the NALC membership department at 202-662-2836 or by visiting http://forms.nalc.org/update. Ballots will be mailed to eligible members in the middle of September 2015 and will be due back in the beginning of October 2015. Further details and dates for this election will be provided in an official election notice to be included in The Postal Record and in the mail ballot packages.

Campaigning

Union or employer equipment (including copiers, computers, printers, telephones, e-mail, etc.), office supplies, websites, newsletters, social media, membership lists, facilities, cash, or any other financial or in-kind resources cannot be used to promote or attack any candidate in the election. This prohibition extends to the use of union funds or resources to publicize a branch’s endorsement of a candidate. Campaigning cannot be conducted on union or Postal Service time (including during union meetings or training events) and Postal Service rules regarding campaigning must be followed. These rules apply to any union (including the national, state association, branch and any other union) and to any employer (whether or not they employ union members.) However, these rules do not prohibit branches from publishing campaign advertisements in their newsletters that have been paid for by a candidate. Branches may also sponsor a debate between the candidates, or invite the candidates to speak at meetings, so long as both candidates are afforded an equal opportunity to appear.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new election and/or campaign activities, please contact the OLMS Election Supervisor Brian Lucy at OLMS-NALC-Election@dol.gov.

Notice for NALC special election

Candidates for the position of NALC Director of Retired Members will have the opportunity to submit an advertisement for the September issue of The Postal Record. The rates for political ads in The Postal Record are calculated at the actual per-page publication cost and printed below. Camera-ready ads or the copy for ads, as well as payment by check payable to NALC, must be received at NALC Headquarters by Monday, Aug. 10 (The Postal Record, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144). Ads may be sent electronically to postalrecord@nalc.org, but payment must be made by check. Below are the rates for political ads (size shown is width x height):

- Full page (7-1/8" x 9-3/4"): $3,000
- Half page (7-1/8" x 4-3/4"): $1,500
- One-third page (7-1/8" x 3-1/4" or 2-1/4" x 9-3/4"): $1,000

Rates and deadline for NALC election ads