

Convention 2018: Convention Call, amendments and resolutions info



**Nicole
Rhine**

As announced, the 71st biennial convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers will be held July 16-20, 2018, in Detroit. All branch and state association secretaries are alerted that the Convention Call and accompanying materials will be mailed from NALC Headquarters this month.

Delegates—Article 4, Section 1 of the *NALC Constitution* states:

Each Branch having twenty (20) or less members shall be entitled to one delegate and one vote in the National Convention. Branches having more than twenty (20) members shall be entitled to one delegate and one vote for each twenty (20) members, or fraction thereof. Each State Association shall be entitled to two Delegates-at-Large. National Officers and Delegates-at-Large shall each be entitled to one vote...

As defined in Article 4, Section 4 of the *NALC Constitution*:

The number of members for whom per capita tax is paid to the National Association for the term beginning October 1 prior to each Biennial Convention shall determine the number of votes and delegates to which the Branch is entitled at such Convention.

Please note: The *NALC Constitution* calls for the election of delegates from branches to be made no later than December of the year preceding the convention year. Please see Article 6, Section 3 of the *Constitution for the Government of State Associations* for information on the election of delegates-at-large.

Amendments—All proposed amendments submitted for the consideration of the delegates at the national convention in Detroit must conform to the provisions of Article 19, Section 2 of the *NALC Constitution*, which reads as follows:

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the NALC, the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate and Federal Branches, and the Constitution for the Government of State Associations may be presented in writing in the manner herein set forth: (a) by any member of a Branch in good standing, signed by him/her, at a regular meeting of the Branch; providing, the proposal is endorsed by two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting; and (b) by any member of the NALC Executive Council, signed by him/her, at a regularly-called meeting of the Executive Council; provided, the proposal is endorsed by two-thirds of the members of the Executive Council present and voting at

the meeting. Proposals thus qualifying shall be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer in duplicate, each on a separate sheet of paper, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention, signed by the Branch President and Secretary, and in the case of the Executive Council by the Chairperson and Secretary thereof. These proposed amendments shall be printed in the official Journal of this Association at least 30 days prior to the National Convention. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall designate the Article and Section to be amended, and shall be referred to the Executive Council, and be reported by them before being acted upon by the Convention. Said word acted to be interpreted as meaning altering, amending, or changing in any manner whatsoever by a majority vote of the Convention.

Proposed amendments qualifying for referral to the Convention must be received by the national secretary-treasurer by May 17, 2018.

Resolutions—All resolutions submitted for consideration of the delegates at the 71st biennial convention in Detroit must conform to the provisions of Article 12 of the *NALC Constitution*, which reads as follows:

Any Branch in good standing or any State Association may, at any time, forward to the National Secretary-Treasurer resolutions properly attested by their President and Secretary-Treasurer for consideration by the appropriate Union authority. Such resolutions must be in duplicate, and each shall be on a separate sheet of paper. Resolutions pertaining to the National Working Agreement, which should, insofar as possible, identify the Article and Section to be changed, shall be forwarded to the Chief Spokesman of the NALC Negotiating Team; those pertaining to legislation shall be forwarded to the NALC Director of Legislation; and all others shall be forwarded to the NALC Executive Council for their consideration and appropriate action. Those appropriate authorities shall report to the National Convention on all such resolutions and the action taken thereon.

Any submitted resolution that restates or otherwise reaffirms a resolution approved by a previous Convention will not be considered at the national convention in Detroit. Resolutions seeking to amend or rescind a resolution approved by a previous Convention are permissible. Only resolutions received by the national secretary-treasurer on or before May 17, 2018, will be printed in the *Resolutions and Amendments* book.

Please take note of the requirements for qualification, as on occasion branches and state associations neglect one or more of them, causing the amendment and/or resolution to be returned.