

On the road again to Motor City



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As you may already have guessed, NALC skipped one year during World War II.

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This will be the sixth time that the national convention has been held in Detroit. It has been 52 years since our last convention in the Motor City. Detroit hosted national conventions in 1891 (2nd), 1900 (11th), 1925 (25th), 1946 (35th) and 1966 (44th).

If this is your first national convention, welcome! As a first-time delegate, you will be amazed by the size of the delegation. Most importantly, you’ll participate in the democratic process of making decisions for the future of this wonderful union. It’s a serious responsibility and I hope you take pride in being elected.

I can attest that lots of folks at headquarters and at Branch 1 in Detroit—the union’s first and the convention’s host branch—have been working very hard for many months now to put the event together.

I want to remind all delegates of a few important items:

Registration: The registration procedure will have the same format as the last convention. As was reported in the Convention Call sent to all branches and state associations

As you know, the 71st NALC convention will be held next month in Detroit.

What you may not know is that NALC members have had conventions to set the policy and direction of our national union ever since August of 1889, at our founding meeting in Milwaukee.

The first national convention was held in Boston in 1890. At the time, NALC held annual national conventions. It wasn’t until 1903 that the convention went to a biennial format.

In 1946, NALC went to even-numbered years for the biennial convention. The 1946 convention was held in Detroit and was three years after the 1943 convention held in Denver.

last fall, all delegates will be required to register individually. All delegates also will be required to show a photo ID. Registration of delegates will be held in the concourse area outside of Hall C/D on the second level of the Cobo Center on Saturday, July 14 from noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, July 16 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Signs at the Cobo Center will direct you to the registration area.

As has been the practice in the past, once the registration area closes on Monday, delegates may still register at the NALC headquarters office located in the Cobo Center.

Delegates: Delegates are reminded that the credential cards sent to branch secretaries must be signed by both the branch president and branch secretary before being presented at registration. Delegate-At-Large credential cards also must be signed by the state president and state secretary before being presented at registration.

Branch secretaries (or another branch officer if the secretary is not attending the convention) also should bring their delegate eligibility list and any correspondence related to delegate registration with them to the convention.

Alternate delegates who replace registered delegates need to bring to the convention their letters of authorization and present them at registration. Under the *NALC Constitution*, before an alternate delegate is registered as a replacement for a regular delegate, written evidence must be presented stating that the duly elected delegate is unable to attend the convention.

Article 4, Section 3 of the *NALC Constitution* reads in part:

An alternate delegate before being admitted to the National Convention shall present either his/her certificate of election or written evidence from the Secretary of his/her Branch, or from the delegate for whom he/she is elected alternate, that the elected delegate is unable to attend the meeting of the National Association.

Convention Sessions: Business sessions of the national convention are scheduled at the Cobo Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

