

## NALC cancels postponed 2020 National Convention

**A**t the end of May, NALC President Fredric Rolando sent letters to branch and state association presidents informing them of the cancellation of the postponed 2020 National Convention. The next convention will be the 72nd National Convention, to be held in Chicago in 2022.

In the spring of 2020, the NALC Executive Council voted to indefinitely postpone the convention because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which made it “impossible for delegates to travel safely or to meet in large numbers during 2020,” Rolando stated in his letter. The Executive Council subsequently decided that it wasn’t possible to hold the convention in 2021 and voted unanimously to cancel it.

Officer reports that would have covered the two-year period leading up to the convention will be expanded to cover the four-year period between 2018 and 2022 and will be distributed at the Chicago convention. Financial and other select convention reports that would have been distributed in Honolulu will be available in the next several weeks, either on NALC’s public website or in the Members Only portal.

All resolutions and amendments that were submitted for the 2020 convention will be placed into consideration for action at the 2022 convention.

AFL-CIO delegates were to have been elected at the 2020 convention. Instead, the

delegates elected in 2016 will represent NALC at the AFL-CIO quadrennial convention in 2022. That convention was originally scheduled for October of 2021 but was postponed. It has been announced that it will be held sometime before June 30, 2022, at the discretion of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

Additionally, awards for the branch publications contest, Letter Carrier Political Fund contributions, Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraising, organizing and the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive that would have been presented at the 2020 convention will be presented in Chicago, along with the winners of the 2022 awards. Winners of the 2020 awards will be announced on [nalc.org](http://nalc.org) when the 2020 convention materials are released.

President Rolando will make new

convention committee appointments for the Chicago convention early next year, and members appointed to standing committees after the 2018 convention will continue to serve on those committees through the 2022 convention.

Branches were advised to follow their bylaws in electing delegates to the 2022 convention.

“As our country recovers from this terrible pandemic, nothing will give me greater joy than the ability to once again meet in person with the thousands of branch activists and leaders who give the NALC its strength,” Rolando said. “The losses of 2020 and 2021 will make the convening of the NALC’s 72nd National Convention in Chicago all the sweeter. I look forward to being with you all in August of next year.” **PR**



McCormick Place in Chicago will be the site of the convention in 2022.