

# NALC HBP postpones health seminar

**T**he NALC Health Benefit Plan has issued the following statement concerning the postponement of its annual fall health seminar: “After much consideration, the NALC Health Benefit Plan, with approval from NALC President Fredric Rolando, has decided to reschedule the upcoming October Health Benefit Plan seminar.

“We are working with the hotel to find alternate dates in the spring of 2022, and they have not yet been finalized. The Plan is using this opportunity to consider innovative revisions to the schedule of events and overall program. Although our primary goal is to keep our members safe and healthy, we also want to ensure that our health benefit representatives and other branch leaders have the best experience possible at the seminar and come away with the necessary tools

and information to assist their branch members.

“Even though we are still in the planning stages, we are excited at the prospect of being back among our members, and about having the opportunity to make improvements and present a new and improved Health Benefits Seminar. The previous duration, travel days and overall event experience could change. We will continue to keep you posted as everything unfolds.

“Although the seminar will not be held during the month of October, as originally planned, it remains our priority to make the 2022 Open Season a success. Over the coming months, the Plan will be assessing the most effective way to promote new benefits and how we can provide support and materials to branches before the official Open Season dates.” **PR**



# Executive Council continues work remotely

**T**he Executive Council is the governing body of NALC between national conventions and is responsible for determining the direction of the union. In accordance with Article 9, Section 11 of the *NALC Constitution*, the Council consists of the president, executive vice president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer, director of city delivery, director of safety and health, director of life insurance, director of the Health Benefit Plan, director of retired members, the board of trustees and the national business agents.

Meetings of the Council provide an important opportunity for national officers and key staff members to focus on the important issues facing letter carriers. NALC leaders learn

about the latest developments from the field and tackle significant issues of national importance. Often, staff members in attendance will report on departmental activities. By meeting as a group, Executive Council members gain the perspective needed to make important decisions on behalf of the membership.

The following is a summary of the Council meeting held by video conference on April 15:

President Fredric Rolando discussed the Council’s decision to cancel the 2020 biennial convention—in particular, how reports from that convention would be distributed to the delegates, as well as the viability of holding a 2021 rap session and health benefit representatives seminar given

the COVID-19 pandemic. There was a discussion about implementation of certain provisions of the recently ratified National Agreement specific to city carrier assistant conversions and compensation, local memorandum of understanding negotiations, ongoing national training, state association and branch elections, and work being done by the City Delivery and Workplace Task Force. Other topics discussed included an update to legislative initiatives affecting letter carriers, the status of the Postal Service Board of Governors, the recent failed effort by labor to organize Amazon workers at a Bessemer, AL, facility, and a COVID-19 update that included impact and safety/mitigation efforts and assessments. **PR**