

‘You Are the Current Resident’ podcast



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“Hello brothers, sisters and friends!” are usually the first words you will hear on the NALC’s revamped “You Are the Current Resident” podcast. The podcast is hosted by me (Assistant to the President for Administrative Affairs Ed Morgan) and President Brian L. Renfroe.

For those of you who have never listened to a podcast before, think of it as a talk show without the video. “You Are the Current Resident” takes on the hot topics, issues and

concerns that are on the minds of letter carriers. In recent episodes we have talked about contract negotiations, crime against letter carriers, heat illness prevention training, Medicare integration, USPS Sorting and Delivery Centers (S&DCs), the morning routine of dealing with management, and the route adjustment process.

To give you a behind-the-curtain peek into the process, President Renfroe and I decide on a topic for an upcoming show. I research the topic by reading everything we have put out on the issue. I then talk to our NALC Headquarters letter carrier staff who deal with that specific topic day in and day out. I then reach out to our network of rank-and-file members throughout the country and see what questions they have heard on the workroom floor about the issue we are going to discuss. After all that, I put my questions together in a way intended to educate and inform our members on that topic. We try our best to frame each issue so that our members—from the newest to the most experienced—come away with information they can use and share with other members.

We have an “Ask the Mailbag” segment each week where members can ask a question they think I missed, ask about a different topic, or give us ideas on what they want to hear about next. You can submit your question to the podcast by emailing it to social@nalc.org. Please be sure to provide your name and branch so we know where our members are listening from.

We will have special guests on from time to time so that we can go deeper into a topic than just my questions, as well as provide additional experiences and perspectives. So far, we’ve

had Chicago, IL Branch 11 President Elise Foster on to talk about criminal assaults on her members; Special Assistant to the President Doug Lape to discuss the relocation process with the S&DCs; and AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler to speak about the progress of the labor movement.

President Renfroe and I have worked together for more than eight years and have been friends for just as long. Our vision of the podcast is that the rank-and-file membership get the information they need right from the president’s mouth without it seeming like a lecture. We want you to feel like you are eavesdropping on two carriers at their cases talking about a subject, and one just happens to be the national president. You might from time to time hear about our favorite sports teams, what happened since the last podcast, and all the great eateries around the country, although the last part will mostly be from my end.

We need your help to get the most out of the podcast that we can. We need you to listen, like and subscribe wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts. If you’ve never listened to a podcast before, ask one of your tech-savvy co-workers to help you find it and give it a listen. I humbly ask that you share it with your friends on the workroom floor so they can better help themselves with the information and education provided. The podcast is released every Sunday morning, so you have plenty of time to listen before your favorite murder mystery, comedy or historical podcast comes out.

Our union is always stronger when more of us are involved and know about the hot topics of today. The podcast is another avenue to get information out to you as fast as possible in these ever-changing days. Since I started this article with the beginning line of the podcast, I will leave you with our closing line: “May your steward be at your side, and may the union have your back.”

