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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Todd Hornyak

I have just returned from the Committee of Presidents meeting and the 36th National NALC Health Benefits Seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Committee of Presidents is held twice a year for branch presidents across the country, to receive updates from the national officers. National President Brian Renfroe, Executive Vice President Paul Barner and Secretary Treasurer Nicole Rhine were all in attendance and gave updates to the Branch Presidents. President Renfroe gave updates on the negotiations for the collective bargaining contract.

The National Agreement expired on May 20th and the 60-day mandatory mediation period expired on July 19th. The NALC and USPS continue to negotiate and there is a real chance that the parties may be able to come to a tentative agreement. By the time this article is printed the parties will more than likely have selected a neutral arbitrator for interest arbitration. The national has been preparing our case for arbitration as they continue to negotiate with USPS. The work rules portion of the negotiations have been pro-

ductive with tentative agreement on several areas. While not going into specifics, discussions regarding a joint route adjustment process, new employee work experience pilot, Article 8 workhour limits, Article 15 the dispute resolution process, joint workplace improvement process, crime against letter carriers and problems with the uniform program were major items that were discussed. Of course, wages are the major sticking point for reaching an agreement.

NALC is asking for a significant pay increase to start for new hires and overall, for letter carriers to earn the pay they are due. The increase in starting pay is to attract qualified candidates that can perform letter carrier work. The increase in overall pay is to reward letter carriers for the increased difficulty that all carriers experience doing the job daily. The letter carrier craft work has become more difficult every year with all the different jobs that we are doing now. The fact that we are on the street longer and delivering mail in unsafe conditions on many routes is a sign that we need higher pay. The elimination of table 2 is a top priority in this negotiation. Those employees that were hired after 2013 do the same job as the carri-

ers that were hired before them and should be paid the same. The fact that this negotiation is after the letter carriers helped with the passage of the Postal Reform Act of 2022, places the NALC in a much stronger bargaining position. The postal service can no longer argue that they are broke due to the required prefunding of future retiree's health benefits.

The branch was recently audited by the United States Department of Labor Office of Labor Management Standards. The branch was selected at random by the Department of Labor (DOL). The audit was conducted to ensure the financial operations of the branch for the year 2022 were following DOL guidelines. The audit was also done to confirm the branch's compliance with the provisions of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959. The DOL did an exit interview with Financial Secretary Treasurer Ramon Lawson and myself and the financial operations of the branch were all in order. The report did show that the branch did not correctly categorize some information on Labor Organization Annual Report Form LM-2 for the year ending December 31, 2022. The branch

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Mark Beach

I want to thank the membership for having the faith and confidence to elect me (unopposed) for another three-year term. I look forward to continuing to serve the Branch. I would hope when you receive your ballots you will sit down and make informed choices for President, Trustees and delegates. The membership deserves to have people at the union fighting for their rights and not just cashing a paycheck. Please take the time to look at the candidates, make inquiries about their participation and leadership in our branch, to decide who you want to represent you.

We continue to have major issues concerning injured carriers and OWCP claims. Many supervisors continue to give the carriers a CA-1 form and tell them to have the doctor's office fill it out. The carrier being injured for the first time does not know any better. The CA-1 is the report of traumatic injury. The carrier fills out page one of the CA-1 and management is responsible for filling out page two.

The best way to ensure this happens and to make sure that the claim is processed, complete the paperwork and submit through the Department of Labor website, www.ECOMP.gov. This needs to be done as soon as possible after the traumatic injury takes place. The staff at the union hall is more than happy to help any member set up an account and assist with filling out OWCP

paperwork. If possible, the CA-1 should be filled out prior to seeking medical treatment. However, employees need to do this immediately after the traumatic injury. Do not wait to fill out the CA-1, as it is the crucial first step of making sure a claim is approved.

When filling out CA-7 and CA-7A for compensation reimbursement, an employee should do this every Tuesday after the pay period closes. Letting them build up and sending several weeks at once, normally causes a delay in processing. Once submitted HRM has a limited time to process and forward them to OWCP. Unless TACs is down the union normally gets the city clock rings on Tuesday and assists people filling out their CA-7 and CA-7A for OWCP reimbursement. You must ensure that management is putting you in for code 049 OWCP LWOP. The best way to ensure this is to fill out a PS form 3971 for your leave prior to the pay week starting. By filling out the official notification slip holds management accountable if they put you in for the wrong code.

Recently two offices called for and had elections for new stewards. I would like to welcome new stewards at Northwest, Roslind Smith, the alternates are Thorton Lindquist and Myron Miller. Upper Arlington voted Kyle Booth in with alternate Thomas Hakey. Great to see some younger members stepping up and the former stewards like Myron Miller and Jackie Mitchell staying around to help mentor them. I would also like to thank and acknowledge outgoing Upper Arlington steward, Steve

Smith and Northwest steward, Kat Lingrel for their time in office representing the members of the NALC.

It's that time of year again to consider donating to Branch 78 "One New Toy" program. We have been helping the less fortunate of our community in this capacity for over twenty-five years. We have worked with Y Family Center, Godman Guild, Central Community House, Gladden Community House, Franklin County Children Services and more recently the Veterans Administration. This year if you would like to donate you can make a check payable to NALC Branch 78 and in the memo write "One New Toy". We will also accept donations of new toys, gift cards, cash, or money order. The branch will provide a charitable receipt for any donation over \$100 dollars. I hope you will consider donating to this NALC charity Drive. The need is Greater every year.

Congratulations to Circleville carriers, Randy Roll and Mathew Park on their recent retirement along with Northland carrier Kevin Jemison. All of you deserve a long and relaxing rest after many years dedicated to the United States Postal Service and the customers you served. I hope all the members have a safe and enjoyable upcoming holiday season.

Mark Beach, VP

If you have any gently used uniforms that you do not need. Please drop them off at the union office.

Especially Large pants.

MILLER'S MUSINGS



Yana Miller-Farney

Enjoy these last beautiful fall days, winter is not far away. Being a military brat, having personal experience with military family life, I wish to acknowledge and thank the Veterans who have served this country, and many having made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. We must offer thanks to their families whose lives have been fraught with moves galore, constantly changing friends, new cultures and handling child rearing alone.

Thank You Veterans!

This is One New Toy season, dig deep for our annual drive for veteran families and Franklin County Childrens Services. You can view FCCS Wish List at FCCS.us/holiday-wish. We are all aware of the increase in prices in the current economy so hope you will keep that in mind when contributing. Since COVID most prefer the donation of gift cards rather than gifts. Stewards will have additional info on delivery dates and drop off. Dig deep, please. Our DOL audit will not allow checks to chairperson so checks must be to: Buckeye Br 78 with ONT in the Memo.

Lastly, I thank you for continuing trust to serve as Assistant

Secretary/ Editor and Delegate. We have some bright new carriers taking reins as Station Stewards; this is encouraging to have them give of themselves to learn the contract and uphold it. We need more like them. We were honored to have VP James Henry as our Retiree Dinner Guest from National.

**Submitted by
Yana Miller-Farney**



PRESIDENT

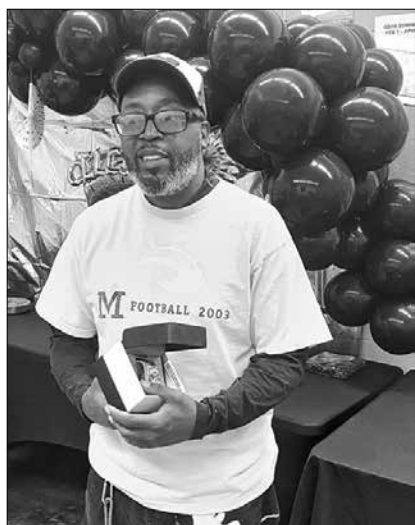
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has a certified public accountant that assists with the completion of this form. The DOL explained the mistakes that were made and clarified where the information should be categorized moving forward. The DOL did not require the branch to amend the LM Report for 2022.

I would like to congratulate Kevin Jemison from Northland Station and Randy Roll from Circleville Post Office on their recent retirement. I wish them well on their retirement. Please attend our November branch meeting in person on November 8th, we will also be utilizing Zoom. Information regarding the meeting can be found on our Branch 78 website www.nalc-branch78.org. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Fraternally
Todd Hornyak**

VOTE on November 7



Kevin Jemison Northland carrier Retired today.

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V O T E
ELI JOEL TURNER
FOR UNION PRESIDENT
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I'm a candidate for President of the National Association of letter Carriers Local Branch 78. My experience represents all aspects of Union Business, EEO cases, M.S.P.B cases, Arbitrations, Worker's Comp, Grievances, and I currently hold the position of Union Steward at the Gahanna collections unit. Altogether, there have been 312 strikes involving 453,000 union workers so far in 2023. Yet our local has become complacent. Management is doing what they want to do. Their breaking federal law by giving out one hour job offers, their flooding the stations with PTF employee's involuntary detailed or reassigned from one installation to another and are not giving them the mandatory 30 day advance notice, all in an effort to destroy overtime. As President I will run the local union office and will not be led around by underlings. Union brothers, sisters, and retirees the time has come for the union to go in a different direction. The current regime has had years in power, going to schools, academy's and management is beating the union rank and file over the head with simple 1,2,3 union issues. It's time for a change, what do we have to lose. We are being outsmarted everyday. My main objective in being your local President is that all branch members be afforded all aspects of representation they justly deserve. I've been rolling in the dirt everyday fighting for UNION MEMBERS. **"LET'S DO THIS THING"**

REMEMBER I'M THE SOLUTION NOT THE ALTERNATIVE.



RE-ELECT TODD HORNYAK PRESIDENT

I AM CURRENTLY SERVING BRANCH 78 AS:

- PRESIDENT AND DELEGATE
- MEMBER OF OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
- FORMAL AND INFORMAL STEP A GRIEVANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR COLUMBUS AND THE ASSOCIATE OFFICES
- EEO/REDRESS REPRESENTATIVE
- ARBITRATION ADVOCATE/ LOCAL BUSINESS AGENT
- STEWARDS TRAINING CLASS INSTRUCTOR

MY TRAINING CONSISTS OF:

- NALC DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM TRAINING WASHINGTON, DC 2006
- NALC ARBITRATION ADVOCATE TRAINING WASHINGTON, DC 2007
- NALC FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER TRAINING 2008
- NALC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CLASS 7 WASHINGTON, DC 2009
- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER TRAINING
- NATIONAL AND STATE UNION STEWARD TRAINING
- REGION 11 ADVANCED STEWARD TRAINING

I HAVE SERVED OUR UNION AS:

- PRESIDENT - 2012 – 2023
- VICE PRESIDENT - 2010-2012
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER - 2007 - 2010
- TRUSTEE - 2006 – 2007
- FORMAL STEP A UNION REPRESENTATIVE – 2005-2023
- UNION STEWARD -2004 – 2023
- UNION MEMBER 1994-2023
- NALC REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM -2006-2012
- NALC CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LIAISON FOR OHIO'S 15TH DISTRICT – 2006-2010
- BRANCH 78 STEWARD TRAINING COORDINATOR – 2010 - 2012
- NALC FOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN – 2006-2011

I WILL PROTECT THE CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS OF ALL LETTER CARRIERS.

**I AM ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE
FOR PRESIDENT OF BRANCH 78.**



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JACQUELYN MITCHELL FOR Delegate

I HAVE BEEN A UNION MEMBER AND A LETTER CARRIER FOR ALMOST 29 YEARS. I AM IN MY THIRD TERM AS SERGEANT AT ARMS (CURRENTLY WON BY ACCLAMATION)

I WAS SELECTED BY NALC OHIO STATE PRESIDENT JOHN DYCE AND VICE-PRESIDENT JEFF KRANZ TO SERVE AS THE STATE POLITICAL LIAISON. I AM ALSO A TRAINER AT THE LETTER CARRIER ACADEMY

DURING MY TENURE, I HAVE HELD THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 71ST BIENNIAL OHIO STATE CONVENTION
20 PLUS YEARS AS A UNION STEWARD
PREVIOUS FORMAL A REPRESENTATIVE
PREVIOUS ORIENTATION FACILITATOR WITH MORE THAN 97%
SUCCESS RATE ORGANIZING NEW CARRIERS
PREVIOUS FOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR
PREVIOUS MDA/HEALTH BENEFITS REPRESENTATIVE
PREVIOUS TRUSTEE.

I want to thank the membership for my position as Sergeant At Arms as well as ask for your support by electing me as your delegate for NALC.

"I have always believed a strong union is a successful one. Educating the new members about having the privilege to be a part of this great union is the first step in being successful. Together, we can continue to maintain the strength and solidarity NALC represents."

ELECT BRENDA STIDAMS FOR TRUSTEE AND DELEGATE

Proudly served our Country in the Army for 22 plus years

25 years in the postal service as a Letter Carrier

Experience with previous Trustee position - I am a trained Board Member, I realize the importance of having a reliable board to represent membership

Well experienced State Political Liaison

Experienced with orchestrating past golf outings

Current Gahanna Steward

Former Bexley Steward

I was a member of the State convention planning committee

Chosen by John Dyce to serve on several committees for State Conventions

Independently running on my own merits

RE-ELECT GARY L PORTER

FOR

SAFETY & HEALTH / OWCP & DELEGATE



EXPERIENCE & POSITIONS HELD

- 23 years as a NALC member & Union Steward
- Appointed Safety / Compensation Officer 2009-Present
- Academy Instructor 2019-Present
- Driver's Safety Instructor (DSI)
- Facilitator Instructor for New Hires
- NALC Safety Taskforce Member
- Attendee of Congressional Trips Washington, DC

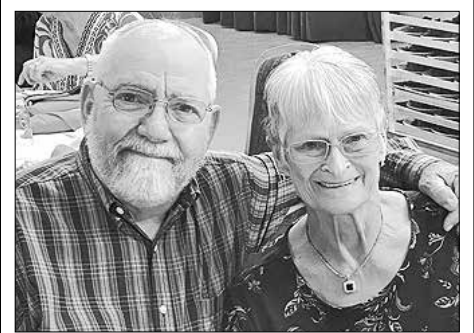


VOTE Myron Miller

Buckeye Branch 78 Trustee / Delegate

- ◆ 16 YEARS A CARRIER AND BRANCH 78 MEMBER
- ◆ Member of E-Activist and LCPF
- ◆ SUCCESSFUL ACTIVE UNION STEWARD AT NORTHWEST CARRIER STATION 43220 FOR 19 YEARS
- ◆ Aggressive in seeking resolutions on Overtime for ODL and Non-ODL
- ◆ Union Delegate for past 13 years representing Branch 78 at National and State Conventions
- ◆ Worked on committee planning and hosting 2023 State NALC Convention in Columbus
- ◆ Participated in local and state rallies in support of Union issues
- ◆ Volunteered during elections as phone bank operator in support of union issues and pro union candidates to protect our jobs
- ◆ Represented Branch on Legislative trips to Washington DC meeting with Ohio State Representatives and Senators
- ◆ Attended Regional Steward Trainings
- ◆ 13 Years as commissioned Officer in Army Reserve / National Guard
- ◆ Attended / worked on Branch activities: Golf Outing, Branch Picnic, Retiree Picnic, Retiree Dinner, Annual Food Drive, One New Toy
- ◆ Active in researching Branch history
- ◆ Endorsed by Doug Gulley Branch 78 President Emeritus

Retiree Dinner





Vote for "Donald Shepherd for Delegate"

I would like to thank you for all your support as your Union Trustee for over 18 years! It is time to give another union brother or sister a chance to run for this position.

Please continue to vote for me as I run for Union Delegate for Branch 78!

Letter Carrier - 39+

Officer's/Trustee Training

Head Trustee - 12+ years

Trustee - 18+ Years

Delegate National & State Convention - 25+ Years

Paid for by Don Shepherd for Branch 78 Delegate

Buckeye Branch 78

★ ★ ★
Million Mile Awards

★ ★ ★



Collection Unit carriers Ron Finnerty and Tina Patton receive million mile award and union jacket.

Please attend our November branch meeting in person on November 8th, we will also be utilizing Zoom.

OPEN SEASON

Members should consider joining the NALC Health Benefit Plan during this upcoming Open Season. Comparing the NALC Health Benefit Plan to others in the FEHB will show what a great option it is. Open season for health benefits runs from Nov. 13, 2023, through Dec. 11, 2023, for all federal employees to have the opportunity to review health benefit options and opt into or change their health insurance to meet their health care and financial needs. The NALC health care plan offers great value from the High Option Plan, which is a

traditional plan with a lower deductible, down to the Consumer Driven and Value Option Plans, which are higher-deductible plans, the NALC HBP has you covered. Each year benefits are added or improve the plans with letter carriers in mind. If you are not already a member of the NALC plan, make the change to place health care insurance in hands of those you already trust—your union. By making the switch you will receive quality service from a union-owned, union-operated and not-for-profit health insurance plan.

Many of you may have received in the mail in August that Mt. Carmel Hospital is no longer participating in the NALC Health Benefit plan. I have spoken with National and even though Mt. Carmel has dropped the NALC plan they are still in talks with Mt. Carmel to get them back in the plan. I hope to have more information in next month's bulletin after my Health Benefits Seminar.

**Dean Peruzzi,
Health Benefits Rep**

<u>Plan Type</u>	<u>NALC</u>	<u>BLUE CROSS</u>
SELF	\$109.41	\$150.79
SELF + one	\$255.86	\$336.84
FAMILY	\$221.79	\$370.68

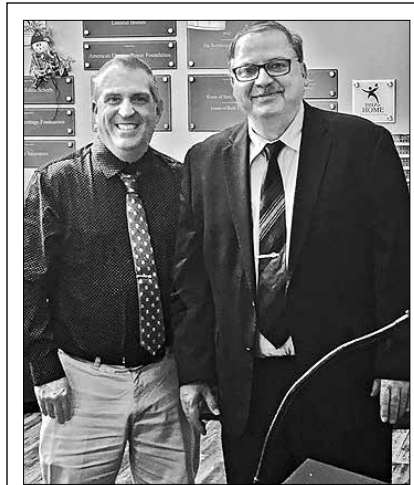
CHOOSE THE NALC HEALTH PLAN THIS OPEN SEASON AND SAVE

Buckeye Branch 78

★ ★ ★ Pins Awarded ★ ★ ★



Allan Moore receives 25 year pin.



Dean Peruzzi receives 25 year pin.



Bob Webster receives 30 year pin.



Merico Merendo receives 30 year pin.



Broderick Cook receives 30 year pin.



Bob Jackson receives 40 year pin.



Kenny Dean receives 45 year pin.



Ray Salyers receives 55 year pin.



Eugene Smith receives 65 year pin.

Buckeye Branch 78
★ ★ ★
Gold Card Awarded
★ ★ ★



Myron Williams receives his Gold Card.

One New Toy!

**STEWARDS, IT'S
ONE NEW TOY TIME
AGAIN!**

PLEASE START SOLICITING
DONATIONS OF MONEY
OR GIFT CARDS.
DONATIONS OF \$100.00 OR MORE
WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FOR
TAX RECORDS.
**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:
BUCKEYE BRANCH 78 FOR ONT.
CHECK DONATIONS AND GIFT
CARDS SHOULD BE IN BY
DECEMBER 6, 2023
DELIVERY 12/14/23
NEW TOYS ONLY!**

FEHBP OPEN SEASON

November 13 - December 11, 2023

Sign up early to avoid last minute glitches. There are NO extensions. Make sure you find the plan that fits your needs. Some plus 1 cost more than family. Check out NALC Plan it's owned and administered by us.



DIRECTOR OF RETIREES



Valeria Davis

***Hello Retiree
Family***

September has been a very busy month for our retirees. We started the month having our annual picnic, September 5th at the American Legion Southway Post 144. There were approximately 20 people in attendance, a good time was had by all. Vice President Mark Beach graced us with his chef skills on the grill, wow, to my surprise Mark can throw down.

For those of you who didn't attend the Branch picnic at the Hilliard Fairgrounds September 17th, you missed Mark again on the grill. We had a nice turnout considering we haven't had a Branch Picnic since 2019. There was plenty of food and games, along with door prizes which provided fun for all who

attended.

Our Retiree Dinner was September 30th at Lifecare Alliance, 670 Harmon Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43223. We had over 100 guests in attendance, where we honored our Gold Card Honorees.

Our special guest was James Henry - National Vice President. Mr. Henry is from Garden Grove, CA Branch 1100. He was elected to the office of Vice President by acclamation in 2022 at the 72nd Biennial Convention in Chicago.

We had a moment of silence for our friends and family who have passed on in the last year. They will be missed, but we are grateful for the memories they gave us and the legacies they have left for us to carry on.

**GONE BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN**

There was no meeting in October, our next meeting will

be on November 2nd we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, inviting some of our guests from this year.

I would like to invite our present and newly retired members to attend our monthly meeting, they are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the lower level meeting room of the union hall. Come and participate in the adventures the retirees will have in 2024. So, remember to mark your calendar for the 1st Tuesday of each month to attend the retirees meeting. We have a lot of exciting things planned for 2024. And you don't want to miss out on the fun. We hope to see you at the next retiree meeting. Until then, please take care of yourself, be safe and remember to pray for one another.

**Director of Retirees,
Valeria Davis**

OCTOBER 2023 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:33 by President Hornyak; Pledge led by Orrin Bowman; Invocation by Valeria Davis. Todd read minutes since Yana is on vacation, they were accepted as read. Trevor Payne read communications: thank you letters from MDA for donation totaling \$5800. There was a request for a donation from PBJ Connections, they provide mental health treatment through equine involvement to children, teens, adults, families and veterans. Counseling with social workers, psychologist and facilitators, 501(c)3. Deviation for nomination of officers and delegates. Todd introduced Election Chairwoman Cathy Jakeway, she introduced the rest of the committee: Tina Patton Co-chair, David Demidovich, Orrin Bowman, John Wycoff, Thomas Robinson and Jay Scurry. Cathy gave a few announcements regarding the election. If you accept the nomination, you must sign and print your name on the acceptance letter and turn in to the Hall by October 26, 2023, within the fifteen days allowed. All ads on flash drive, a hard copy and payment must be at the Hall by 5:30 PM, October 17, 2023. No mail lists will be provided to any candidates. If you chose to do a mailing visit Lanz Printing, 257 Cleveland Ave, 43215, 614-221-1724.

Todd turned the gavel over to Mark Beach, nominations are now open for the office of

President:	Todd Hornyak	nominated by Doug Gulley EC
	Eli Turner	nominated by Tony Soboni ZOOM
Vice President	Mark Beach	nominated by Dean Peruzzi Acclamation
Recording Sec.	Trevor Payne	nominated by Gary Porter Acclamation
Asst Sec./Editor	Yana Miller-Farney	nominated by Dean Peruzzi Acclamation
Fin. Sec. Treasurer	Ramon Lawson	nominated by Todd Hornyak EC Acclamation
Safety & Health	Gary Porter	nominated by Trevor Payne Acclamation
Sgt-at-Arms	Jacki Mitchell	nominated by Brenda Stidams Acclamation
Dir. of Retirees	Valeria Davis	nominated by Gary Porter Acclamation
Mutual Ben. Rep.	Dean Peruzzi	nominated by Mark Beach Acclamation
Trustee	Kelsey Crosbie	nominated by Jeremy Hirschfelt EC
	Jeremy Hirschfelt	nominated by Charles Sanders
	Charles Sanders	nominated by Jeremy Hirschfelt
	Jeff Stiverson	nominated by Allan Moore
	Brenda Stidams	nominated by Jacki Mitchell
	Stevie Bryant	nominated by Leala Harris
	Don Shepherd	nominated by Gary Porter
	Cody Piersol	nominated by Debbie Brown
	Roderick Robinson	nominated by Charles Sanders
	Myron Miller	nominated by Jacki Mitchell
	Eric Kennedy	nominated by Jacki Mitchell
	Dilien Miller	nominated by Victoria Wessa

Delegate:	Mark Beach	Todd Hornyak EC	Todd Hornyak	Mark Beach EC
	Ramon Lawson	Todd Hornyak EC	Yana Miller-Farney	Dean Peruzzi EC
	Kelsey Crosbie	Jeremy Hirschfelt EC		*EC Election Comm Box

Motion made by Jacki Mitchell, seconded Trevor Payne, everyone signed in on ZOOM be included as a delegate.

MOTION PASSED

The following names from ZOOM:

Jackie Habash	Heather Christie	Damon Ward	John Leba	Roderick Robinson
Keith Bednarczuk	Yana Miller-Farney	Flordeliza Merendo	Kenyatta Turman	Thomas Hakey
Joseph Kegley	Doug Gulley	Brian Ball	Nicholas Jarvis	Myron Miller
Scott Lloyd	Tamara Hinkle-Moore	Corey Williams	Victoria Wessa	Allan Moore

Leala Harris	John Martin	Thornton Lindquist	Cole Burton
Tony Soboni Sr	Michael Brim	Stevie Bryant	Shenay Cradolph
Jeff Wycuff	Ramon Lawson	Ed Ralston	
Dale Hillis	Sammy Tonyemba	Rick Merendo	

Nominations closed! All acceptance forms must be received by 10/26/2023 at 1029 Harrisburg Pike, Columbus, OH 43223 by 5:30 PM. Copies on website, in October Bulletin or at Union Hall. Call 614-279-2778 if you have questions. Resume regular order of business.

Mark Beach Edu - Roslind Smith, new steward at NW; Ramon presented Leadership project on the different styles/types of leadership incorporating breakout rooms, went well. Todd Hornyak, Dean Peruzzi and Val Davis attending Health Benefits Seminar in Vegas; Todd will stay for the Committee of Presidents.

Chris Semo Law Comm: ByLaw changes to Art 5 Sec 11c, **PASSED**; Art 7 Sec 11 **PASSED**; Art 5 Sec 11b **PASSED**. All had been read and posted in Aug, Sept and Oct Bulletins.

Val Davis Ret: over 100 attended The Dinner at LA Catering \$538 was donated to MDA, music, dancing, good meal. James Henry, VP from National was our esteemed guest. I would like more attendance at our meetings and at next Dinner. Inviting 2023 speakers to our November Thanksgiving meeting, please come.

Dean Peruzzi HB Rep: New premiums have been released we had some increases but low considering some other plans. Open Season Nov 13- Dec 11, 2023. Please do NOT wait till late to sign up, considering problems with LiteBlue get your selections in early. I will have more info after the Seminar next week. No new news on Mt Carmel not taking CIGNA.

Gary Porter. Safety & Health: Still too many accidents, most are insignificant damage but we need to be more careful. Now is the time to meet with managers on testing furnace health, ordering salt, deicer for windows and locks, hand and foot warmers, cleats, long scrapers. Save plastic bags for pot lid mirrors. It is dark earlier, if you are delivering and cannot see where you are walking that is a safety issue. If there are areas you feel you are in unsafe situations, it is up to you to call in that you cannot read addresses on mail or see where you are walking or creepy people are following you. If you feel unsafe notify management. If they send you back out, you **MUST GO**. If the circumstances or conditions are the same return to the station and report to managers you still can't see addresses or ground or creeps still on your path. Complete a 1767 describing the unsafe condition, darkness is not a reason to not deliver. Have them sign off and keep a copy for your files (ALWAYS). You cannot refuse to go to the route but the carrier has the final decision on whether they feel safe in the conditions. If you require additional comfort stops to warm up, document where and how long.

Todd Hornyak read the Treasurer's Report (Ramon on annual)

NEW BUSINESS

Jacki Mitchell made a motion seconded by Don Shepherd to send a \$250 donation to Charity Newsies. **PASSED**

Dean Peruzzi Made a motion seconded by Don Shepherd to be a hole sponsor for Zanesville Br 63 MDA Golf Outing costing \$125. **PASSED**

Mark Beach made a motion seconded by Don Shepherd to spend up to \$800 to upgrade our security system, placing panels up and downstairs and \$50 per month for monitoring services by Guardian Security. **PASSED**

Trevor read a letter from the Committee on Appeals. They found on behalf of the Branch.

President Renfro, has assigned four branches to merge with Branch 78, Richwood (3) Br 2250, Cardington (4) Br 3095, Mechanicsburg (3) Br 4592 and Ashville (6) Br 5401. Mike Brim spoke on this that the NBA office has been a part of this change, seeing members paying dues but not having representation. It is a lot to ask but if there are times we cannot make it to these areas we can get assistance from Bro. Camilli's staff to help Mark and Todd. More information to come.

It is felt that the negotiations are coming close but compensation is always a sticking point, we want away from

the tiered pay system and increases for all NALC members. The crimes against carriers is an issue that we want stiffer penalties on anyone doing harm to members physical or emotional and that the public should be made aware of these crimes, two rallies have been held in Cincinnati and Chicago. A three member panel has been appointed to delve into these incidents and look for possible solutions. There were approximately 140 at the Branch Picnic. It was a nice venue but we need more entertainment for the children and to get rid of the flies. People were positive in their comments.

We were audited by the DOL; the report showed that we had issues with entering information in the proper column, rather than resubmitting 2022 LM-2 they said make the entries to the correct sections next time. They were complimentary and said our records were in good order and money appropriately accounted. There were some items we weren't aware to list on LM-2 but will add from here on.

Gary Porter asked that stations get their ONT collections started soon. Since COVID most places prefer cash donations or gift cards rather than toys. Gift cards \$15 and up please. We are way behind, must meet with FCCS and VA to give more details, thanks. Don Shepherd said he's not running for Trustee, needs to take care of his health and grandkids.

GOOD of the ASSOCIATION

Scott Hoxworth won the gas card. Constance A. Thayer would have won \$160. Had she been present.

Adjourned at 20:50

Submitted by
Yana Miller-Farney



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- The Letter Carrier Political Fund identifies and contributes to candidates who support issues important to letter carriers.
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- Only NALC members can contribute to the LCPF.
- Union dues are not used, and cannot be used, for political contributions.
- LCPF contributions are voluntary and can stop at any time. There is no open season.
- We encourage LCPF members to make suggestions for political contributions and to attend local fundraisers.
- LCPF members are encouraged to attend local events for members locally who support letter carrier legislative priorities



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