



Minnesota State Association of Letter Carriers

The Minnesota Letter Carrier

2nd Qtr 2022

MSALC CONVENTION

As per the MSALC Bylaw Article 3, the Minnesota State Association of Letter Carriers will conduct a convention this coming October 2 - October 5, 2022.

The convention will be held at Cragun's Resort & Convention Center, Brainerd, MN



MDA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Cragun's Par 3 legacy Course

Sunday October 2

Time: 11am registration

Noon tee time

\$30 includes cart.

Four person scramble

Prizes for longest putt

Closest to pin (women & men)

Low score team

Our foursome is as follows:

Please include me in a foursome:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Send this completed registration form with checks

made out to MDA by 09/26/22 to:

MSALC Treasurer

PO Box 1306

Alexandria, MN 56308

(cut out and mail)

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MDA ACTIVITIES

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

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SUNDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SILENT AUCTION

LIVE AUCTION

We encourage Branches, large and small, to donate items for the live and silent auction.

\$100 HOLE SPONSORS

We are seeking Branches and individuals to sponsor a hole for the golf tournament

Perry Schmidt
President
MSALC

Hello everyone, I hope your summer is starting off well. Here are some of the things that I have been doing around the political scene.

As always, a few fundraisers.

AFL-CIO Retiree Council Delegate Tom Quinn, MSALC Director of Retirees Bill Wessinger and I went to a St Paul Saints Ball game a few weeks ago with Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum. We spent much of the sitting around talking about current issues and what Betty has been doing in Washington DC. We thanked her for her unflagging support of letter carriers and over a few hot dogs and a few beers, we actually saw some of the baseball game.

A few weeks ago as well I went to congresswoman Angie Craig's Fundraiser in St. Paul, this time with Dan and LeeAnn Garhofer - Joel Malkush - Joel Carter- Connie Beissel, again we thanked Angie for all she has done for Letter Carriers. Then on the May 31st the RLF (Regional Labor Federation) held a Screening via Zoom with St Paul RLF President Kera Peterson who hosted this event for Angie Craig's 2nd district Congressional seat up for election this November. Her congressional seat could go either way as the Republican Party is spending a lot of money in this one. The next day we did same thing for Congresswomen Betty McCollum 4th seat district another screening and again thanked her for all she's done for letter carriers and other union members in the AFL-CIO. There will be a lot of door knocking and phone banking coming up. If called upon, give them a few hours of your time some time, it can be fun and what you can gain by talking and listening what other people are thinking. I think everyone has heard about President Joe Biden's nominees who now have a majority on the U.S. Postal Board of Governors, which might spell trouble for Postmaster General DeJoy; let's hope so.

After 12 years of fighting, Postal Service reform is done. This legislation would allow letter carriers and other affected employees the opportunity to purchase retirement credit for the time they spent in these non-career positions, thus providing greater retirement security. Making those phone calls helped everyone. Many Carriers ask me about the relief packages that have been signed into law besides saying read up on your Postal Record I went found a few things in there so will try not to write word for word (LOL) .It reads that most Letter Carriers received sick leave , stimulus checks, funding to stabilize pension plans , and grants , and we all know that while congress has been unsuccessful in

getting Hazard pay for Postal workers in the COVID 19 relief packages, Our NALC keeps fighting on behalf of all letter carriers for our hazard pay. Throughout the pandemic we letter carries have been serving the nation by delivering all the mail six, and sometimes, seven days each week As always brother's and sister's, keep up the great work. Help your fellow carriers who have just started out (CCA,s). To all branch Presidents, please send to MSALC Secretary, Christa Abraham, updates on anything you need and send to her all the Letter Carriers that have passed so their names will be remembered at the state convention, which kicks off on October 2nd with MDA golf at Cragun's Legacy Par 3, and ending with an awards dinner the evening of October 4th. I hope to see you there and have a great summer and stay safe.

Paul Roue
Vice President
MSALC

Donate generously to MDA and get a chance for one or two of the fine items Iron Range Merged Br 1058 donated to be raffled off for MDA. The crossbow will come with a case bringing the value to around \$500. See the ad in this newsletter for details.

On the legislative side one of the big issues is the **Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 4268)**. When we ask for calls please step up. Most of you have non-career time you could buy back and retire earlier or have a better pension. I still have 3 months casual time I would love to buy back, that time was in 1989 right after the cut off to buy back the time. Many of you have two or more years you could buy back. Please do some calling or an e-mailing when asked so we can get this done.

Frontline Worker Pay.

MN has decided Frontline Workers should get a \$750 check from the state. Talking with the wife of my State Rep, Dave Lislegard, she said apply because even mine workers might get it. You will only have 45 days to apply once they finalize the application process. For updates enter your email address at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2x65jfp4>

[The worst they can do is say you don't qualify. If we do qualify use some of that money to buy raffle tickets to benefit MDA.](#)

Two Door Prizes

at the 2022 MSALC Convention

All ticket proceeds go to MDA

\$20 per ticket



\$10 per ticket



Wicked Ridge/ TenPoint Black Hawk 360

If you can't be at the 2022 State Convention but want to purchase an MDA ticket, Paul Roue, (MSALC VP) will buy the MDA tickets and submit them on your behalf.

(Minnesota State Lottery rules forbid printing actual tickets in newsletter.)

Make check payable to Paul Roue, and send with form below to:

PO Box 13

Aurora, MN 55705

Cell: 218-780-1445

Email: forestry.road.enterprises@gmail.com

I am enclosing \$ _____ for _____ ticket(s) for the Winchester SX Shotgun.

I am enclosing \$ _____ for _____ ticket(s) for the Wicked Ridge/TenPoint Black Hawk 360.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Branch: _____ Phone number: _____

Instructions for Submitting Branch or State Bylaw Changes to the NALC National Committee of Laws

1. Article 15 of the NALC Constitution requires that the proposed bylaws of all subordinate branches and state associations (except those by-laws fixing the time and place of meetings, and the amount of initiation fees, dues, and reinstatement fees) shall be submitted for approval to the Committee of Laws.

Use this form to submit a bylaw change—a change already voted on and approved by your NALC branch or state association—to the NALC National Committee of Laws for approval.

2. Article 15 of the NALC Constitution provides that branch bylaws “may be amended at any regular meeting of the branch, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the last previous regular branch meeting, and suitable notification to members shall be made at least ten (10) days before the regular meeting at which the vote is to be taken.” Previous rulings have established that “suitable notification” within the meaning of Article 15 is any notice which, under the facts and circumstances, is reasonably designed to inform all members of the substance of the proposed amendment and the time and place of the vote. Such notice may be provided by mailing or by publication in a branch newsletter mailed to the members. While posting a notice on a station bulletin board is a good method of informing members of bylaw amendment votes, it is insufficient by itself to provide adequate notice where there is no guarantee that every member of the branch, particularly retirees, will see the bulletin board display.

3. Branch or state association bylaws may contain additional provisions for amending bylaws.

4. After the bylaw has been voted on and approved, complete all parts of this form, including the date of the first reading or notification, the date of the vote and the signature of a branch officer. Make sure to include a contact phone number in case the Committee of Laws needs more information. Please submit a separate form for each change in article, section or subsection.

5. The prior language must be included along with the new language. If the prior language has been deleted, write “Deleted” in the new language box.

6. Submit the form(s) along with two copies of the current bylaws.

7. Mail to: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, National Association of Letter Carriers,
100 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144.



MINNESOTA STATE ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS

Proposed Bylaw Change Form

Article _____ Section _____

Presently reads: (underline language you want to change / strikethru language you want to delete)

Change to read: (if possible, bold language changed or added)

Branch President _____ Branch Secretary _____

Submitted by _____ Date _____

Submit 5 signed and typed copies to the MSALC Secretary



MINNESOTA STATE ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS

RESOLUTIONS:

Branch President _____ Branch Secretary _____

Submitted by _____ Date _____

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Every effort will be made to maximize
Ad space

THE MINNESOTA LETTER CARRIER
Minnesota State Association of Letter Carriers

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Lakeville, MN 55044-7681

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Minnesota NALC Branch Presidents, The MSALC is publishing a 2022 Convention Booklet.

This will contain:

- The previous MSALC Convention Minutes. A current copy of the MSALC Bylaws. MSALC Officer reports
- Tentative Convention schedule. 2023 proposed budget. 2022 detailed income/expense report
- Legislative training information.

Suggestions for your ad: Photo of station letter carriers, Photo of station stewards, Photo of your union officers.

Should you want help creating your Branch ad, please contact the MSALC Editor. Send a drawing or a description of the ad you would like placed.

Ad Rates for 2022

\$120 for a full page

\$65 for 1/2 page

\$45 for 1/4 page

The MSALC Convention Booklet is not a budgeted item.
The cost for printing and binding is covered by submitted Branch ads
Only union friendly organizations will be permitted to place an ad in the Convention Booklet

Deadline for 2022 MSALC Convention Ads: Thursday, September 1st, 2022

Payment will be required before your Ad is placed in Booklet.
Make checks out to MSALC
(with a notation for 2022 Convention Booklet.)

Send Checks to:
Christa Abraham, MSALC Secretary
13405 Arrowhead St NW #2
Andover, MN 55304
msalcsecretary@gmail.com

Send your ad or description to:
Chuck Glover, Editor
16230 Hyland Ave
Lakeville, MN 55044-7681
c48has@charter.net
text to: 612-986-6052