



Minnesota State Association of Letter Carriers

The Minnesota Letter Carrier

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Hello everyone, I hope you have had a good summer so far. As you read this, the National convention in Boston will be over. The five days of the convention are typically very tiring yet filled with much critical and important information. Everything from contract negotiations to various NALC responsibilities and trainings get covered. Some of what will be covered will be simple updates, while other information will be new and refreshing. Either way, it is always good to hear from the National Officers as well as the thousands of letter carriers from across the country.

Political changes may occur between the time this article is written and when it is published, as things are moving fast these days. We will continue to deliver mail and remain safe while the political world races by. As we know, we just want upper management to provide us with the tools to perform our jobs safely. Be sure to deliver your routes safely and return home the way you arrived.

Our 2024 State Convention will be at Sugar Lake lodge in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and will take place October 6-9. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there! We will be starting with golf on Sunday followed by the awards dinner and getting the business portion of the convention started on Monday morning.

We will see everyone soon. Take care for the rest of the summer, spend time with your families, and help the new carriers learn their jobs.

Perry B Schmidt



Perry Schmidt
President

Erin Blazovic , Vice President

Happy summer, all! It may not be comfortable since we are not used to this heat, but I hope that you can take advantage of the sunshine and many things our gorgeous state contains. I am writing this from Boston at the NALC Convention.

Minnesota was in the spotlight this week with the announcement of Governor Walz as the VP running with Vice President Harris. I am loving all the memes about his #BigDadEnergy and cannot wait for the country to learn about him and his policies. He is a staunch union brother as a member of the National Educators Association.

The NALC put together a video called "Foot Soldiers for Democracy" that can be found on YouTube, and it is well worth the watch. It emphasizes the importance of the work that we do, delivering the campaign mail - we may feel it is bulk mail, but it can influence the election. We deliver voter registration notices and absentee ballots for those who cannot physically get to a polling place. They have as much of a vote as everyone else. Democracy is such an important part of this country, and we must protect it in the same way we protect the mail.

Another video shown was titled "Enough is Enough" regarding the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (POLCA). Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick [R - PA] and Greg Landsman [D - OH], original co-sponsors of the act, both visited the convention. It served as a reminder to us that anybody can become a victim of senseless violence and to always remain aware of your surroundings.

Finally, the LCPF is a crucial tool to help support the officials who speak for us to enact important legislation, such as the POLCA (H.R.7629/ S.4356), Social Security Fairness Act (H.R.82/S.597), and Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 5995). Please consider contributing to the fund through a payroll deduction in an amount that you choose. Contact your branch or state officers for any assistance in signing up to donate to the PAC.

Stay safe, healthy, and strong as we head into election season and the peak season that will shortly follow!

Convention Agenda

2024 MSALC State Convention

****This Agenda is Tentative and Subject to Change****

Sunday Oct 6th

Arrive at Sugar Lake Lodge

Noon – Golf Registration @ Sugarbrooke Golf Course/MDA

1:00 – Shotgun start

3:00 – 5:00 PM – Delegate Registration in Lodge lobby

5:30 PM – Committee of Presidents Meeting

6:30 – 8 PM – Icebreaker Dinner and Golf Awards @ Dining Room

Monday Oct 7th

Breakfast – Dining Room

8:00 – 9:00AM – Registration @ Conference Room (Same room as convention)

9:00 AM – 4 PM – General Convention Session

Invocation

Guest speakers

Lunch – Dining Room

Committee Reports

Speakers/Training

RECESS

Dinner – Dining Room

Hospitality Room in lower level Asplin Suite

Tue Oct 8th

Breakfast – Dining Room

9:00 AM – 4 PM General Convention Session

Invocation

Memorial Service

Guest speakers/Training

Lunch – Dining Room

Speakers/Training

Committee Reports

NALC/NBA Updates

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6:00 Banquet, Live MDA Auction, Adjournment

Wed Oct 9th

Breakfast – Dining Room

MSALC Board meeting – room TBD

Check out 11:00AM

Minnesota NALC Branch Presidents,

The MSALC is publishing a 2024 Convention Booklet.

This will contain:

- ◆ The previous MSALC convention minutes, a current copy of the MSALC bylaws, MSALC Officer reports, a tentative convention schedule, a 2025 proposed budget, and the 2024 detailed income/expense report.
- ◆ Legislative training information.

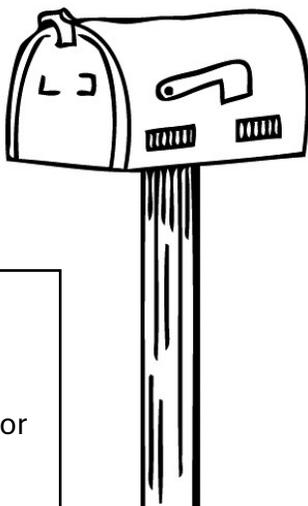
The MSALC convention booklet is not a budgeted item. The cost for printing and binding is covered by submitting Branch ads. Only union friendly organizations will be permitted to place an ad in the convention booklet.

Suggestions for your ad: photo of station letter carriers, union stewards, or branch officers.

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

MSALC
Convention
information
available on
msalc.org:
 Hotel Registration
 MDA Golf Flyer
 Sugar Lake Resort Map
 Bylaw Form
 Resolution Form

Send Checks to:
 Christa Abraham
 MSALC Secretary
 13405 Arrowhead St. NW #2



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Send your ad (.jpg, .pdf) to:
 Robb Petersburg, MSALC Editor
 Contact: msalceditor@gmail.com or
 763.300.4117 to leave a message

All ads are in black & white

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