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## NALC Executive Council Reviews Proposed Convention Resolutions



NALC Executive Council discusses proposed resolutions and constitutional amendments submitted for the upcoming convention during a meeting June 20 in Hutchings Hall at NALC Headquarters. (Photos by Mike Shea)

The NALC Executive Council conducted a three-day meeting at NALC Headquarters June 19-21 to consider resolutions and constitutional amendments that have been proposed for the 65th Biennial NALC Convention in Las Vegas.

The Council reviewed each of the 91 resolutions and 15 amendments which had been submitted to headquarters by the deadline in preparation for making a recommendation to convention delegates.



President Williams H. Young makes a point during consideration of resolutions. Next to Young is Executive Vice President Jim Williams.

The Council will meet again in Las Vegas just prior to the start of the convention on August 14.

NALC President William H. Young reported that the NALC and other key stakeholders are working closely with senators and representatives to get a compromise postal reform bill passed and sent to the White House before Congress takes its summer recess, August 1. A few contentious issues remain unresolved.

Young reiterated that if the NALC is not satisfied with the final language, the union would oppose final enactment when the document goes back to the House and Senate floors.

Young also announced that:

- Formal negotiations with the Postal Service for a new collective bargaining agreement will commence in Washington on August 28.
- Latest data shows NALC remaining the most organized "open shop" union in the labor movement with 92.8 percent of letter carriers signed up as members of the union. Leading the way was National Business Agent John Casciano's New England Region 14 with 96.6 percent organized.
- Former Denver NALC Br. 47 President Linda Temple, currently a staff member in the Contract Administration Unit, will become Director of Compensation effective at the end of the year with the retirement of Ron Watson.

## Eighth COLA at \$666

The projected accumulation for the eighth and final regular cost-of-living adjustment under the 2001-2006 National Agreement, driven by inflationary fuel prices, increased to \$666 following release June 14 of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for May.

The eighth COLA will be based on inflation between January and July 2006 and will be payable in the second full pay period following release of the July 2006 index. The \$666 annual accumulation equals 32 cents per hour or \$25.60 per pay period.

The projected accumulation toward the 2007 retiree COLA was 2.9 percent following release of the May CPI-W. The 2007 COLA is to be based on the increase in the CPI-W between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006.

The 2007 COLA for Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) participants, to be determined on the rise in the CPI-W from December 2005 to December 2006, stands at 3 percent based on the May data.

## PERF Streamlines Eligibility Criteria Preparing for Katrina Relief Grants

The Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF) Executive Committee streamlined the Fund's eligibility criteria June 21 in a move aimed at handling the more than 1,100 pending applications from active and retired postal employees in the Gulf States for assistance due to damage from Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma and Rita.

The updating of the criteria, retroactive to August 28, 2005, will enable the Fund to act more quickly and uniformly once postal applicants finish providing the Fund with necessary information about their losses. Over 90 percent of the current applications are incomplete due primarily to the fact that federal and state relief grants for housing reconstruction have not yet been made. The slow pace of finalizing insurance claims has also hindered the process.

The new criteria was adopted unanimously by the Fund's Executive Committee. The Committee put off until a future meeting proposed changes in the formula that determines the amount of relief grants, an action that may be necessary to meet the high number of applications from the 2005 hurricanes. NALC is one of eight postal organizations that comprise PERF.

## 9,378 Delegates Registered

Delegate registration cards for 9,378 NALC members from 731 branches have been received by NALC Secretary-Treasurer Jane E. Broendel for participation in the 65th Biennial Convention at the Las Vegas Convention Center August 14-18.

The number assures that the 2006 convention will be among the largest in NALC history.

The record was set in 1998 in Las Vegas when 9,116 delegates were officially seated by the Credentials Committee. The Honolulu convention in 2004 had 7,429 seated delegates.

### Going fast!

## Nearly 1,100 Seats Sold for Retirement Dinner Honoring 11 Current & Past National Officers

Secretary-Treasurer Jane E. Broendel reports that 1,093 have already been sold for the August 17 — Thursday evening of Convention Week — retirement dinner at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel honoring 11 National Officers who have retired since the last convention or will retire at the end of their current terms in December.

"Only about 300 more seats are available," Broendel said. "Convention delegates who want to be part of this historic and exciting celebration dinner should act soon or face the possibility of tickets being sold out."

Broendel said the Retiring Officers' Dinner will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Hilton Pavilion, followed by an elegant dinner at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Ballroom. A special salute to the retirees will follow dinner and the evening will end with dancing until 11 p.m.

Being honored are Executive Vice President Jim Williams, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Jim Korolowicz, Director of Retired Members Don Southern; retired Director of Safety and Health Alan Ferranto and retired Director of Health Benefits Thomas H. Young Jr.; National Business Agents Arthur Buck and Dale Hart; retired NBAs Richard Gentry, Matthew Rose and Barry Weiner; and National Trustee Daniel Rupp.

See the April 28 NALC Bulletin for additional information and ordering coupon.

### Hawaii vacation!

## 'Gimme 5' Raffle Deadline July 15

The deadline is July 15 for members to sign up for automatic "Gimme 5 for COLCPE" deduction and be eligible for a raffle to win a Hawaii vacation trip.

To be eligible for the drawing, members must be signed up for automatic donations to Committee on Letter Carrier Political Education, the NALC's political education fund from their pay check, their annuity, or direct from a personal bank account.

At the National Convention, names will be drawn from among those who "Gimme 5" either through automatic payroll or annuity deductions, or through \$10 monthly electronic fund transfers from bank accounts. Members who gave at least \$120 in 2005 will have their names placed in the "hat" as well, and anyone who made occasional or one-time contributions totaling \$120 by July 1 is also eligible to win.

Individuals do not need to be at the convention to win.

Those who have not yet signed up have until July 15 — one month before the convention — to do so. See directions on the NALC website, [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org), or contact your branch COLCPE coordinator or president.

July 15 is also the deadline for COLCPE Coordinators to send in a one-page description of the methods they used to sign up members for automatic contributions to be eligible for a flat-screen TV raffle.

NALC President William H. Young announced the "Gimme 5 for COLCPE" initiative in March to get active NALC members to commit to donating at least \$5 per paycheck (or in the case of retirees, \$5 per month from their annuity payment) to COLCPE.

## Top 25 Food Drive Branches

Here are the top 25 NALC branches in pounds of donations collected during the May 13 NALC National Food Drive, regardless of size of membership, according to results reported to NALC Headquarters:

Br. 3 Buffalo/W. NY	1,902,962	Br. 1091 Central FL	602,597
Br. 1477 West Coast FL	1,501,557	Br. 1690 West Palm Beach FL	572,979
Br. 599 Tampa FL	1,351,500	Br. 84 Pittsburgh PA	541,159
Br. 2008 Clearwater FL	1,311,454	Br. 500 Harrisburg PA	535,845
Br. 704 Tucson AZ	1,115,793	Br. 24 Los Angeles CA	514,000
Br. 1100 Garden Grove CA	1,031,806	Br. 70 San Diego CA	509,875
Br. 2 Milwaukee WI	1,024,538	Br. 111 Salt Lake City UT	500,677
Br. 6000 Long Island NY Mgd	1,008,000	Br. 825 Elmhurst IL	447,563
Br. 4 Nashville TN	984,797	Br. 133 Sacramento CA	440,458
Br. 1071 Miami FL	917,354	Br. 576 Phoenix AZ	434,546
Br. 38 New Jersey Mgd	789,500	Br. 34 Boston MA	430,000
Br. 79 Seattle WA	780,993	Br. 53 Jacksonville FL	414,578
Br. 82 Portland OR	643,507		

### Correction!

## Garden Grove CA Br. 1100 Top in Category

Due to a clerical error, the list of NALC Food Drive award winners by membership category printed in the June 8 issue of the *NALC Bulletin* had the wrong branch winning Category V (branches with 2,500 or more members).

The correct data shows Garden Grove, California Br. 1100 leading that category with 1,031,806 pounds, followed by Long Island, New York, Merged Br. 6000 in second at 1,008,000 pounds.

Both branches will be honored at the NALC National Convention in Las Vegas and food banks designated by each will receive 1,000 pounds of Campbell Soup products.