NALC Convention
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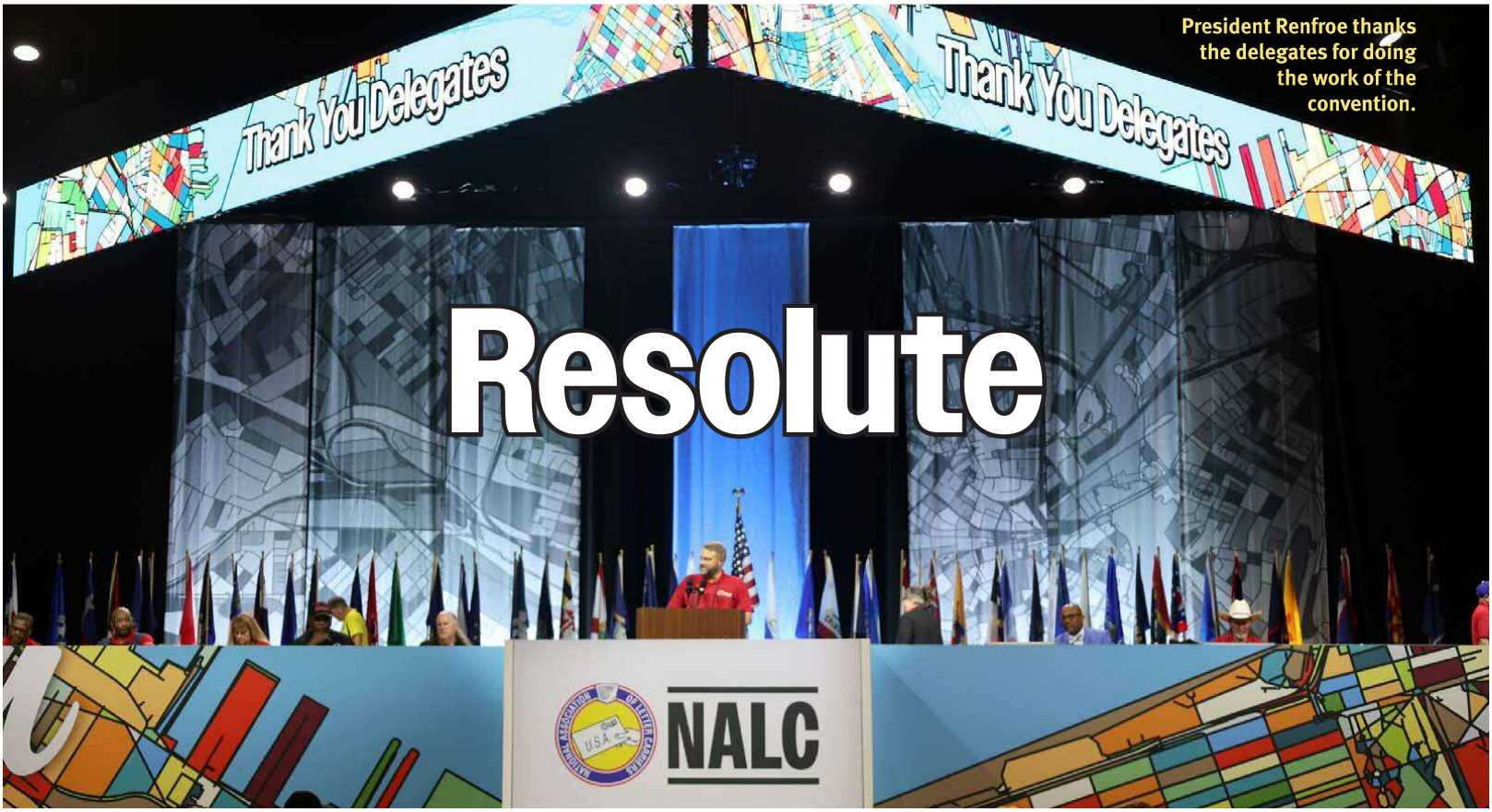
Covering the fifth session:
Friday, Aug. 9, 2024




President Renfroe thanks the delegates for doing the work of the convention.

## Resolute

**After President Brian L. Renfroe** opened Friday's session of the NALC national convention at 7:36 a.m., the day kicked off with Stephanie Bostic of South Florida Branch 1071 singing a rousing rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and Boston, MA Branch 34 President Tom Rooney leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Kenny Hoskins of Dayton, OH Branch 182 gave the invocation.

The NALC president asked for a moment of silence to remember the former national and regional officers who have died since the 2022 Chicago convention: former Region 13 National Business Agent (NBA) Richard Gentry, former Region 13 Regional Administrative Assistant (RAA) Jim Sherfey, former Director of Safety and Health Bill Dunn, former RAA Raymond McDonald, former Director of City Delivery Brian Farris, and former Region 1 RAA and Headquarters letter carrier staff member Al Apfelbaum. Renfroe also asked the convention to honor the memory of Seattle, WA Branch 79 Vice President Mark Meyers, who died the previous week.

NALC President Renfroe then read a letter from President Emeritus William H. Young, who called on letter carriers to get involved in the presidential election and help elect Kamala Harris. "Call your state officer or local legislative representative and ask what you can do to help," he wrote.

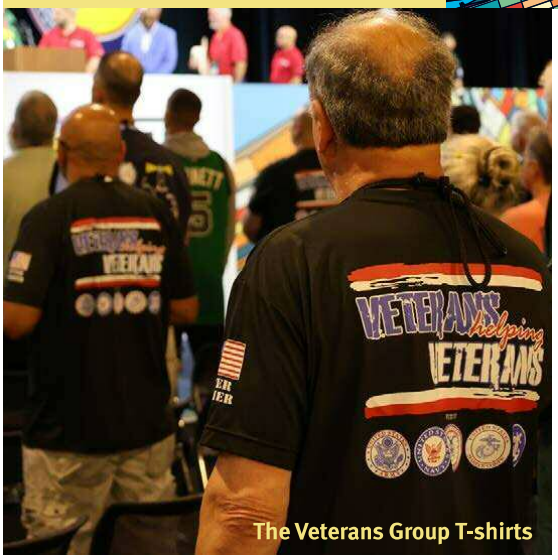
Renfroe called Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine to the podium to resume consideration of resolutions, followed by Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Mack I. Julion, Director of City Delivery Christopher Jackson and Director of Safety and Health Manuel L. Peralta Jr.

The delegates voted to adopt resolutions:

- to bargain with management over back pay,
- to negotiate over debt-collection procedures, and
- to call for improved vehicle training.

A number of resolutions relating to the Technology Integrated Alternate Route Evaluation and Adjustment Process (TIAREAP) were discussed. One of them, Resolution 36, was amended by the maker and then approved by the Executive Council and adopted.

Director of Trustees Chairman Lawrence D. Brown Jr. gave the Rule 22 collection report and allocation of donations. The collection on the convention floor and via Venmo yielded $24,590, which was matched by NALC Headquarters. The total of $49,180 was



The Veterans Group T-shirts

to be split between the families of six letter carriers. The delegates approved the allocations.

The NALC president called Vice President James D. Henry to the microphone to lead consideration of appeals. The delegates considered three appeals and voted to deny all three.

The delegates then voted to approve a motion made from the floor for the NALC to create a standing committee on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Executive Vice President Paul Barner, a military veteran, took the stage to announce that the NALC Veterans Group has reached 19,738 members. President Renfroe then called on the veterans in the delegation to stand to be honored and led a Letter Carrier Cheer for them.

President Renfroe called Director of Health Benefits Stephanie Stewart to the podium for more consideration of resolutions, followed by Director of Retired Members Dan Toth and Director of Life Insurance Jim Yates.

From the floor, a delegate announced that the MDA raffle had yielded $48,179 and a Veterans Group fundraiser for homeless veterans in the Boston area raised $1,191. The delegates approved a motion for NALC Headquarters to match the MDA amount and to donate funds to bring the Veterans Group amount to $10,000.

Another motion was made for Headquarters to match the $9,695 raised for MDA by Oak Brook, IL Branch 825 in a 50/50 raffle. The motion passed.

The president introduced the members of the Convention Site Committee: Howard Komine of Honolulu, HI Branch 860 and Jim Korolowicz of South Macomb, MI Branch 4374. The committee took a moment to remember longtime committee member Glenn Norton of Las Vegas, NV Branch 2502, who died in January.

After further consideration of resolutions, President Renfroe called to the podium Trustees Chairman Brown, who is president of Los Angeles, CA Branch 24, host branch for the 2026 convention. He invited the delegates to his city in two years, and then the delegates viewed a short welcome video.

President Renfroe thanked Keith Lineman of Pasadena, CA Branch 2200, chairman of the Distribution Committee, and his committee members for their work.

President Renfroe expressed thanks to Boston Branch 34 and everyone who worked to make the convention possible. The 73rd Biennial Convention adjourned *sine die* at 3:35 p.m.

Jim Korolowicz (l) and Howard Komine remember their friend Glenn Norton.

The members of Los Angeles Branch 24 invite the delegates to their city in 2026.