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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Calvin Brookins

### National Elections

The National Election Committee, appointed at the Philadelphia Convention to conduct the election of national officers for the NALC, met on Aug. 15 in Washington to set the rules and procedures of the election.

The election will be conducted by mail ballot and administered by an independent party, following the requirements of the NALC Constitution and the regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor and subject to oversight by the National Election Committee.

Official election instructions will be included with all ballots mailed to eligible NALC members.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be a regular member of the NALC and in good standing as of June 1, 2014.

Preparation and mailing of ballots will begin on Monday, Sept. 29, with any ballots ready to mail going in the mail stream that day. Preparation and mailing will continue on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Any active or retired members who do not receive a ballot by Wednesday, Oct. 8, must notify their branch officers. Those branches must then immediately contact the NALC Membership Department to request a duplicate, replacement ballot.

The deadline for branch officers to contact the Membership Department is 4 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, Oct. 10.

Only a branch officer can request a duplicate ballot.

Ballots must be received by 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, to be counted. The counting of ballots will begin on Oct. 20.

The committee held a teleconference on Aug. 8 to review the nominations for national office submitted at the convention on July 23, following the procedure outlined by the NALC Constitution.

Prior to the teleconference, National Election Committee Chairman Joe DeRossi, a member of Brooklyn, NY Branch 41, distributed the submitted nomination forms to the nine election committee members for review.

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## BRANCH 2462 RETIREE LUNCHEON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 5, 2014

MONTEREY AT ENCINO  
(FORMALLY ENCINO GLEN RESTAURANT)

**16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, California**

Doors Open 1:00 PM

LUNCH at 2:00 PM

Price is \$ 5.00

Retiree's and Active Carriers are Welcome

For Further Information Contact

**BOB JOHNSON (818) 786-8505**

IN MEMORY OF  
TOM BECKWITH  
BRANCH 2462 RETIRED MEMBER &  
GOLD CARD HONOREE

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## Vice President's Report

By  
Janette Dolabson

NALC plans to fight plant closures and consolidations:

During the week of August 11, 2014, half of the Senate sent a letter urging Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-AL), Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) Chairman Tom Udall (D-NM) and FSGG Ranking Member Mike Johanns (R-NE) to embrace a one-year moratorium on the closure and consolidation of any additional mail processing facilities and to maintain July 2012 service standards.

The letter comes on the heels of the announcement by the postmaster general that the USPS plans to close or consolidate 82 more mail processing facilities around the country, shedding an additional 15,000 jobs in 2015. The closures will eliminate First Class overnight delivery in areas serviced by these facilities and slow mail processing throughout the nation.

NALC is backing an effort to generate support for the moratorium in the House, which is being led by Reps. Dave Joyce (R-OH), Ron Kind (D-WI), Pete King (R-NY), Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Michael Grimm (R-NY), Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM), Michael Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Matt Cartwright (D-PA). The House letter, which is identical to the Senate letter, is also directed to House Appropriators including Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers (R-KY), Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Nita Lowey (D-NY), FSGG Subcommittee Chairman Ander Crenshaw (R-FL) and FSGG Ranking Member Jose Serrano (D-NY).

"This ill-conceived idea will do nothing but disrupt residential and business customers from receiving timely deliveries -- ultimately leading to more late deliveries and driving away business," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "Instead of embracing bad idea after bad idea in an attempt to 'save the Postal Service,' the PMG should look at new and innovative ways to serve the public and businesses through expanded partnerships and work toward the elimination of the pre-funding mandate that continues to cripple the Postal Service. Until this realization is made, we will continue to see more of the same from the PMG and we will work against these needless service cuts."

When Congress returns on Sept. 9, it has little time to complete legislative business before its expected adjournment for the elections by month's end. Therefore, Congress is expected to take up a comprehensive omnibus spending package for FY 2015 instead of individual appropriations measures, which could enshrine the moratorium in law.



## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	4	4	8	6	5	4	5	5	4		
ENCINO	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	4	3		
PANORAMA CITY	2	1	7	2	2	2	2	1	0		
SHERMAN OAKS	5	6	6	6	4	6	7	5	4		
SUN VALLEY	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	1		
TARZANA	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	2		
RETIREE'S	4	5	6	5	5	4	7	6	4		
TOTAL	22	25	33	25	22	22	29	25	18		

MEETING PLACE OF BRANCH 2462, NALC  
6910 HAYVENHURST AVE., SUITE 101  
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

NEXT MEETING  
\*\*\*6:30 PM\*\*\*  
OCTOBER  
7th  
"2014"

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT  
ISSUE OF "THE MAIL CALL" IS

Oct 7, 2014

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## "RETIREE CORNER"

ATTENTION: !!!!

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCielis). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be September 27th & October 25, 2014 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You  
Frank Brash

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Upon examination, the committee determined that three nominations did not meet the requirements for certification under the terms of the NALC Constitution, and committee members voted unanimously to disqualify all three.

Those disqualified were director of retired member's candidate Ken Ring of Minneapolis Branch 9, director of safety and health candidate Travis Lober of Arizona Merged Branch 1902, and national trustee candidate William Heller of West Coast Florida Branch 1477.

As a result of these disqualifications, the committee declared winners in two of the races for national office:

- Manuel L. Peralta Jr., a member of Garden Grove, CA Branch 1100, for Director of Safety and Health
- Ron Watson, a member of Corvallis, OR Branch 1274, for Director of Retired Members

The third disqualification leaves a field of five remaining nominees for the three national trustee offices.

This information is provided to you from the NALC Website. Please exercise your right to vote for your National Officer of your choice.

## Cost-of-living adjustment

COLAs total \$1,227 annually: Following the Aug. 19 release of the July Consumer Price Index (CPI), the fourth cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement is \$686 annually. Under the terms of the 2011-2016 agreement, payment of this fourth cost-of-living adjustment will take effect in Pay Period 20 (pay date Sept. 26), the same pay period that the deferred second contract COLA will take effect. The second cost-of-living adjustment for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement was \$541 annually. Combined, the two COLAs equal \$1,227. This increase will be added to the salaries of all steps in Table 1 and Step O of Table 2, with proportionate application of the COLA to Steps A-N of Table 2.

For the Good of the Association:  
New York City Post Office now named for Sombrotto

On Aug. 8, President Barack Obama signed into law H.R. 2291, which officially renamed Manhattan's Grand Central Station Post Office, located at 450 Lexington Ave. in New York City, as the Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office.

Sombrotto, a member of New York City Branch 36, led the Great Postal Strike of 1970. He later served as NALC president from 1979 to 2002. He died Jan. 10, 2013.

The measure swiftly moved through both houses of Congress this summer before landing on President Obama's desk for his signature on Aug. 8. USPS will work with Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), the original sponsor of the legislation, to prepare a dedication ceremony.

USPS Operating Profit

On August 11, 2014, The Postal Service released figures that showed an operating profit of slightly more than \$1 billion for the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 2014, continuing a trend of operating profitability that began in October 2012.

The Internet is now helping the Postal Service as e-commerce grows especially in the area of parcels from Amazon. USPS Chief Financial Officer Joseph Corbett called the third quarter a very good quarter in a lot of ways, because mail revenue increased by \$424 million, package revenue rose 6.6 percent, and standard mail revenue rose 5.1 percent and first-class mail revenue was up 3.2 percent. The red ink at the Postal Service is attributable to non-mail factors.

Something to keep in mind, Safety

Safety is as easy as  
A-lways  
B-eing  
C-areful

Be safe out there Letter Carriers.

In Unionism.

## ATTENTION RETIREE'S !!!

You may be familiar with the saying "There is no such thing as a Free Lunch" While this may be true, it does not pertain to Breakfast. The Branch holds a Retiree Breakfast meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month. No Voting, just a friendly get together to talk and eat. The best thing is

**IT IS FREE !!!**

That's right, if you are a retired member in good standing of Branch 2462 your Breakfast is provided at no charge  
You Heard Right !

**FREE !!!!**

So what are you waiting for, meet with us this month.

When 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Month  
Where Denny's Restaurant,  
(Corner of Sherman Way & DeCielis).  
Time 9:00 AM

If you have trouble with transportation contact FRANK BRASH and we will try and arrange for a ride. Come on out, you will have a great time, and the price is right !

Active Members are invited to attend also if it is your  
Day Off !!

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## Branch Meeting Minutes September 2, 2014

By  
Steve Seyfried, Secretary

The Meeting was held at the Branch 2462 Union Hall 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave, Van Nuys California. It was called to order by PRESIDENT BROOKINS at 6:58 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ANALIA GARCIA  
MOMENT OF SILENCE-----All NALC members who have passed this year.

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT---BROOKINS, J. DOLABSON, SEYFRIED,  
JOHNSON, MULLINAX, WILSON, BURTON, GARCIA, L.  
DOLABSON

ABSENT---ENZ

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

BILLS RECEIVED

None

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

None

TRUSTEES

No Report

SAFETY & HEALTH

Still waiting for all Stations

to receive the Heat stand up.

RETIREEES---BRASH

4 attending tonight, and

breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat was well attended. Reminder that the Retiree Luncheon will be Sunday Oct 5th. at Monterey At Encino restaurant. Door open at 1 pm. Cost is only \$ 5.00 all Retiree's and Active members are welcome, please plan on attending as we will be honoring 2 Gold card recipients & 2 outgoing Executive Board members, plus awarding the Ray Kreyer & Harry Brenneman awards.

MBA--ENZ

No Report.

HBR---L. DOLABSON

No Report

MDA FUND--GARCIA

\$ 1676.00 in the fund.

MDA--ANGER-BARRETT

Bowl-a-thon will be in

November, watch for exact date and further information.

V. P. REPORT---J. DOLABSON Bill to allow All-Vote-By-Mail elections in San Diego County was introduced, but failed to pass. However, a similar bill was introduced and passed in San Mateo County. Bi-Partisan letter is being circulated in both House's of US Congress, calling for the Postal Service to halt the closing and merging of offices across the country. NALC is currently working to generate support for both these letters. Also continuing to work with Bi-Partisan legislation to stop the Post Office from canceling Door to Door delivery. These are important issues for all of us, please contact your local Congressional representatives and urge them to support these issues. These changes will have a drastic effect on your job and potentially your retirement.

Don't Wait!!! Do It Today!!!

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON

MOTION---Accept report as read

M/S/C

PRESIDENT BROOKINS Gave his report on the latest important items which he will cover in his article in the Mailcall.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION---Branch purchase 1 new computer & monitor. Cost not to Exceed \$ 1100.00

M/S/C

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

2 Gold Cards, signifying 50 years of NALC membership, will be given out at the upcoming Retiree Luncheon on Sunday, Oct 5th. Membership pins will be given out at each individual stations.

Next Executive Board meeting will be moved to Thursday, September 25th. at 6:30 pm. Note the Date change.

Nominations for the RAY KREYER AWARD are now being accepted. If you wish to nominated someone your should contact the office before 5 pm. Sept 25th. All nominations should include a brief list of the accomplishments and qualifications of the nominee, and the reason you feel they deserve to receive this honor.

MDA DRAWING

\$ ART BOCEK--RETIREE--DONATED

\$ 5 PAUL JEFFREY--ENCINO--DONATED

\$ 7 CALVIN BROOKINS--MAIN OFFICE--DONATED

ADJOURNED 8:03 pm

