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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By JANETTE DOLABSON

Upcoming events

Retirement Seminar will be virtually held on Sunday August 15th, 2021. Sign up sheets will be posted in your office. You will need to provide your name, email address and phone number on that form so the NBA office can send you a link to join the seminar. This is a voluntary seminar for those folks who are thinking about retiring. You will need to be able to log into a computer or be able to listen on your phone for this seminar.

FSS Machines

The FFS machine for the Encino, Sherman Oaks and Main Office zones on FFS will be dismantled. Your FFS mail will be processed on a different machine. You should not see any impact on your delivery of FFS. This change is to make room for a new parcel sorting machine.

USPS

The Postal Service will be replacing the current mobile delivery devices (MDD). With new mobile delivery device-technology refresh (MDD-TR) scanning devices. The Postal Service says phase 2 of this effort, which includes the remainder of the delivery nits has begun. USPS anticipates this replacement effort will take approximately 23 weeks to complete. There will be training on the new scanners prior to the use on the street.

The Postal Service proof of concept (POC) test of new electronic arrow key lockers. The USPS seeks to find alternate ways to increase arrow key security, create higher levels of employee accountability related to arrow keys and reduce costs and fees associated with investigating and replacing lost arrow keys. The POC test will require carriers and clerks to use electronically controlled key locker units. During the POC test, several different methods will be utilized to access the locker units, (pin, employee badge), to retrieve the arrow keys

EFEL LEAVE

General Information and Eligibility

1. What new leave benefits were created by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)? The ARPA created a new type of leave for postal employees impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The leave consists of up to 600 hours of EFEL for full-time employees (with proportional amounts for other employees) for qualifying COVID-19-related reasons.

2. When will EFEL be available for me to use? EFEL is available for covered leave taken beginning March 11, 2021 and is expected to continue through September 30, 2021, but availability could end earlier based on notice from OPM that there are no more funds for reimbursement. Under the ARPA, EFEL is available only if there are funds available to reimburse the Postal Service for use of the leave.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Article V of the NALC Constitution and Article V of the By-Laws of Branch 2462, NALC, notice is hereby given for the Nomination and Election of Delegates to the State and National Convention. Nominations will be held at the October Meeting on October 5, 2021. Election, if needed, will be held in November 2021 and will be conducted by mail, as provided in Article IV of the By-Laws of Branch 2462 NALC. All members, in good standing, are eligible to be nominated. Any member, not in good standing or who has not attended at least eighteen (18) regular meetings during the twenty-four (24) months prior to their nomination as a Delegate shall not receive any expenses from *the Branch*. Any member who has less than one (1) year membership in this Branch who shall have attended at least three fourths (3/4) of those regular meetings, from his/her acceptance into membership, prior to their nomination as a Delegate or Alternate may receive expenses. All members of the Executive Board, by virtue of their office, shall be Delegates to all National and State Conventions. This Branch shall elect a Full Delegation to all National and State Conventions.

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NALC TIME MACHINE

BY
PAUL JEFFREY, TRUSTEE

This is an ongoing feature in the MailCall. I'm covering the history of our Union, a little at a time. This is the second installment. If you would like to see any previous article, our branch website nalcbranch2462.org archives every issue of the MailCall.

After letter carriers from throughout the country joined together to form the NALC in Milwaukee, then a year later, meeting in Boston for our first Biennial Convention in 1990, they returned to their local offices to find a great deal of opposition to the new Union. Many of the new Union members found themselves not scheduled or even fired. Many postmasters took a hard anti-Union stance from the outset, refusing to recognize the Union.

Congress had passed a law in 1888 stating that a Carrier's workday would be limited to 8 hours. The Post Office Department leadership thought they could get around that law by interpreting it as 8 hours a day, 7 days a week. So that made a work week 56 hours, rather than 40. Clearly this was not the intent of the law.

They were shocked when the NALC took them to court, where they prevailed, getting Carriers back pay that totaled over \$3.5 million. In 1893, this was a huge settlement. It showed that the Union was a force to be reckoned with. The strength in numbers that they were able to demonstrate, was a game changer in the American Labor movement.

Post Office management had, at this time, a deep political bias. Postmasters were political appointees. Most took their position with no postal experience or understanding of the job. (Sound familiar?) They devised what was called the "Spotter System", supposedly to eliminate "inefficient carriers". In 1895 they hired hundreds of these "Spotters" who had no postal experience, but were supposed to document carriers who were "cheating". In reality, this system was used to find excuses to fire Union representatives and carriers who belonged to the opposition political party of the moment. They were then replaced with employees who were politically loyal to President Grover Cleveland.

In one incident, a carrier in Akron, Ohio, was observed by one of these "Spotters" while delivering to a front door of a home. As he dropped the mail in their box, he could see a mother and her child lying motionless on the floor. After pounding on the door with no response, he entered the home, and pulled the unconscious mother and child to safety. There was a gas leak, and this carrier saved their lives. The Spotter, however, reported that he deviated from his duties and recommended that he be fired. Fortunately, the free press in the nation spoke out against this type of widespread corruption, calling it out for what it was. That was the end of the "Spotter System".

More next month.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
MAIN OFFICE	C	6	6	6	4							
ENCINO	A	3	5	2	3							
PANORAMA CITY	N	5	6	6	4							
SHERMAN OAKS	C	1	2	2	2							
SUN VALLEY	E	0	0	0	0							
TARZANA	L	0	0	0	0							
RETIREE'S	E	11	9	9	7							
TOTAL	D	26	28	25	20							

**MEETING PLACE OF BRANCH 2462, NALC
6910 HAYVENHURST AVE., SUITE 104
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA**

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
JULY
6th**

Will be at Union Hall

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

July 12, 2021

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"RETIREE CORNER" ATTENTION: !!!

All Breakfasts have been cancelled until further notice. To all our Retiree's and Regular Members we hope that you are staying safe in your homes during this crisis.

Bob Johnson

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3. I used EFEL before the Postal Service implemented OPM's finalized guidance. What do I need to do now that the guidance is final? You must complete and provide to your supervisor: (1) an Employee Agreement for EFEL; (2) an EFEL Employee Notification and Leave Request Form; and (3) all appropriate supporting documentation based on your qualifying reason(s) for using EFEL. If you do not timely provide the required forms and documentation to your supervisor, your EFEL will be converted to another appropriate leave category at your election or to leave without pay (LWOP) if you so elect or do not make an election. A conversion to LWOP will create a debt owed by you to the Postal Service. You can find additional information about the required forms and documentation below under "Requesting EFEL."

4. I have taken leave in the past related to COVID-19. Can I use EFEL retroactively to cover that prior leave? EFEL is not available for leave taken before March 11, 2021, even if it was related to COVID-19. Any leave taken prior to that date remains subject to the rules in place at that time. However, if you took leave for an EFEL qualifying reason on or after March 11, 2021, you may be able to get it converted to EFEL retroactively.

5. I took leave prior to March 11, 2021 for a reason related to COVID-19. Does that mean I have used some of my available EFEL? No. EFEL only became available on March 11, 2021. Any leave taken before that, even if related to COVID-19, does not count against your EFEL entitlement. This includes leave taken under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Additionally, leave is only charged as EFEL if requested by an eligible employee and supported by the appropriate documentation.

6. For how long must I have been employed with the Postal Service to be eligible for EFEL? All employees, regardless of tenure, are immediately eligible for EFEL if they have a qualifying reason (discussed below) to take Emergency Federal Employee Leave (EFEL) Questions and Answers (Q&As) such leave.

7. I am a non-career employee; do I have access to EFEL? Yes, EFEL is available for all postal employees who meet the requirements.

8. Are part-time employees eligible to receive EFEL? Yes, EFEL is available for all postal employees who meet the requirements. However, part-time employees are only eligible for a maximum amount EFEL that is the proportional equivalent of 600 hours based on their regular work schedules, not to exceed 600 hours. More information about the amount of EFEL hours part-time employees are permitted to take is provided below.

9. For what circumstances is EFEL available to employees? EFEL is available if an employee is unable to work (including telework) because the employee: 1. is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19. (Note: The Postal Service provides an essential federal government service as part of the nation's critical infrastructure. Therefore, postal employees are generally not subject to general Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation orders related to COVID-19, except for the specific circumstances related to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted below.) 2. has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19. 3. is caring for an individual who is subject to such an order as in (1) or has been so advised as in (2). 4. is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis. 5. is caring for the employee's son or daughter if the school or place of care of the son or daughter has been closed, requires or makes optional a virtual learning instruction model, requires or makes optional a hybrid of in-person and virtual learning instruction models, or if the child care provider of the son or daughter is unavailable, due to COVID-19 precautions. 6. is experiencing any other substantially similar condition. (Note: OPM must identify a condition as substantially similar for it to qualify under this reason. No condition has been identified as substantially similar at this time, so employees are currently not able to use EFEL for qualifying reason 6.) 7. is caring for a family member with a mental or physical disability or who is 55 years of age or older and incapable of self-care, without regard to whether another individual other than the employee is available to care for such family member, if the place of care for such family member is closed or the direct care provider is unavailable due to COVID-19. 8. is obtaining immunization (vaccination) related to COVID-19 or is recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization. (Note: Non bargaining exempt employees should generally be able to use personal leave under ELM 519.7, not EFEL, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination during work hours, unless a full day's absence is required for the purpose of being vaccinated.)

10. Is EFEL full paid leave? Yes, but the number of hours an individual employee may take in a single pay period depends on that employee's rate of pay. The ARPA caps the EFEL-related compensation an employee may receive in a single pay period at \$2,800.

11. How much EFEL can I take? Employees must use EFEL in the same increments in which they are able to use annual leave. (See ELM 512.511.) This means non bargaining exempt employees must use full days of EFEL (8 hours) when eligible unless approved for personal leave consistent with ELM 519.7 or question IV.10 regarding vaccination appointments as noted below. Full-time employees are eligible for up to 600 hours of EFEL. Non-Traditional Full Time Employees (NTFTs) may receive a proportional equivalent that exceeds 600 hours total depending on their scheduled tours. If you are a Part-time Regular employee with a normal weekly

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schedule, you are entitled to, on a weekly basis, EFEL in an amount equivalent to your normal weekly schedule. You are entitled to a total EFEL amount of up to 15 times the number of hours you are normally scheduled to work per week but not greater than 600 hours. If you are a Part-time Flexible or noncareer employee with a variable schedule such that it is not possible to determine your normal weekly hours, you are entitled to EFEL based on the average number of hours you worked per week over the 13 pay periods prior to using EFEL (including any hours for which you took leave of any type). If you are a Part-time Flexible or noncareer employee who has worked for fewer than six months, you are entitled to EFEL based on the average number of hours you worked per week over the duration of your employment (including any hours for which you took leave of any type). The ARPA also imposes a \$2,800 compensation cap for EFEL per pay period for full-time employees and a lower proportional compensation cap for part-time employees based on a part-time employee's average hours per pay period. Relevant compensation includes any applicable TCOLA, Geographic Pay, LEAP, Locality, and AUO premiums. No employee may exceed this \$2,800 cap for EFEL use in a single pay period, including NTFTs. Therefore, full-time employees who usually earn more than \$2,800 per pay period (and part-time employees who usually earn more than their proportional compensation cap) cannot take a full pay period of EFEL. The amount of EFEL available to such an employee each pay period depends on the employee's rate of pay. An employee may take only as many hours of EFEL in a pay period as will result in compensation of \$2,800 or less for the EFEL hours based on the employee's hourly rate of pay. Employees who reach the cap in a pay period but require additional leave must take leave in accordance with other existing postal leave policies and procedures. To determine the number of hours of EFEL you may take in a single pay period, divide \$2,800 by your hourly rate of pay, including any applicable TCOLA, geographic pay, LEAP, locality pay, and AUO premiums. For example, a full-time employee with a salary of \$100,000 earns roughly \$48/hour and would reach the \$2,800 cap after 58.24 hours of EFEL in a single pay period. Therefore, while that employee may take up to 600 hours of EFEL in total, in a single pay period, the employee may take only 58 hours of EFEL.

12. I changed positions and have a new biweekly tour of duty (i.e., more or fewer scheduled hours per pay period). How does this change the maximum number of EFEL hours available to me? In this situation, the aggregate limit of your EFEL hours must be recalculated to reflect the new tour of duty. The number of EFEL hours used under the previous tour of duty is converted to the proportional equivalent hours under the new tour of duty. For example, if an employee first had a regular full-time tour of duty with a 600-hour aggregate limit, used 100 hours of emergency paid leave under that tour, and then changed to a half-time tour of duty (i.e., 20 hours/week), the new aggregate limit would be 300 hours, and the 100 hours used under the full-time tour would be converted to 50 hours (since $300/600 \times 100 \text{ hours} = 50 \text{ hours}$).

13. I am not scheduled to work or be on paid leave (e.g., I am on FMLA leave, on military LWOP, suspended, out pending removal, on LWOP receiving workers' compensation, etc.). I also believe I meet one of the qualifying circumstances. Can I take EFEL? No. You must be unable to work because of the qualifying reason. Unless you would otherwise be working

or on a form of paid leave, you do not meet this requirement and cannot take EFEL.

14. I am in a position that is eligible for telework. Does that mean I cannot use EFEL? Not necessarily. To use EFEL, you must be unable to work, including telework, due to a qualifying reason. If you are unable to telework as a result of a qualifying reason despite being in a position eligible for telework, you may be able to use EFEL.

15. Does any health care provider count for qualifying reasons 2 and 4? No. With limited exceptions, the health care provider must be a doctor (Medical Doctor or a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine). Supervisors should contact District Human Resources and/or the Law Department if they are not sure an employee's health care provider qualifies.

16. Does caring for an individual under qualifying reason 3 include anyone? No. An individual must be an employee's family member, a person who regularly resides in the employee's home, or a similar person with whom the employee has a personal relationship that creates an expectation that the employee would care for the person if he or she were quarantined or self-quarantined. For this purpose, "individual" does not include persons with whom the employee has no personal relationship. The individual must depend on the employee to care for him or her and the individual must meet the conditions described in qualifying reason 1 or 2.

17. Who counts as a family member for qualifying reason 7? a. Spouse, and parents thereof; b. Children, and spouses thereof; c. Parents, and spouses thereof; d. Brothers and sisters, and spouses thereof; e. Grandparents and grandchildren, and spouses thereof; f. Domestic partner and parents thereof, including domestic partners of any individual in paragraphs (2) through (5) of this definition; and g. Any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

18. What does "incapable of self-care" mean for qualifying reason 7? The term "incapable of self-care" means that the person requires active assistance or supervision to provide daily self-care in three or more of the "activities of daily living" (ADLs) or "instrumental activities of daily living" (IADLs). ADLs include adaptive activities such as caring appropriately for one's grooming and hygiene, bathing, dressing, and eating. IADLs include cooking, cleaning, shopping, taking public transportation, paying bills, maintaining a residence, using the telephones and directories, using a post office, etc.

19. Can I use EFEL to take a family member to receive a COVID-19 vaccination? No, reason 8 is only available when the employee is the one being vaccinated or experiencing adverse reactions to a COVID-19 vaccine.

20. Who should I call if I have questions regarding EFEL? If you have additional questions, please contact your supervisor or manager. Supervisors and managers with questions should contact District Human Resources.

21. Where can I go to view more information regarding EFEL? Additional details about the ARPA's provisions and other COVID-19-related information can be found on the special COVID-19 pages of our internal website, Blue, and our employee website, LiteBlue. Additionally, OPM has information on EFEL (called EPL by OPM)

FILING A SUCCESSFUL OWCP CLAIM

By

JEMMAYEN MACARAEG, Vice President

Filing a successful claim with the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) requires a coordination of efforts from the injured worker, a doctor and the Postal Service. OWCP puts the injured worker in the driver's seat. The injured worker is responsible for proving the facts of the injury, as well as showing that the injury was suffered in the performance of duty, and that specific work factors caused, accelerated or aggravated the diagnosed injury.

While the burden of proof is on the injured worker, the most important evidence in any claim usually comes from a doctor. In other words, OWCP places the burden of proof on the injured worker, but doesn't really care what the worker thinks caused the injury. OWCP cares only about what your doctor thinks caused your injury.

The Postal Service's immediate responsibility in every claim is to advise an injured worker of the right to see the doctor of his or her choice; that's the injured worker's choice, not the Postal Service's choice. Failure to advise an injured worker of the choice is a violation of both federal law and Postal Service regulations.

When pursuing a workers' compensation claim, injured workers have to overcome an institutional bias against injured workers seeking workers' compensation. The media readily reports on the rare cases of workers' compensation fraud, causing undue harm to the vast majority of legitimately injured workers.

Communicating to your doctor that you are focused on getting your injuries healed and returning to work often tempers those negative attitudes. Finding the right doctor can be a problem for injured workers who do not have an established relationship with a doctor. If you cannot find a doctor who will treat your federal workers' compensation claim, OWCP has a provider search portal that is found at:

<https://owcpmed.dol.gov/ecams/CNSIControlServlet>

Provider Search Steps
Quick Reference Guide

Provider Search Steps

- To search for a provider, select the **Filter By** drop-down menu, select a filter, enter a search term in the adjacent text box, and select **Go**.
 - For example, from the **Filter By** drop-down list, select **State**, enter the state name in the adjacent text box, and then select **Go**.
- A list of providers will display on this page with records that match the filter criteria you entered. You will see the following information for each provider listed:
 - Provider Name
 - Address
 - National Provider Identifier (NPI)
 - Program
 - Phone Number
 - Provider Specialty (if chosen as a search filter)
- You may use the additional fields on this page to narrow your search further using multiple filter criteria.
 - For example, from the first **Filter By** drop-down list, select **State**, enter the state name in the adjacent text box, and then after **and** select the second filter (ex. **City**), enter the city name in the adjacent text box, select the **Provider Specialty** drop-down, select the provider specialty, then select **Go**.
- The results of your search will only show 10 providers per page. If there are more than 10 providers listed, you will need to select the **Next** button at the bottom right of the list to view additional results.

Screenshot below shows the results of the second example above

Filter By	State	City	Provider Specialty	Family Practice	Go		
Provider Name	Address	NPI	Program	Phone Number	Provider Specialty	City	State
BAPTIST PRIMARY CARE	400 PRESIDENTIAL DRIVE STE 304 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202	16030022	EPSC	(1)	TO Family Practice	JACKSONVILLE	Florida
EMERALD URGENT AND PRIMARY CARE	247 ATLANTIC BLVD, JACKSONVILLE, Florida 32202	16030750	EPSC	(1)	TO Family Practice	JACKSONVILLE	Florida

The search function allows you to choose the provider type (choose "Physician"), the state, city or ZIP code and the specialty. You may find it necessary to call more than one doctor's office, as some of the doctors on the list may no longer accept federal workers' compensation cases.

OWCP regulations require that the Postal Service provide an injured worker with a CA-16 Authorization for Examination and/or Treatment. The CA-16 acts like a payment voucher, is good for 60 days, and will pay your doctor of choice and any referrals to specialists. The Postal Service has four hours to provide the CA-16 to the injured worker. Advising your doctor of choice that you have a CA-16 that guarantees payment can alleviate resistance in taking on your case.

Due to the nature of our work, letter carriers' most common injuries are musculoskeletal in nature; they are best treated by orthopedic specialists. The opinion of a specialist in the appropriate field of medicine often will carry more weight than the opinion of a non-specialist or a specialist in an unrelated field. A board-certified orthopedic surgeon's medical report will carry more weight than a family practitioner or a non-certified specialist.

Once you find a doctor to treat you, you need to build a good rapport with him or her. Having a willing partner in your doctor's office is essential. OWCP claims require a steady stream of medical reports to ensure that necessary treatments get approved and wage-loss compensation gets paid.

Accepted OWCP claims often result in a lifetime of treatment, so establishing a good long-term working relationship with your doctor is essential.

If an injury results in lost-time and the injured worker needs to file a CA-7 claim for wage-loss compensation, OWCP will not pay compensation if there is a lack of medical evidence to support continuing disability. Injured workers should schedule regular periodic medical appointments to ensure that the medical evidence is provided to OWCP and wage-loss compensation is paid.

OWCP has time-frame guidelines for injured workers who are on the periodic rolls and no longer file CA-7s. In those cases, medical evidence in a periodic roll case is reviewed annually and the file should contain a physician's rationalized opinion with regard to whether continued disability is causally related to the employee's accepted injury or illness.

OWCP categorizes each case and the category determines what medical evidence is required. OWCP regulations now require medical evidence once a year in cases where temporary total disability payments are being paid; medical evidence every two years in cases in which payments are being made for a loss of wage-earning capacity; and medical evidence every three years in cases in which the claims examiner has determined, and the supervisory claims examiner has verified, that due to the severity of the disability no wage-earning capacity exists.

Despite those categories, claims examiners often refer an injured worker for a second-opinion examination if there have not been regular periodic medical reports. To prevent routine referrals for second-opinion examinations, injured workers on the periodic rolls should schedule doctor's visits every three months.

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Branch Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2021

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 J. DOLABSON at 7:13 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by acting SGT-AT-ARMS DOZAL

MOMENT OF SILENCE--In Memory of All the Men and Women who have sacrificed their lives in the defense of the United States of America

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT--J. DOLABSON, MACARAEG, SEYFRIED, WILSON, MULLINAX, POWERS, JEFFREY, BURTON, L. DOLABSON, VALENZUELA

ABSENT--JOHNSON, DUENEZ

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP--NONE

BILLS READ--NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT & BUDGET--TRUSTEES The audit will be held on July 20, 2021 at the Union Hall

SAFETY & HEALTH--DUENEZ Blitz teams are out on the street again observing Carriers. Don't be caught being unsafe or operating your vehicle in an unsafe manner. Main Office is on a shoe checking frenzy, so make sure you are wearing the proper footwear, or have a doctors note explaining why.

RETIREEES 5 retiree's present tonight. Retiree Luncheon has been tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2021, pending Covid restrictions being updated.

MDA FUND--POWERS Currently \$1404.00 in fund
HBR--L. DOLABSON We have finally received the 2021 membership list from National. We had 4 Branch members sign up for the plan, which brings us to a total of 100 Branch members enrolled in the NALC Health Plan. Newly converted CCA's have 60 Days after conversion to enroll in a Health Plan. Check out the NALC Health Plan it is the best.

MDA--MACARAEG Will be holding another MDA Yard Sale, no exact date yet but watch for information either in the MailCall or at your Station. We raised \$ 2483.00 for MDA in 2020. JAMBA JUICE CARDS will be on sale again soon, check with your Shop Steward.

MBA--DUENEZ No Report

ELECTION COMM--SEYFRIED The nominations for Delegates to the 2022-23 National and State Conventions will be held at the October Regular Branch Meeting. Due to meetings being cancelled last year, you will only have to have attended 13 meetings to qualify for funds.

POLITICAL--BURTON Postal Reform Bills are now moving through both the House (HR3076) and the Senate

(S1720). These bills would guarantee 6 day Delivery and REPEAL the Postal Prefunding which has crippled the service since the Republican Bush administration passed it. Also in the House (HR-82) is a bill that would repeal the Windfall Tax Penalty, which was passed by the Republican Reagan administration. Write to your representatives and urge them to support these important Letter Carrier Bills.

FINANCE REPORT--MULLINAX Read

TREASURERS REPORT--WILSON Read

Motion--Accept financial report as read M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT MACARAEG Congratulations to newly converted members, ALBERTO GUTIEREZ to Full Time Regular, LUIS CARLOS and VICTOR GONZALEZ to PTF. Thanks to LIZ for the help with catching up on the Article 8 grievances at Main Office.

PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Gave her report which will be published in the MailCall

OLD BUSINESS--NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION--That the Branch hold Shop Steward Training at the Branch Office on Sunday June 13, 2021 From 10 am to 2 pm. Cost to the Branch \$ 1100.00 M/S/C

MOTION--That the Branch send 5 members, to be Chosen by the President, to Part 4 of the Formal A Training on Sunday Aug 22, 2021 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Total Cost to the Branch \$ 500.00 M/S/C

MOTION--That the Branch send all Shop Stewards & Alternates, to the Part 1, Article 16 Training class On Thurs June 24, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Total cost to the Branch \$ 550.00 M/S/C

MOTION-- That the Branch send all Shop Stewards & Alternates, to the Part 2, Article 16 Training class On Thurs July 1, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Total cost to the Branch \$ 550.00. M/S/C

MOTION--That the Branch send all Shop Stewards & Alternates, to the Part 1, Article 8 Training class On Thurs Aug 12, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Total cost to the Branch \$ 550.00. M/S/C

MOTION-- That the Branch send all Shop Stewards & Alternates, to the Part 2, Article 8 Training class On Thurs Aug 19, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Total cost to the Branch \$ 550.00. M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

There will be a Retirement Seminar offered on-line by the NBA office. Contact your Shop Steward to Sign Up for this class.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 GUIERMO MARISCAL--SHERMAN OAKS-DONATED
\$ 3 TIA WILSON--RETRIEE
\$ 6 RAPHAEL PEREZ--PANORAMA CITY

Meeting Adjourned 8:53 PM