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Last Call!

Ratification Ballots Due by August 27

Deadline Extended for 16,000 Members Affected by Glitch in Mailing Software

Votes in the rank-and-file ballot referendum on ratification of the tentative agreement for a new five-year contract with the Postal Service **must be received by the Ballot Committee by 11:59 p.m. on August 27** in order to be counted.

However, the deadline will be extended to September 6 for 16,630 members whose ballots were misaddressed due to a problem in the mailing software used by the company hired to print and distribute the ballots.

Eligible members – active city letter carriers who were dues-paying members as of April 13, 2007 – who have not received a ballot may consult the NALC website to find out whether they were affected by the computer glitch. A list of affected members and their branch numbers (but no other identifying information) has been posted on the NALC website located at www.nalc.org. Those without access to a computer should seek the assistance of your local branch leadership.

If you are on the list, a new ballot has been mailed and you will be given extra time to vote. **Ballots by members affected by the computer problem must be received by 11:59 p.m. on September 6, 2007.**

If you did not receive a ballot and your name is not on the list, contact your branch president immediately so that he or she can request a replacement ballot from the national headquarters in time to meet the general deadline of August 27.

The Ballot Committee will convene in Washington during the last week of August to work with Peake DeLancey Printers, the official tabulator, to oversee the counting of the ballots received by the general deadline of August 27. Interim results will be announced by the NALC Executive Council as soon as possible.

The Ballot Committee will reconvene in whole or in part on September 6 to count the ballots of members affected by the software problem.

Final results will be announced as soon as they are certified.

“We regret the mailing snafu very much,” said Ballot Committee Chairman Joseph DeRossi of Branch 41, Brooklyn, New York. “But be assured that every ballot that is cast will be counted.”

The Ballot Committee is comprised of the following members:

Roxanne Luce, Br.133 Sacramento, CA
Ron Mann, Br.1192 Lewiston, ID
Bill Schorsch, Br. 825 Elmhurst, IL
Mike Williams, Br. 47 Denver, CO
Rod Holub, Br.1018 Manhattan, KS
Greg Genord, Br. 361 Lexington, KY
Pam Donato, Br. 9 Minneapolis, MN
Otis Walker, Br. 914 Lake Charles, LA

Mel Rexroth, Br. 1690 West Palm Beach, FL
Larry Martinez, Br. 1259 Corpus Christi, TX
John Collins, Br. 63 Zanesville, OH
Paul Rozzi, Br. 332 McKeesport, PA
Bill Winston, Br. 4422 Glen Burnie, MD
David Barbuzzi, Br. 25 Northeast MA
Joseph DeRossi, Br. 41 Brooklyn, NY

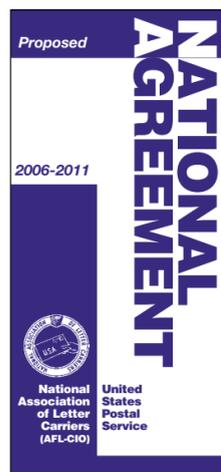
NALC President William H. Young reminded all active NALC members that it is important that they cast their ballot in the ratification voting.

“Regardless of how you vote, it is vitally important that you do vote,” Young said. “This contract will set the terms and conditions of your employment over the next five years.”

The tentative agreement has been endorsed by all 28 members of the NALC Executive Council.

Ballots were mailed beginning August 6 to 203,450 NALC active letter carrier members in good standing as of April 13, 2007, along with a copy of the tentative National Agreement, a return envelope, and a sheet of ballot instructions. Once the computer error was discovered, 16,630 new ballots were mailed on August 15, 2007.

A complete summary of the agreement is provided in The Postal Record and on the NALC website: www.nalc.org.



Union's Official Charity!

NALC Branches on MDA Telethon

NALC MDA Coordinator and former Executive Vice President Jim Williams and letter carriers representing the top NALC branches in last year's Muscular Dystrophy Association drive will appear three times on the nationally televised Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon September 2 and 3 from Las Vegas to present the NALC pledges and donations in 2007 to help fight muscular dystrophy.

The NALC provided \$1.3 million in contributions to the 2006 campaign for research efforts spearheaded by the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

NALC President William H. Young, an MDA vice president, urged all members to make a special effort to collect funds for this research.

The schedule for appearances by Williams and NALC branch representatives on the Labor Day Telethon is:

EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Monday, September 3 1:10 AM – 2:00 AM
9:00 AM – 9:40 AM
2:35 PM – 3:20 PM

CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME

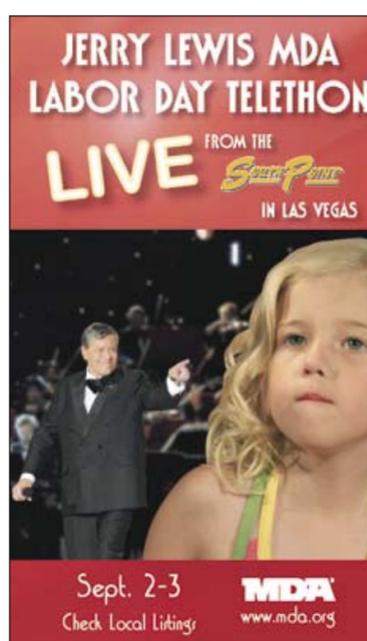
Monday, September 3 12:10 AM – 1:00 AM
8:00 AM – 8:40 AM
1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME

Sunday, September 2 11:10 PM – 12:00 AM
Monday, September 3 7:00 AM – 7:40 AM
12:35 PM – 1:20 PM

PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME

Sunday, September 2 10:10 PM – 11:00 PM
Monday, September 3 6:00 AM – 6:40 AM
11:35 AM – 12:20 PM



Cost-of-Living Adjustments Decline

The accumulation toward the 2008 COLA for retirees declined slightly to 2.3 percent following the release by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics on August 15 of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for July. The BLS announced that the CPI-W (1967=100.0) declined from 607.374 in June to 606.759 in July.

The 2.3 percent accumulation reflects the difference between the July CPI-W and the average CPI-W for the third quarter of 2006. The retiree COLA will be paid in 2008 based on the increase between the third quarter of 2006 and the third quarter of 2007.

For Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) participants, the 2008 FECA COLA dropped slightly to 3.3 percent based on the latest figures. That COLA will be based on the increase in the CPI-W between December 2006 and December 2007.

Pending ratification, the tentative agreement reached by NALC and USPS contains COLA provisions. If ratified, the contract would provide a lump sum COLA cash-out payment of \$686 for the July 2006-May 2007 period and regular COLAs through 2011. The first COLA period would cover the period from May to July 2007. But because the CPI-W declined in July and increased by just 0.116 point over the May-July period and since it takes an increase of at least 0.4 point to generate a penny per hour increase, there will be no COLA in September. The 0.116 point increase in the CPI-W would be carried over to the July 2007-January 2008 COLA period.