

November 1, 2017

Quorum: (143) members were present. A motion was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Charles Pendola and passed to accept the October minutes as printed.

Communications:

None were received.

New Business:

- ❖ Prior to nominations being opened President Daniels spoke to the issue of putting differences aside and working together to continue the good work begun going into the future for the benefit of all our members. In that vein he and Brother Tom Sagnella have agree to do just that and work together as a team. Brother Sagnella also spoke on putting the past in the past and putting the branch's interests first. This should be a transformation time of uniting the branch and putting the best interest of the members on the workroom floor first and foremost.

❖ **Nominations were then opened:**

Vice President John Daniels took the chair for the nomination of the position President. Paul Daniels was nominated for President by Tom Sagnella; Tom Sagnella was nominated for Vice-President by Paul Daniels.

President Daniels then took the chair back.

June R. Martin was nominated for Secretary by Mike Maddalena; Norm St. Arnauld was nominated Treasurer by Charles Pendola; Brandon Jones was nominated Assist. Sec.-Treas. by David Adeyemi; Kate Tavernier was nominated HBR by Charles Pendola; Trustees Charles Pendola nominated by Kate Tavernier; Tim Thibault by Charles Pendola and Jolanda Velez by David Adeyemi.

All nominated members were declared elected and will serve a 3 year term.

Nominations for delegates to the 2018 National Convention were opened:

Norman St. Arnauld, June R. Martin, Charles Pendola, Jolanda Velez-Ruberte, David Adeyemi, Mike Maddlena and Kate Tavernier were nominated. The President and Vice-President are elected delegates per the Branch by-laws. All nominated members were elected as delegates to the 2018 National Convention.

- ❖ The NALC Holiday party will be held in Washington on December 8th. A motion was made by John Rich, second by Charles Pendola and passed to pay President Daniels expenses to attend this holiday event.
- ❖ Local negotiations are about half way through with 15 days left. The branch is working to get the CCAs added to the non-choice vacation period along with trying to made them part of the complement of carriers off during choice and non-choice vacation periods. In some offices we have been successful and others not. We will impasse any local item for CCAs not agreed to by management during negotiations.
- ❖ President Daniels discussed a proposed by-law change submitted by Waterbury carrier Ed Pinto at the October Union meeting. He explained that due to the manner in which the by-law proposal was submitted the Branch did not have time to comply with Article 15 of the NALC Constitution in providing suitable notification to all members 10 days prior to union meeting and therefore a vote tonight would be in violation of the constitution. Brother Pinto then made a motion to accept the by-law change, second by Amiello Malerba and passed. Prior to the vote members asked President Daniels to speak on reasons the Branch was opposed to the by-law change. Before he could respond Brother Pinto called for the question and the motion passed and a vote on the by-law was taken. Carriers present asked for copy of President Daniels by-law presentation and President Daniels advised he would make it available to them.

Treasurer's Report was handed out to the members. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to accept the treasurer's report as printed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Norm St. Arnauld, second by Tim Thibault and passed.