

February 6, 2019

**Quorum:** (20) members were present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Steve Sanders and passed to accept the minutes as printed.

**Communications:**

A letter was received from Steward Charles Pendola of the Mystic and Waterford offices advising of his resignation from the position of steward in these offices effective March 1<sup>st</sup> to become involved with the Dispute Resolution Team. Pendola went on to state that he would stay on as Branch 20 Trustee and will assist in finding replacement stewards in his offices. A letter was received from NEOA thanking the Branch for our last 19 years of sponsorship and requesting a donation for 2019.

A letter was received from the CSALC informing the branch of the upcoming State Convention to be held at the Best Western Plus in North Haven on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

A thank you letter was received from the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation thanking us for the donation in memory of retired carrier Brian Willett from Willimantic.

A letter was received from National Business Agent Rick DiCecca stating that the Director of City Deliver Chris Jackson has asked us to track late mail delivery. Specifically he wants us to report the offices where our customers are receiving their mail after 8:00 pm on a consistent basis.

A letter from the Business Agent's office was received informing the branch of a Regional Training / Rap Session to be held on April 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale. The training topics will follow.

A reminder was received from the Business Agent's office on the Customer Connect Quarterly Telecom for the month of April. All stewards or coordinators should check the date for their office.

A reminder was sent by the Business Agent's office about a safety talk to be given on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> on the opioid crisis.

The CSALC is holding a Retirement Seminar on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Plus Hotel in North Haven. President Daniels sent a notice of this retirement seminar to all our offices with a deadline for signing up to attend.

**New Business:**

A discussion was held on CCA conversions when more than one CCA is being converted at one time and there is more than one vacant route available to bid on. Newly converted CCAs should be allowed to select their assignment by seniority.

President Daniels has appointed and VP Sagnella has trained new Stewards Tonya Johnson for the Waterbury main office, Shane Joyce for the Pawcatuck office and Roshida Spruill for the Plantsville/Southington. Aaron Hastings will be appointed and trained for the New London office. Tom Sagnella will be assigned the Mystic and Waterford offices until a replacement is found.

A motion was made by Bill Ferrigno, second by David Baillargeon and passed to donate \$100 to NEOA.

A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by David Adeyemi and passed to pay one night hotel, per diem for 2 days and mileage to the 7 paid Branch 20 State delegates.

The car lease is expiring April 7<sup>th</sup>. President Daniels would like to see if he could get a six month extension to this lease. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Ben Sakowich and passed to see if it possible to extend the lease.

A discussion was held on the Regional Rap Session. President Daniels suggested that seeing the Rap session will be held in April so close to the March steward quarterly meeting that maybe it would be a good idea to send all stewards and officers to the all day Sunday session at the Rap Session, in lieu of the Quarterly meeting, where they can meet other NALC members and officers from throughout the New England Region. President Daniels also suggested that the officers could attend the other two sessions of the training weekend. After much discussion a motion was made by Steve Sanders, second by Argjent Kala and passed to fund the Stewards

and Officers to attend the Regional Rap Session, mileage, per diem and rooms for the officers with lost time for Monday. There would be no lost time paid when attending Sunday.

The Letter Carriers now have their own Disaster Relief Fund which will help letter carriers when disaster hits their home town. This relief fund will provide grants up to \$5,000 to a letter carrier who faces hardship due to a natural disaster. The carrier would have to fill out an application which will be reviewed before being granted the money. A motion was made by Bill Ferrigno, second by Tim Thibault and pass to send a donation of \$1000 to the Relief Fund.

**Treasurers Report** was handed out to the members present. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Chris Dziurzynski and passed to accept the treasurer's report as printed.

**Good of the Association:**

A discussion was held on PTFs and CCA's and how they get their uniform allowance.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Charles Pendola, second by Kate Tavernier and passed.