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OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

BRANCH 351 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

This is an official notice to the membership of Branch 351 that nominations for the positions listed below and Delegates to the 2009 Washington State Association of Letter Carriers State Convention are open. The Branch President will be an automatic delegate to the State and National Conventions that will take place during the President's term of office.

Nominations for officers and convention delegates of Branch 351 will be held at the regular Branch meetings of October 2, 2008, and November 6, 2008, 7:00 PM, at 119 ½ Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501.

All Branch 351 members are eligible for nomination, with the exception of those in supervisory positions or within two years following termination of supervisory status. Nominees must attend six of the twelve meetings before the convention to be eligible as expenses-paid Convention Delegates.

Nominations will be received from the floor or may be submitted in writing. Nominees must be present to accept or may indicate their acceptance in writing. Written nominations must be in the possession of the Recording Secretary no later than 8:00 PM, November 6, 2008.

The election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The ballots will be mailed to all eligible members at least 20 days before the election. The election will be held on December 4, 2008. Ballots must be received no later than 7:00 PM, December 4, 2008. Write-in ballots will not be counted for any position, but will not cause the entire ballot to be invalidated.

Nominations will be held for the following Branch Offices:

President Vice-President Secretary-Treasurer Recording Secretary
Director of Retired Members Editor Sergeant-at-Arms Two (2) Trustee
MBA Representative Health Benefit Representative

***The term of office will be for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2009.**

Minutes of Meeting: August

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM, on August 7th, 2008, at the Labor Temple, on 119 ½ Capital Way N. Olympia.

“Twelve” members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Sam Samuels.

Roll Call of Officers: All members were present with these exceptions; Sergeant at Arms Kevin Hageman, Trustee Karen Colpo and Trustee Cliff Darnell. The MBA and HBR positions are vacant.

Minutes of the Previous Month: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written, seconded, and carried.

Communications: None.

Applications for Membership: None.

Committees: Picnic: Debbie Dixon will be working on a flyer this weekend and get it out next week. Rachel with First Community Credit Union said they will be at the picnic. Deborah is no longer working there. If anyone has any music that they want to be played at the picnic, send your files to “Mean Dean” via e-mail at meandean351@comcast.net. If you have any raffles items contact Debbie Dixon. “Mean Dean” is handling the MDA raffle. Meat and drinks will be supplied. Bring your favorite side dish. Rick Zassenhouse will bring his Mackey? PA system around 11:00 am. Ryan Troy requested that the meat this year not be so spicy!

MBA: No Report.

HBR: No Report.

Unfinished Business: JCAMs still haven't come out yet. Each branch will be receiving only one copy. JCAMs can be downloaded off the NALC website when available.

The official cell phones for the branch president and chief shop steward that were approved for up to \$125 a month came in at \$89 a month. A discussion followed concerning use of texting and the charges associated. Vincent Corsi will be checking the phone contract about texting.

There was nothing new on the status of the routes over at the Lacey office.

New Business: The subject of calendars was brought up and a long and emotional discussion took place. A motion was then made for the union to purchase calendars, seconded and carried.

A motion was made for all the delegates that go to conventions do After Action Reviews (AARs), seconded, discussed and failed.

Washington State workers that use the transit system are reimbursed. The Post Office does not have a payback for transit riders. Intercity Transit is supposed to have a trip reduction program that is giving bus passes to 200 people in Olympia. Contact John O'Keefe at Intercity Transit for more information.

John Mauk volunteered to start up a Branch website? Dave Beck has unused website space on comcast.net

Good of the Association: NALC activist and Carrier Corp sign up forms were given out by Debbie Dixon.

No union money was spent on the Male Unbifurcated Garment Resolution. Dean Peterson was one of three paid delegates sent to the National Convention. Their per diem, airline tickets and lodging were the only things that were paid for. Dean estimates that he has spent close to \$3,500 out of his own pocket for his MUG resolution.

Chuck Merrilees is scheduled for triple-bypass surgery.

The Regional Convention will be here in Olympia, at the Red Lion Hotel, on the Westside, from 6-10 October. Sam Samuels, Debbie Dixon, Al Floyd, and Dean Peterson are the only one so far interested in going. Dean Peterson will be trying to schedule a bowling event for MDA, but it sounds like it could be difficult do to league bowling conflicts.

PTFs are being taken off of opts. Keep track of it, write it down, and give it to us.

If we are going to get bags for the food drive we need to start in November.

Some National Resolutions that were approved at the National Convention were the skort, skin cancer preventive clothing, and black and blue stockings for women.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to move \$116.21 to Donations and Gifts, \$262.84 to Education and \$387.75 to Telephone from the State Convention line item, seconded, discussed and carried. A motion was made to move \$50 from the State Convention line item to Donation and Gifts for a gift basket for Chuck Merrilees, seconded and approved. A motion was then made to accept the treasurer's report with the approved motion, seconded and carried.

50/50 COLCPE Drawing: The winning ticket was drawn by Dean Peterson. He won two kids Mariners Jerseys and \$2.50. He donated his \$2.50 to COLCPE for a total of \$5.

MDA Drawing: The winning ticket was drawn by Al Floyd. He won a NALC 66th Biennial Convention gift pack and \$10.50. He donated his \$10.50 to MDA for a total of \$21.

Food for next month's meeting: "It's a Potluck!"

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM (1:56:15).

Submitted by "Mean Dean" Peterson

Presidents Report

By Al Floyd

Thank you members for allowing me to represent Olympia at the National Convention. It was informative, inspirational and encouraging. The Workshops put on are doing what they were designed to do and that is to aid the stewards in their/our daily dealings with management. There were a number of guest speakers that responded to the Unions invitation. The guests put an extra spark in the hearts of the delegates to feel that what we all are doing is making a difference as well as will make a difference in the lives of all union members and all letter carriers.

From the start it was up and roaring with President Young addressing all of us and telling us that we can rebuild this great country. We can take the lead in rebuilding the middle class through political action. Then we were able to hear Senator Hillary Clinton speak on how pleased she was to see such support for her. Everywhere she spoke. She said there was a welcome of letter carriers wearing those blue T-shirts. Then I was pleased to hear her say without any hesitation that she was endorsing Senator Barack Obama and asked the delegates to do the same.

It just kept going from there with each day bringing more inspiration and more hope. Former National President Vincent Sombrotto stepped up to a warm welcome and spoke words of encouragement and gratitude he was honored with a bust of his likeness to be placed in the lobby of the NALC headquarters renamed for him. Also was the history making guest appearance of APWU President, William Burrus. This was first time an APWU President had been invited to come and speak before a National Convention. President Burrus mentioned about the Postal Employee's Relief Fund and the lawsuit against the OIG for their illegal actions. He also cautioned that no one should question too much about him doing here. The strength of working people is being together and we must find new ways of working together.

While in session the delegate voted on National Agreement Resolutions. Some that were disapproved by the Executive Council were job sharing, establishing an annual leave exchange option and the male unbifurcated garments. Ones approved by the Executive Council and thus approved by the delegates were Joint Statement Violators. Administrative leave for blood/organ donation, change regulations on the color of tights worn with postal uniforms and sun protective clothing. The delegates overturned the Executive Councils recommendation of disapproval and voted to approve the Skort.

I must say that the resolution for the MUG started with a lot of skeptic's, but after seeing how they actually looked and understanding that the wearing of the Kilt was a choice, more delegates minds went from disapproval to that of approval. Much respect and admiration to Mean Dean for introducing the resolution. Dean used allot of his time and especially HIS money to do he could to get what believed would be a benefit to all male letter carriers when comes to comfort while doing this job. Even in spit of the ignorance, closed mindedness, Neolithic thinking of this one delegate, (NBA, who has the Bay Area as within his region) Mean Dean kept his head up. Dean says he is going to try again at the next National Convention and I will do all I can to help in supporting him. I'm also going to help him with his other plan, a resolution that will give the Union the right not to represent those non-members, or to make those "scabs" have to pay a representation fee. Good luck Dean, I'm with you.

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Branch 351 holds its union meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

The Branch Union office will be opened every Tuesday & Thursday from 2:30 pm till 5:30pm. If I can't help you, I know where to get an answer for you.

Your VP,
Sam Samuels

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