

NALC BRANCH 111
Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting
July 8, 2021

Convened at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance conducted by Mike Simonsen,

Moment of silence for retired carrier Kelby Burgon who passed away.

Roll Call by Steve McNees

SPECIAL GUEST: Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney

He spoke about the programs that have successfully reduced recidivism for those convicted of crimes and programs that are helping children of those in jail. He is asking for our voice, support, and engagement in the 2022 elections. He asked that the branch continue to endorse him.

Minutes of the June meeting were posted. Without objection, they will be filed for future reference.

Reading of the Communications by Steve McNees

- A list of branch delegates to the NALC Utah State Convention was sent to the State Association.
- The Safety and Health Committee will be meeting on July 15th at 2:30pm.
- The National Office will be holding a Virtual Conference for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Members on August 8th at 2:00pm Eastern Time. The training is regarding employees' rights and management's obligation to provide accommodations for the deaf and hard of hearing. Registration begins July 12th and continues until August 8th.
- A letter from National indicates that Farm Bureau Financial Services is to be considered a rival to our Mutual Benefits Association (MBA). We are not to allow them to advertise in our Pavement Pounder.

Application for Membership by Mike Hansen

Michael Gruver, Limasene Uiagalelei, Kaitlyn Ladwig, James Mason, Joseph Elwich, Christian Garcia, Nathan Fetzer, Alexander McCampbell, Kyle Wu, Katelyn Rodriguez, Danielle Farley, Mason Wagner, Joel Chacon, Eamon Villa-Lobos, Lisa Gaffney, Carvel Harward, Nicholas Robinson.

Kyle Wu was sworn in as a member of the branch.

LCPF by Josh Thibodeau – not present

MDA COORDINATOR by Jeremy Bailey

- We had no activities for the MDA last year.
- July 18th at noon there is a bowling tournament at the Bonwood Bowl (2500 S Main, SLC). It is \$25 per person (all proceeds go to the MDA). Food will be provided.
- There will be an MDA raffle at the Steak Fry on Aug. 28th.
- There was no MDA camp last year, so Jeremy wants to send two kids this year.
- No Labor Day Picnic for MDA again this year.

DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS - Jimmy Fleming - Excused

LEGISLATIVE by Chad Mortensen

- The Postal Reform Act looks favorable to pass but we need to push our representatives by calling them to make sure it passes. The Utah Plan is part of the PRA (states can use postal facilities). Our calls can make this happen.
- Tomorrow is the Rocky Mountain Labor school. It is virtual. Next year it will be at the university of Utah. They will teach how other unions negotiate and enforce their contracts. We have a better system.
- Karen Mayne will get our support again for her run for office next year.
- We now have Ranked Choice voting in Utah. It is Much different. We need to vote for all candidates in the order we want them elected rather than just vote for the One we want.

TRUSTEES by Chad Mortensen

- Did a partial audit last night (by himself). Everything looks up and up.
- LCPF (voluntary union political fund) – does not affect your position in the union or USPS. It is totally voluntary and helps our political activities. Dues are not used for any political activities.

MBA, COMPENSATION by Bob Jewell

- Please sign up with OWCP now, before you get injured. We can circumvent what supervisor could do if they complete the form for you. We can do it at the supervisor's desk (with your steward, not the supervisor).
- CCAs are getting hurt in their first 90 days and managers are looking for other ways to fire them. They need our help and support. Call Bob for help.

HEALTH BENEFITS by Jim Kerekes

- The NALC App can help with your health benefits information.
- OPM is requiring verification of all family members covered by their plans. Form usps24 is used to change plans during open season. OPM appears to be using it to obtain dependent information only. Call Jim if you have any questions on completing the forms. His number is on the back of the Pavement pounder.

SAFETY AND HEALTH by Justin Lindquist

- CCAs and others are working when they aren't feeling good but don't realize they are dehydrated. They need to immediately report it.
- Make sure everyone gets water. Management should be providing water for everyone when you are on the street.
- Fill out the form 1767 every time you have a safety issue.
- CCAs can get hurt or hurt the public by going too fast. Help them learn how to be safe.

ORGANIZER by Justin Lindquist

- In the CCA training the last two weeks all new CCAs, in our branch, were signed up.

DIRECTOR OF RETIREES by Jeff Asay

- The Postal Reform bill will integrate Medicare more fully with Federal Health Benefits plans. It will save money for the USPS, our health plans and us. Talk to your representatives and senators. Write a letter, send an email, make a phone call. We need them to make this bill law.
- There are 2 new plaques with every Gold Card (50 years of service) member's name on it in the office.
- Wednesday, Sept 22nd from 3:30-5:30pm is the Retiree's dinner at the Chuck-a-Rama in Draper. It is free.
- Retirees attending the Branch Steak Fry will be paid for by the retiree's budget. There may even be prizes just for retirees.

TREASURER by Mike Madsen – Excused (on Zoom)

VICE PRESIDENT by Amie Gallo - Excused

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT by Mike Hansen

- 1,226 grievances filed so far this year.

The Summer Party was fun. About 100 people attended. Thanked Jeremy Bailey and Mike Hansen for their work.

The branch Steak Fry is August 28th at Murray Park.

PRESIDENT by Mike Wahlquist

- The NALC State Convention is Aug 6-7th in Ogden. No rooms will be reserved, but travel and per diem will be paid both days for everyone who attends. It will be a full convention this year. Added Justin Lindquist, Mike Miller, AJ Clayburn as delegates.
- Off-duty clerk, Masako Kenley, was shot and killed this week. Clerks have a go-fund-me page for her.
- Record heat is a major problem. Many are double casing and getting out late in the heat. If you aren't feeling good, stop and get help.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

The Executive Board passed a motion to pay Bob Jewell \$90 for his phone bills. After discussion, a motion was made to pay the Branch OWCP Officer a \$90 stipend per month, every month. The motion passed. This is a budgetary issue affecting all officers and will remain in effect until a new budget is approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

Motion to donate \$100 (check) directly to the family of Masako Kenley and let them know she was part of our postal family. The motion passed. It was mentioned that she was a great influence on the carriers that worked near her.

POI: Her children will be available for financial help from OPM to pay for their college if they ask.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chad Mortensen was recognized for winning the Ed Mayne Award for Outstanding Service to the State.

FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE: none

DRAW AND ADJOURN – 7:57 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Destiney Carrillo and Jeff Asay - checks to be mailed
- RETIREES – \$400 (Bob Jewell was present and WON). Next month it will be \$25
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$500 (Rebecca Ann Cresanto was not present). Next month it will be \$525.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$150 (Lonnie Bird was not present). Next month it will be \$175.