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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

The Branch Delegates and I were able to attend the 74th Biennial Convention in Los Angeles in August. This convention was very different from the others we have had for decades. For starters, the convention was livestreamed for the first time, which allowed members to view the convention except when the convention was in executive session. The livestream convention is also available on the NALC website where members can watch the convention at their convenience.

President Brian Renfroe started the general session Monday morning and shortly after stated that he would not be seeking or accepting nominations for National President. This statement caught me and many of the delegates by surprise. President Renfroe's statement alleviated the tension and lifted the mood of the membership at the general session.

There were also a significant number of constitutional amendments, national resolutions and legislative resolutions submitted by members from across the country. However, due to the number of amendments and resolutions submitted by the membership, the convention went beyond the time that was originally scheduled. And we still were unable to complete all the resolutions submitted by the membership. Training classes on Wednesday and Thursday were cancelled to extend the general session hours for those days. This was unfortunate as these classes provide valuable information and training to the delegates present at the convention.

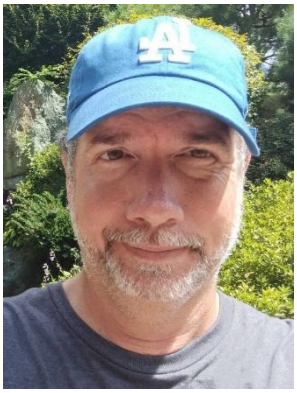
We also had several great speakers and supporters of NALC at the convention, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, AFA-CWA Sara Nelson and AFGA President Everett Kelley to name a few. They all gave great speeches in support of the NALC and how important being a union is to the working class and the labor movement throughout the nation.

On Wednesday August 5, 2026, nominations were held for the National Officers. The Concerned Letter Carriers (CLC) slate, which Branch 2200 unanimously voted to endorse, received overwhelming support from the membership at the convention during the nominations. Brother James Henry was nominated for National President, Corey Walton for Executive Vice President, Kimetra Simpson-Lewis for Vice President, Raquel "Rocky" Acasio for Secretary-Treas, Esteban Ramirez for Assistant Secretary-Treas, Christopher Jackson for Director of City Delivery, Rob Kosier for Director of Safety & Health, Anita Guzik for Director of Retirees, Phillip Rodriguez for Director of Life Insurance, John Cruz, David Grosskopf Jr. and Howard Komine for the three Trustees and Allan Rios for Region 1 National Business Agent (NBA) for our region. There were NBA nominees for the other 14 regions, but each member will only be allowed to vote for the NBA in their specific region.

President Renfroe has already appointed the National Election Committee for our national elections. Ballots will be mailed to all members of the NALC at the end of September. If you have changed your address, it is very important to notify the National Office (202-662-2836) for you to receive your ballot and vote for our National Officers. I can't express how important it is to vote. By voting, your voice is heard. If you want change for the better, you must vote because every vote matters. I will be voting for the CLC slate and I encourage each and every one of you to vote for the CLC slate as well.

In Solidarity – Serop Karchikyan

SHOP STEWARD CORNER



Welcome to your first National Convention. Congratulations! You're a paid delegate. It's 6:30 am. Get up! You have to be at a workshop in an hour. I asked my roommate, do we have time for breakfast? No. Oh, man! It's like regional training all over again. Good thing my president told me to bring snacks. I toss them into my backpack and we leave the room. We head downstairs and walk a couple of blocks to the convention center. My roommate is leading the way. He might be retired, but he's walking faster than me.

We pass through a metal detector and head upstairs to a plethora of pastries and fruit salad. They are also serving tea and coffee. I'm thankful for something to eat. Our Branch President arrived and we managed to eat a couple of bites before realizing we were nearly late, causing us to speed off in different directions. I walk into the Trustee Workshop searching for a seat. I find an open spot and remove my backpack trying not to hit anyone. I pull out my notebook, thankful for a refresher course just before the Branch audit that's only a week away. To my disappointment, the class is more of a general overview and no pearls of wisdom land on my page.

After the workshop, I head to the main convention hall where the General Session is held. The National President came out on stage to mixed reactions. He announced that he wasn't running for reelection, nor would he be accepting any nominations. This quickly quieted his critics. Not long after this, the general session went off the rails. Someone wanted to make an amendment to the rules before the rules could be adopted by the body. A flurry of discussion happened. Finally, a brave soul stood up announcing that this was improper because the vote needed 2/3 approval to be passed. President Renfroe quickly corrected the delegate stating, yes, that's in the rules, but the rules haven't been adopted yet. So, we're currently working off a majority vote. Eventually the rules were amended, and the newly amended rules were adopted by the body. There were several speakers and several videos, but very little business got done on Day 1.

Afterwards, I headed to the second workshop. It was a 5-part series on grievances. From the first day when the grievance occurred all the way through arbitration. The twist is that it was told in the form of a skit and the people performing were all stewards. The grievance they portrayed was an Article 8 issue which is related to overtime distribution. A very common problem that quickly becomes complicated. They broke down the information request explaining what those documents were and why they asked for them based on the statements from the carriers involved in the grievance. It was really well done. I was looking forward to seeing how the grievance would be settled. Unfortunately, on the 3rd day of the convention all remaining workshops were cancelled due to the numerous amendments and resolutions that needed to be voted upon. These items received many varying opinions and arguments. It was a week to remember!

Daniel Germann
Shop Steward, Pasadena GMF

My First NALC Convention

The 2026 NALC Convention in Los Angeles was my first national convention, and honestly, I had no idea what to expect. I had been looking forward to this convention for two years, especially the nominations for National President. My interest in the NALC actually started before I ever became a shop steward. I began listening to Corey Walton's "From A to Arbitration" podcast, and hearing him talk about the union, shop stewards, and the importance of standing up for carriers is what first got me interested in the NALC.

Walking into my first convention and seeing thousands of letter carriers/delegates from all over the country was something completely different. I got to see brothers and sisters from many different backgrounds, different parts of the country, and different levels of experience. The amount of diversity was refreshing. I got to meet people whose work I had been following before the convention. I ran into Alan Gygax from "Classes of Mail," and I got to hear Joshua Shrum from "Parcels of Knowledge" speak about his contract resolution. It was a strange experience seeing people I had previously only known through their work online and then meeting them in person at the convention.

One of the most exciting parts for me was getting the opportunity to participate in the process instead of just hearing about it. I was looking forward to voting on contract resolutions and seeing how delegates from around the country approached the issues affecting letter carriers. Seeing so many new faces and new blood among the delegates was especially exciting. It made me feel like the future of our union is in good hands.

– Steward A Gonzalez continued on Back Page –

ARE YOU BETTER OFF NOW THAN 4 YEARS AGO?

Branch 2200 membership voted in April 2025 to support the Concerned Letter Carriers (CLC)

CLC will fight for:

- Better Wages and Benefits!
- NO Two-Tier Wages Structure!
- Full COLA for Every Step!

CLC will fight to clean up the backlogged grievances.

CLC Candidate for President James Henry along with 71% of the Membership rejected the current contract, the Rhine Establishment Slate endorsed the rejected contract and would give us more of the same.

James Henry for President

Hosting a "Meet the Candidates" on September 9th at 8 p.m. at the following location:

NALC BRANCH 2200
1310 N OXFORD AVE
PASADENA CA 91104

COME AND MEET JAMES HENRY AND COREY WALTON AND OTHER CLC SLATE MEMBERS

Corey Walton for Exec VP

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PLEASE POST

CLC VOTING GUIDE

✓	PRESIDENT	James D. Henry - Br. 1100, Garden Grove, CA.
✓	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Corey Walton - Br. 4, Nashville, TN.
✓	VICE PRESIDENT	Kimetra Simpson-Lewis - Br. 132, Dallas, TX.
✓	SECRETARY-TREASURER	Raquel "Rocky" Acasio - Br. 70, San Diego, CA.
✓	ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER	Esteban Ramirez - Br. 421, San Antonio, TX.
✓	DIRECTOR OF CITY DELIVERY	Christopher Jackson - Br. 1100, Garden Grove, CA.
✓	DIRECTOR OF SAFETY & HEALTH	Rob Kosier - Br. 2, Milwaukee, WI.
✓	DIRECTOR OF RETIREES	Anita Guzik - Br. 24, Los Angeles, CA.
✓	DIRECTOR OF LIFE INSURANCE	Phillip C. Rodriquez - Br. 111, Salt Lake City, UT.
✓	TRUSTEE	John A. Cruz - Br. 41, Brooklyn / Staten Island, N.Y.
✓	TRUSTEE	David Grosskopf Jr. - Br. 3, Buffalo, N.Y.
✓	TRUSTEE	Howard Komine - Br. 860, Honolulu, HI.
✓	REGION 1 NBA	Allan Rios - Br. 1100, Garden Grove, CA.
✓	REGION 2 NBA	Debra Dixon - Br. 351, Olympia, WA.
✓	REGION 6 NBA	Walter McGregory - Br. 2184, Southeast Michigan, MI.
✓	REGION 7 NBA	Elliot Simmons - Br. 937, Bismarck, N.D.
✓	REGION 8 NBA	Danna Chambless - Br. 4, Nashville, TN.
✓	REGION 9 NBA	Caroline Jones - Br. 936, High Point, N.C.
✓	REGION 10 NBA	William Moody - Br. 181, Austin, TX.
✓	REGION 11 NBA	Mike Hayden - Br. 100, Toledo, OH.
✓	REGION 12 NBA	William Kriebel - Br. 254, Bethlehem, PA.
✓	REGION 13 NBA	Jerry Kerner Jr. - Br. 176, Baltimore, MD.
✓	REGION 14 NBA	Tom Rooney - Br. 34, Boston, MA.
✓	REGION 15 NBA	Orlando Gonzalez - Br. 36, New York, N.Y.

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TREASURER'S REPORT JULY-AUGUST 2026

INCOME	JULY	AUGUST
NALC Active Rebate	28,490.76	28,526.92
NALC Retiree Rebate	0.00	0.00
Direct Dues	688.00	72.00
Interest-Dividend	1,581.59	939.86
Other Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	$30,760.35	$29,538.78

EXPENSES	JULY	AUGUST
Building Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	82.88
Car Allowance	580.00	580.00
COP Meeting	150.00	0.00
Food Drive	0.00	0.00
Gardening	100.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	5,772.00
Internet	95.25	96.00
Mail Call	0.00	152.99
Meeting Meal/Raffle	100.00	200.00
Mileage	52.06	0.00
National Convention	3,418.18	7,235.21
Office Expenses	147.15	147.32
Office Supplies	30.66	243.29
Officer/PT Benefits	4,421.04	2,001.38
Officer/Steward Salary	25,880.84	19,256.44
Payroll Taxes	2,168.00	1,576.79
Per Capita Tax	0.00	43.25
Postage	388.74	210.99
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00
Retiree Banquet	200.00	0.00
Retiree Bonus	0.00	200.00
Seminars/Education	0.00	0.00
Telephone	110.59	110.60
Utilities	306.41	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	$38,148.92	$37,909.14
NET INCOME	-$7,388.57	-$8,370.36

JULY-AUGUST TRANSFERS

FROM	TO		AMOUNT
Checking	Convention		4561.41
Checking	Mikita		100.00
Checking	Building		4561.41
Convention	Checking		8544.55

ACCOUNT BALANCES
6/30/2026

General Fund	$116,088.45
Mikita Scholarship	$4,394.06
Building Fund	$458,059.90
Convention/Training	$72,758.65
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	$651,301.06

ACCOUNT BALANCES
7/31/2026

General Fund	$107,927.98
Mikita Scholarship	$4,444.25
Building Fund	$461,267.23
Convention/Training	$72,291.12
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	$645,930.58

ACCOUNT BALANCES
8/31/2026

General Fund	$105,741.62
Mikita Scholarship	$4,494.44
Building Fund	$464,479.77
Convention/Training	$68,793.59
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	$643,509.42

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – July 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:01 p.m. by President Serop Karchikyan. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Gabriel Gonzalez and there was a moment of silence for our departed brothers and sisters since the last meeting, and specifically for retired member, Anthony Delill from Santa Clarita. The roll call was answered by thirteen officers and stewards in good standing. Motion (Siechert/G Gonzalez) passed to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as emailed/printed. Motion (Germann/Siechert) passed to waive the reading of the bills spreadsheet, accepted as emailed/printed, warrants be drawn and bills be paid. Motion (Siechert/Trieu) passed to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report and accept as emailed/printed for members at the meeting.

Applications for membership were welcomed: Joshua Cordero, Joshua Cruz, Nicholas Davis, Christopher Dwan, Miguel Garcia, Gabriella Godfrey-Goodpea, Marvin Gomez, Haleem Jenkins, Kristen Landy, Elias Mares, Armen Markary, Michael Martinez, Michael Mcnamara, James O Camb III, Daniela Rojas Valdovino, Edward Sandoval, Michael Springer, Jose Tejeda Jr, and Ivon Villamil.

Brother Trieu reminded the membership of the various products and services provided by the MBA. Sister Siechert announced that the semiannual audit is scheduled for August 25. Brother Collier announced the LA County Fed Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 7. Sister Zorn announced the LA County Fed apprenticeship program, which assists recent high school graduates. Applications are available. Brother Trieu urged the membership to donate to MDA. Members donated $50 to MDA during the meeting. Brother Karchikyan announced that the NALC has rolled out a virtual training program available through the Members Only portal. Brother Karchikyan also announced that the biannual convention will take place in August, with updates being sent through the Convention Chronicle.

The members thanked Adrian Gonzalez for the meeting meal. Motion (Germann/A Gonzalez) passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Adrian Gonzalez
Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – August 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:04 p.m. by President Serop Karchikyan. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Gabriel Gonzalez and there was a moment of silence for our departed brothers and sisters since the last meeting. The roll call was answered by twelve officers and stewards in good standing. Motion (Qua/Trieu) passed to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as emailed/printed. Motion (Norman/Germann) passed to waive the reading of the bills spreadsheet, accepted as emailed/printed, warrants be drawn and bills be paid. Motion (Norman/Trieu) passed to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report and accept as emailed/printed for members at the meeting.

Applications for membership were welcomed: Rudy Coria Jr, Bryan Koomthong, Jacob Love, Morgan Maps, Jaime Mendez Pablo, Jazmine Mora, Kristopher Murray, David Oconnor, Joshua Okoro, and Christopher Wofford.

Brother Trieu reported on the various products and services provided by the MBA. Brother Karchikyan announced that the semiannual audit is scheduled for August 13. Brother Collier announced the LA County Fed Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 7. Sister Zorn informed the members about the Letter Carrier Political Fund. The sister also reported on the MDA Painted Turtle Camp.

Brother Karchikyan reviewed key convention outcomes including the defeat of a strike resolution, the passage of a locality pay resolution, and new constitutional amendments regarding presidential succession during contract negotiations. Brother Karchikyan also discussed plans to potentially host candidates from the CLC slate at the next monthly meeting on September 9th.

The members thanked Serop Karchikyan for the meeting meal. Motion (Zorn/Trieu) passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Adrian Gonzalez
Secretary-Treasurer

The delegate dinner (above) was attended by 5 of our 6 delegates. Carolyn Zorn was called away on a different matter by the NALC National Emergency Response Team. The spot was filled by a non-paid delegate, so our Branch President graciously paid for her meal. All had a great time after a long day of convention work!

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 9th
In-Person/Zoom*
@ 7:00 p.m.
1310 N Oxford Ave
in Pasadena

Wednesday, October 14th
In-Person/Zoom*
@ 7:00 p.m.
1310 N Oxford Ave
in Pasadena
Meeting Meals @ 6 p.m.
***Zoom Check in @ 6:50 p.m.**

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Another memorable part of the convention was seeing the scale of the general meetings. There were so many people in the room, yet everyone had an opportunity to be heard. Seeing delegates stand up, speak their minds, debate issues, and participate in the process gave me a much better understanding of what being part of a national union really means.

My first convention gave me a different perspective on the NALC. Being a shop steward at my local office is one thing, but seeing the union on a national level made me realize just how much bigger it is. There are letter carriers and union activists all over the country who care about the same things we care about at home.

Most of all, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the convention as a delegate for Branch 2200. It was an experience I will not forget, and I am thankful to our Branch for giving me the opportunity to be there, participate, and represent our members. I am proud to be one of the delegates from Branch 2200 and look forward to bringing what I learned there back home to our Branch.

Adrian Gonzalez
Shop Steward, Santa Clarita

CLC Candidates running for National office will be on site at 8 p.m. after our Branch meeting on September 9th
Includes James Henry running for President and Corey Walton for Executive Vice-President.
Please see flyer inside for more details.

Meeting Attendance
July/August 2026

Officers:
President Serop Karchikyan – P/P
Vice President – N/A
Secretary-Treasurer Adrian Gonzalez – P/P
Financial Secretary Nancy Norman – P/P
Sergeant at Arms Gabriel Gonzalez – P/P
Health Benefits Rep – N/A
MBA Representative Vinh Trieu – P/P
Trustee Janet Siechert – P/E
Trustee Daniel Germann – P/P
Trustee Artur Aghakhanyan – A/A

Stewards:
Altadena: Carlos Ramos – P/P
Glendale Grand Central: Arman Markarian – P/P
Glendale La Crescenta: Artur Aghakhanyan – A/A
La Canada/Montrose: Tina Giancanelli – P/P
Pasadena/91103-04-05: David Genova – P/P
Pasadena/91101-06-07: Daniel Germann – P/P
Pasadena/San Marino: Kevin Nguyen – A/A
Santa Clarita MO/Newhall: Adrian Gonzalez – P/P
South Pasadena: Danielle Fisher – P/P
Sunland: Raymond Loza – P/P
Tujunga: Gabriel Gonzalez – P/P

Members of the CLC slate and supporters at our Branch rally in July 2024, shown here with Branch President Serop Karchikyan