

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

APRIL 1, 2020

Summary of Branch Action

MSC: To pay the branch current expenses.

Recently Retired Members

Theresa L. Ukele.....	Olivette	03-29-20
Frederick M. Keys	Weathers.....	03-31-20
Kevin L. Spann	Creve Coeur	04-01-20

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held by telecom.

Authority and Necessity to Hold a Special Meeting

- **Article XI Section 4 of Branch By-Laws** – The President of Branch 343 shall be empowered to call a special meeting at any time he deems it necessary on matters concerning labor relations, extreme weather conditions, national emergency, or cancellation or postponement of a regular meeting if, in his opinion, a quorum cannot be obtained. In the event of a meeting cancellation or postponement, all units where letter carriers are assigned will be notified as soon as possible. An emergency meeting of the officers of Branch 343 shall be called at the earliest possible date, and they shall be empowered to authorize payment of the current expenses of the branch.
- **March 11 Letter from NALC President Frederic V. Rolando Re: Dispensation for branch and state event schedule changes due to coronavirus** – For any branch or state association that decides to postpone or cancel an event scheduled in calendar year 2020 due to the coronavirus outbreak, and dictated by its by laws, this letter will serve as dispensation to do so.
- **March 18 Letter from NALC President Frederic V. Rolando Re: Extension of dispensation for all branch and state gatherings due to coronavirus** – On March 16 the federal government stated that individuals or organizations should cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 10 people or more throughout the U.S. The dispensation included in the March 11 letter is extended to the postponement or cancellation of gatherings of any kind but not limited to branch and state association meetings, dictated by the NALC Constitution for the Government of Subordinate and Federal Branches, the NALC Constitution for the Government of State Associations, or the by laws of a branch or state association.
- **STAY HOME – ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES ONLY ORDER HEALTH COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. 5** from Frederick Echols, M.D., director of health & hospitals/health commissioner on March 21 – This order shall become effective at 6 p.m., on March 23 and will continue to be in effect until 6: p.m. on April 22 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by me. By authority vesting in me by Article XIII, Section 14-C © of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and by 19 CSR 20-20.050 © of the Code of State Regulations, I hereby order as follows:
 - I. Individuals
 - All individuals living within the City of St. Louis are ordered to remain at home except as needed for the following activities ...

Attendance

Executive Vice President John McLaughlin
 Recording Secretary Brian Litteken
 Correspondent to Postal Record Tom Schulte

Trustees
 Tina Hunt
 Richard Brown
 Marvin Booker
 Frank Enlow

Vice President Brad Layton
 Health Benefits Representative Chet Drain
 MBA Rep Saronda Sutherland

Negotiator-At-Large
 Kiesha Wiley
 Pamela Stepney
 Dan Flynn

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Retirees meeting cancelled. Ole Timers’ Day postponed until fall.



Political Action Honor Roll

	RICHARD RHYNER ★★★★★	ART BUCK★★★★	
TED HEMPEN★★	CHARLES SCANLON★★	JOE FITZJARRELL★★	MIKE WEIR★★
JOHN SCHULTZ ★★	J. MARK SIMS★★	JOE POLITTE★★	LAWRENCE McHAYNES JR.★
GENO IBERG★	KEN MEYER★	DON CHARTRAND★	MIKE BIRKETT★
BILL LISTER★	CHARLES SEXTON★	NICKI L. PRADO★	DAN “BOGIE” BOGDAN★
TOM HARMAN★	JOHN H. HAAKE★	DARLENE TATE★	JIM BRUGGEMAN★
LAURA KEIM★	ROBERT FLAHERTY★	MEAGHAN LAKEY★	CATHERINE CIARAMITARO★
TOM SCHULTE★	ROBERT RAPISARDO★	DICK LEONG★	JOHN McLAUGHLIN★
DERRICK WILLIAMS★	MIKE CHENOT★	LOREN LOERCH★	
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ROY HATCHARD JR.	MICHAEL JENNINGS	JAMES GOHEEN	MICHAEL “THUMPER” THARP
GUS FRANK	MARION HARRIS	SARONDA SUTHERLAND	LAWRENCE McHAYNES JR.
SAM GOODMAN			

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Catherine Ciaramitaro Evelyn Park

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 BALLWIN, MO 63021-7387

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Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: MCC Articles are to be emailed to Tom. The MCC staff will edit the articles online and will not meet in person.

Good of the Union, Tom Schulte: Vests for the state and national conventions have been ordered. The color is navy blue. The John H. Haake logo will be on the front lapel. The branch logo with the gateway arch will be printed on the back.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, John McLaughlin:

- All members will be credited for attendance at the branch meeting. All union stewards will be credited for attendance but not paid for the steward meeting.
- State Convention rescheduled for September 26-27.
- Food Drive Postponed.
- Bass Tournament postponed.
- National Convention has not yet been postponed.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary