

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MAY 8, 2025

Summary of Branch Action

MSC To pay the branch bills.

New Members

Andrew Alexander.....Sikeston4/12/2025
Kelvin Brown.....Southwest.....4/12/2025
Zachary Henderson.....Town & Country4/12/2025
Arthur RuloSt. Clair.....4/12/2025
Nanette SproapsSouthwest.....4/12/2025
Tyler StarkSt. Clair.....4/12/2025
Samuel Steinmetz-Crouse..Southwest.....4/12/2025

Recently Retired Members

Sharon BurrPark Hills.....04/30/2025
Jerry Collier.....Sikeston04/18/2025
Louella Downen.....O'Fallon04/30/2025
Suzette ProctorSouth County04/30/2025
Darlene TateClayton04/30/2025

Deceased Member

Jimmie Russell.....Gold Card10/01/2023

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Pam Stepney and the minutes were read by Recording Secretary Richard Brown and accepted.

NBA's Report, Pat Baker: The NBA office has been out training across the region in preparation for the LMOU opening. There will be an LMOU training on May 13 at 6 p.m. put on by the NBA office at Branch 343 Union Hall. The new postmaster general (PMG) is coming from one of our competitors (FedEx board member) and he brags about how he treats union members vs. non-members. Pat spoke on Congress' reconciliation process (having all employees now pay 4.4% toward retirement) and their goal to increase the high-3 to high-5, which means you may have to work longer. Pat wants everyone to reach out to your congressman to express your concern for the changes and to contribute to LCPF.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Ole Timers Day had about 75 in attendance. Tom thanked all who assisted in putting it together. He also thanked NALC Director of Health Benefits Stephanie Stewart for attending.

Labor Council Report, Frank Enlow: The council swore in three of the officers, John McLaughlin was

sworn in to the executive board. They are planning to hire a full-time political consultant. They are also looking to pressure Josh Hawley and Ann Wagner as they have done nothing to help labor unions. Mid-term elections are coming. Get out and vote.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: There is a program called *Virtual Muscular Skeletal* through Hinge Health for those in the NALC Health Plan, designed to help with back and joint pain and it is at no cost to members of the health plan and your family may be eligible. Flyers are on the back table.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Tom reminded us of the importance of the information in the MCC. We must be politically engaged and let our senators and congressman know what issues are important to you. There is an app you can download (5-Calls) to have access to your senators, see the instructions in this month's MCC. If called to march again, please be ready to participate. Kenny Young raised about \$233,000 over the years with his Bass Tournament.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Next month, the three winners will be selected and presented at the next meeting.

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: You must file/complete a CA-1 to get continuation of pay (COP). Management must complete the entirety of the CA-16 in order to have the bill paid and to have your claim accepted, specifically the attending physician's report.

Trustees Report, La'Tecse Litteken: Books audited and found in good standing.

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike read names of contributors and encouraged everyone to give to LCPF and the PAC fund.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: The projected COLA is still 1.5%. Mike spoke on some house resolutions and their purposes. Fact sheets of the resolutions are on the back table and Mike encouraged everyone to look at them on the way out. We must show up to support the marches that occur, which support the opposition of the attacks on the Postal Service.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: The board of governors has 11 members, but five of the positions are vacant. The board members are nominated by the president. The board in turn, elects the postmaster general. They had three candidates, and they were sent to the White House to meet the president. Two of the original three were not invited, but two others were. Trump selected Steiner, but the board of governors is supposed to make this call. The database is being tested and SWIP is working out the kinks. Brian explained the chart which shows all who qualify or may qualify for the State Convention this year.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Marvin read his financial report. He spoke on the food drive cards and T-shirts. He thanked Pam for helping to educate the station on the food drive and he named her as food drive ambassador. Booker thanked all in advance for the work they will put in on Saturday, May 10.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: John spoke on Ole Timers Day and how nice it was. He spoke with the postmaster about the last labor/management meeting and the things happening at certain stations. The postmaster said that there was **no** set time for carriers to be back at the end of the day, although MCSO Lavato said during a telecon that there was. John spoke on the route adjustments and how they are deducting time from the routes. LMOU will be opening soon and training will be given at the Union Hall on Tuesday, May 13.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary



BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

1. Cardinals vs Detroit Tigers	May 20	Barry Linan, Retired
2. Cards vs Arizona Diamondbacks	May 25	Dana Rakers, Gaffney
3. Cardinals vs Kansas City Royals	June 4	Andre Hayes, Retired
4. Cardinals vs Toronto Blue Jays	June 9	Pamela Stepney, Retired
5. Cardinals vs Toronto Blue Jays	June 10	Sarah McIntosh, So. County
	\$57	Richard Brown, West County

