

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MAY 14, 2026

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC That the branch sends the branch president to the Collective-Bargaining Conference that will be held in Washington, D.C., on June 1-3, and pay expenses.

Recently Retired Members

- David Antalick.....South County..... 4/30/2026
 Suzanne Roques-Denson... West County..... 3/31/2026
 Jeffery Westmoreland Sappington..... 3/31/2026

New Members

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| Terrance Arnold.....Southwest4/18/2026 | Angel King.....Weathers.....4/4/2026 |
| Charles Austin.....Kirkwood4/18/2026 | Ashley King.....Mackenzie Pointe.....4/18/2026 |
| Freddy Ball Jr.Maryville Gardens.....4/4/2026 | Tahikia KingHarriet Woods5/2/2026 |
| Joshua BorreroKirkwood4/4/2026 | Lucus LicklinderWashington4/18/2026 |
| Timika BrooksDes Peres.....4/18/2026 | Jalil LoftonMaryville Gardens....4/18/2026 |
| Reginald CarsonOldham4/3/2026 | Kaylen Mason.....Harriet Woods4/4/2026 |
| Rodney DunnFerguson.....4/11/2026 | Robert MasseyTown & Country4/18/2026 |
| Eric Elam.....Ferguson.....4/3/2026 | Willie McCraney.....Kirkwood5/2/2026 |
| Latrese ElamClayton4/3/2026 | Richard McDaniels Jr.Jennings4/3/2026 |
| Cameron GermainMackenzie Pointe.....4/18/2026 | Alejandra MerriweatherMaryville Gardens.....4/3/2026 |
| Chris GreerMackenzie Pointe.....4/18/2026 | Avianna NormanAffton.....5/8/2026 |
| Dorothy GriffinKirkwood4/11/2026 | Sonya PepperGaffney.....4/4/2026 |
| Tyreese HardyCoyle.....4/13/2026 | Darriell Rhodes.....Jennings5/2/2026 |
| Keith Harral.....Olivette4/4/2026 | Makayla SmithMackenzie Pointe.....4/11/2026 |
| Jimya HicksNorth County4/11/2026 | Leland Street-McClendon...Maryville Gardens...4/25/2026 |
| Brianna HuntNormandy4/4/2026 | Rika TaylorWeathers.....4/3/2026 |
| Jayden JohnsonMaryville Gardens....4/18/2026 | Erica ThimesWeathers.....4/3/2026 |
| Toneisha JohnsonNorth County5/2/2026 | Dennis Thorpe.....Mackenzie Pointe.....4/4/2026 |
| Ayreise Jones.....Maryville Gardens.....4/3/2026 | Karmen White.....Southwest5/2/2026 |
| Mariq Jones.....North County4/4/2026 | Edgar WilliamsRolla.....4/18/2026 |

Branch Meeting Attendance Prizes

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| Cardinals vs Kansas City Royals | May 17 | Jermaine Woodland, Oldham |
| Cardinals vs Pittsburgh Pirates | May 20 | Tom Schulte, Retired |
| Cardinals vs Texas Rangers | June 2 | Charlie Kell, Des Peres |
| Cardinals vs Cincinnati, Reds | June 7 | Barry Linan, Retired |
| Muny: Hairspray | June 16 | Pamela Stepney, Retired |
|  | \$64 | Marvin Booker, Union Hall |

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA Report, Pat Baker: Pat spoke on the passing of former NBA Mike Birkett and how kind Mike was. He asked us to keep Mike's family in our thoughts and prayers. He spoke about a carrier in Kansas who was ejected from his vehicle during an accident and was not wearing a seat belt. If you hear of route inspections getting ready to happen, even specials, contact the NBA office. More Steward College is coming up and St. Louis is expected to host year three training on June 15-17. The JWIP process has been successful, they have gotten a few postmasters moved.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Tom thanked the officers of the branch for their work on Ole Timers Day. He was surprised to see President Renfro in attendance. He also thanked Home-style Catering for their work on Ole Timers Day.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: The Labor Celebration Parade will be August 30.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: Health Plan brochures are available in the back; page 100 has wellness plans and special features that are free, listed on it. One is the health assessment that if you complete, you can receive \$50 on your TASC card.

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: We are having the same problems. Proper forms are not being provided to employees when injured. Management must provide CA-1 or provide access to their computer for you to create an ECOMP account.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Take time to read the articles in the paper. The May center fold has a form to complete for heat related issues. You can also find PS 1571 in the MCC, please complete one if mail is left or returned undelivered. Wesley Bell and Ann Wagner introduced legislation to address the mail problem in St. Louis.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: The scholarship packets have been given to Barb Anderson, and the winners should be announced in June.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: A carrier was killed in KC in a vehicle accident. He is unsure of the cause as multiple stories are out. Management will controvert your claim if they believe they can get over on you. You determine what is safe for you, such as dog issues on the route. You can shut down delivery on the entire block if needed. Be sure to update your beneficiary.

Trustees Report, La'Tecse Litteken: Books were audited for March and April due to the delegate meeting in April, and were found in good order.

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike read the names of contributors. The 2027 COLA projection is 2.9% for CSRS and 2% for FERS.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: The Senate has introduced a bill to nullify the vote by mail issue. The bill introduced by Wesley Bell and Ann Wagner regarding St. Louis mail is a good one. Inflation is increasing due to the war in Iran. Three names have been submitted for the Postal Board of Governors. If the service gets the \$90 billion back from the government, we'll be on solid ground. Gerrymandering is still happening in Missouri.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: Some updates to contract proposals: Improving the transfer and mutual exchange process; eliminate 204B's; protect carriers from surprise 3999s; addressing non-compliance from grievance settlements; developing a joint heat illness prevention program. Starting May 17, the parties will lock themselves in at a hotel to negotiate for a week as the contract expires May 22. At COP, they learned the post office could be insolvent by 2027. Revenue was less than expenses and payroll with a net loss of \$9 billion in fiscal year 2025. Short term fix is to suspend retirement payments. Long term fix is to modernize our infrastructure, increase our borrowing authority, and create new investment strategy.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Read report for April. We did better this year with the food drive, but a lot of cards still did not go out. The food bank is still picking up food from Saturday. Going forward, things may have to change regarding where the food bank truck and volunteers go.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: During the COP meeting, Renfro spoke about how much money is spent on workmen's comp. PMG is on board with raising the borrowing limit. He also wants to entertain 5-day delivery. Southwest will go through special inspections again in June. Wesley Bell sent his drafted legislation to Marvin who reviewed it and it was ultimately sent to national legislative person. We're hoping to get it passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary