



BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 9, 2017



Summary of Branch Action

MSC: To pay the branch bills.

MSC: That Branch 343 send an additional officer with the branch president to the spring Committee of Presidents (COP) Meeting in April of 2017 and pay expenses.

MNC: That Branch 343 send three members to the National Officers Training to be held in St. Louis from March 6-9 of 2017 and pay any related expenses.

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted. RAA Stephanie Stewart informed the membership of an important safety meeting downtown and management's concern about making our job safe. Food Drive postcards have already been shipped. Right to work passed in Missouri. Iowa is all Republican led for the first time in 20 years and they are already proposing stripping government workers of their bargaining rights except for pay. She told us only two doors remained closed from getting a new contract. She urged us to get the NALC app to be the first to hear about the new contract.

Mike Chenot pointed out that Missouri, not a right to work state, added 51,000 jobs while Kentucky and Oklahoma, right to work states, lost jobs. Chet Drain brought to our attention the importance of "authorization forms" in the event we pass away. Brian Litteken drew our attention to articles concerning Branch 343's 125th anniversary and Tom Schulte's interviews with WWII veterans. Pam Stepney reminded us that the deadline for the John Haake Scholarship is March 3. Mike Weir reminded us that House Resolutions 756 and 760 are good except for a few minor tweaks. Exec. VP Barry Linan thanked Mike Weir for the recent Retirement Seminar which 212 members attended. He also reminded carriers to fill out their own PS Form 3971 leave slip.

The branch will be raffling off the first two games of the Cardinal season against the Chicago Cubs. VP Fin. Sec. Bob Rapisardo updated us that the last two CCAs who were not paid after being made regular in 2015 have finally been paid. The Food Drive T-shirts will be blue with gold trim and pink this year. We have been experiencing a problem in the ranking of CCAs on our Relative Standing list. MDA Texas Hold'em will be March 25. Pres. Bill Lister informed us the union and our members will be tasked with getting a petition signed by 140,000 Missourians to get right to work on the ballot. Twenty-six CCAs will be making regular on February 18. We will probably have to wait for two more bid cycles before any more CCAs make regular.

Respectfully Submitted, John "Johnny Mac" McLaughlin, Recording Secretary

New Members

Carliss A. Blackmon	Carrier Square	01-03-17
Taij L. Dyson	Carrier Square	01-03-17
Portia A. Edwards	MacKenzie Pointe...	01-19-17
Alex S. Forister	Sikeston	01-19-17
Latasha R. Hulseby.....	Southwest	01-19-17
Margrett A. McDonald..	Southwest	01-03-17
Senetra Morgan	Weathers.....	01-23-17
Willis O. Mosby.....	South County.....	01-23-17
Tyla M. Neil	St. Ann.....	01-23-17
Latasha A. Newton.....	Ferguson.....	01-23-17
John C. Pitts.....	Kirkwood	01-23-17
Nicholas J. Rohrbach.....	Kirkwood	01-19-17
Daninell R. Sims.....	Weathers.....	01-19-17
Riondo P. Walker	Affton	01-03-17
Leola D. Young	Affton	01-23-17

Recently Retired Members

Randall R. Bonham.....	Cuba.....	01-06-17
Michael T. Browne	St. Ann.....	12-31-16
James J. Gavin.....	Kirkwood	12-31-16
Doyle W. Lambert	Kirkwood	01-31-17
Jean A. O'Brien.....	Sappington	11-30-16
Carolyn M. Simpson	Kirkwood	12-31-16

Deceased Members

Walter J. Besch.....	Gold Card.....	01-13-17
Robert E. Eveker	60 Year	01-18-17
Otto J. Moore.....	Retired	11-16
Ronald L. Steiniger.....	Retired	12-07-16
Charles H. Thompson....	Retired	9-16