

More than one hundred and fifty elected NPMHU delegates joined some thirteen hundred fellow delegates from around the country to participate in the 24th Convention of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). This convention takes place every five years, and this year's event was held in Las Vegas, NV over the dates of September 12 through 15.

For more than four decades, the NPMHU and LIUNA have been working closely together on the many complex issues faced each day by our members and by all working class people. NPMHU National President John Hegarty proudly serves as a member of the LIUNA General Executive Board and, with the other members of the NPMHU National Executive Board, enjoys

a relationship of mutual respect and cooperation with LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan and the other members of the LIUNA General Executive Board.

At the Convention, the enthusiastic delegates debated and voted on numerous Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments during the course of the week on topics ranging from Legislative and Political Action (including discussions on ongoing postal reform legislation), Jurisdiction, Public, Healthcare, and Federal Sector workers, Dues and Per-Capita Payments, Salaries of LIUNA Officers, Minority Advancement, Technology, Organizing, and many other issues.

Remarks from President Hegarty

As part of the presentations from leaders within the LIUNA family, National President John Hegarty provided a look back at the last five years for the NPMHU, contrasting the challenges that the Mail Handlers have faced, and the success that we have achieved, by working together. His presentation included not only a look back, but also a look toward the future, with issues such as ongoing collective bargaining with the Postal Service, membership organizing efforts, labor movement solidarity, jurisdictional battles, and political activism.

A major theme of his presentation was a review, analysis, and call to action to mobilize the entire LIUNA family in support of the "Save America's Postal Service" Day of Action. As part of this presentation, President Hegarty previewed for the delegates the nationwide television ad which was set to begin airing in the days following the convention. President Hegarty thanked the NPMHU National Executive Board and all of the NPMHU officers and representatives across the country for their work over these past few years, and for the fine job that they continue to perform day in and day out for the NPMHU membership.

