



*Local 297 President Beverly Henderson delivered an inspiring invocation.*



*Celebratory high-five after convention delegates choose Chicago as the site for the 2016 national convention*

al demise of segregation policies following the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision in 1954. As he progressed through his lecture, Giebel also touched on the latter part of the 20th century, highlighting the Union's historic merger with LIUNA in 1968, the 1970 strike by postal employees, and the beginning of full-scale contract negotiations, also in 1970. National Secretary-Treasurer Mark Gardner gave a personal thanks to Giebel for inspiring him to develop a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of the history of the NPMHU, and the Convention's centennial historian was sent off with a warm round of applause.

Next, President Hegarty made a brief announcement, informing the

delegates Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney had chosen Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) as his running mate for Vice President. "He couldn't have gone any further to the right than that," Hegarty said, as he urged delegates to mobilize and prepare for the coming November election.

The much anticipated site selection for the 2016 National Convention was next on the agenda. The vote came down to a difficult choice between San Juan, PR and Chicago, IL. Delegates presented arguments for or against each destination. Ultimately, delegates elected by a roll call vote to make Chicago, IL the location of the next NPMHU National Convention in 2016.

President Hegarty then wished all retiring delegates a fond farewell, recognizing each of them by name and thanking them for their many years of service.

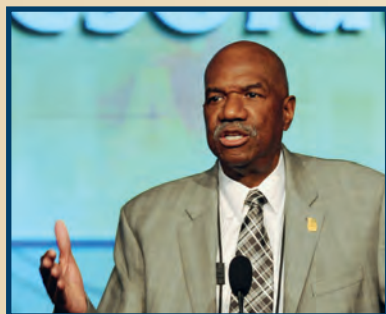
The last item of business for the day was the presentation of the Report of the Resolutions Committee. All resolutions timely submitted to the Committee for consideration were recommended by the Committee for adoption, and all but one were approved by the delegates on the floor of the Convention Hall. The full text

of all the Resolutions that were adopted are reprinted elsewhere in this magazine. After considerable debate by the delegates, a resolution encouraging a boycott of Coca-Cola to protest their alleged union-busting activities throughout the world was tabled for further study by the National Executive Board or a special committee selected by the National President. The matter will be reconsidered at the next Semi-Annual Meeting of the Local Unions in December 2012.

In hindsight, the 2012 NPMHU National Convention proved to be an incredibly productive one. Delegates worked hard through-

out the week to ensure that the future of our great Union is secure, and without a doubt, it was a job well done. A final celebration of the Union's 100th anniversary was held on the evening of Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the Portland Art Museum.

As the delegates returned to their respective Locals, Mail Handlers across the nation are being encouraged to join with their elected Union representatives to help honor the past and shape the future, by remaining informed and active on the issues facing both the Postal Service and the NPMHU.



*Central Region Vice President, Local 306 President, and Chairman of the Resolutions Committee Jeff Peppers presented the report of the Committee.*



*In a closing exhortation, National President John Hegarty urges the delegates to "Honor the Past" and "Shape the Future."*