

MAIL HANDLERS in Portland, Oregon for

Planning is well underway for the 2012 National Convention, which is scheduled to take place at the Portland Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon during the week of August 6, 2012. Nearly 300 Mail Handlers from across the country, who were elected by the Mail Handlers in their respective Local Unions, will serve as delegates, and will help to set the agenda of the Union for the next four years. In recognition of our centennial celebration, the theme for our 2012 convention is **Honor the Past, Shape the Future**. The delegates will take time to honor the many accomplishments of those Mail Handlers who struggled before us, and will share thoughts and debate ideas on the National Postal Mail Handlers Union's way forward in these difficult economic and political times.

Throughout the summer, committees appointed by National President John Hegarty have met to review and establish a full agenda for the 2012 Convention, including possible constitutional amendments and resolutions that may be submitted for consideration by the delegates. In addition to the traditional Constitution and Resolution Committees—and in recognition of the increasing role that the NPMHU has played in ongoing legislative issues on Capitol Hill—President Hegarty has once again empanelled a Legislative Committee to review and recommend the adoption of resolutions concerning legislative and political matters.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

As set forth in Article XII of the National Union Constitution, the delegates to the 2012 National Convention will consider and vote upon amendments to both the NPMHU National Constitution and the Uniform Local Union Constitution that governs all Local Unions affiliated with the NPMHU. As stated in Article XII, Section 10 (as amended by the delegates to the 2008 Convention):

For proposed amendments to this Constitution to be considered by a National Convention, such amendments must be submitted in writing by Delegates, Local Unions or other sub-

ordinate bodies in good standing, or regular members in good standing to the National President no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the National Convention.

All of the proposed amendments have now been considered by the Constitution Committee, which has developed its recommendations to the National Convention.

Proposed Resolutions

In addition, the current National Constitution also sets forth the governing procedure for the consideration of resolutions, whether related to legislation or other topics of interest to Mail Handlers. In particular, Article XII, Section 15 provides as follows:

Resolutions submitted for consideration of the National Convention must be received by the National President no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the National Convention. Such resolutions shall be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for consideration and recommendation to the Convention delegates for adoption, modification, or rejection thereof.

Both the Legislative and Political Committee and the Resolutions Committee have now met, and have each developed a series of resolutions for consideration by the delegates at the August Convention.

The Convention Planning Team at the National Office has been working hard, attending to the countless details associated with presenting this major conference. All of the attendees to this Convention will have the opportunity to learn about and share in the rich 100-year history of our great union. And the delegates also will have the opportunity to set the course as the National Postal Mail Handlers Union embarks upon its next century with pride and solidarity.

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