It is my immense pleasure to introduce the NPMHU Women’s Committee. This new committee in the mail handler family was formally introduced at our SAMLU Meeting held in August 2017 in Washington, DC. The committee consists of the following eight mail handlers: Committee Chairperson June Harris – Central VP/Local 306 President; Teresa Harmon – CAD Manager; Felandria Jackson – Local 305 President; Kelly Dickey – Local 322 President; Juanita Contreras – Local 302 Vice President; Yvette Johnson – Local 300 Vice President; Joyce Weber – Local 318 Treasurer; and Roxie Olds-Pride – Local 311 Treasurer. Each member has diverse skills and knowledge that will help in the advancement of the NPMHU.

The mission of the NPMHU Women’s Committee is to encourage, recruit, and engage women of all backgrounds to join and be active in the National Postal Mail Handlers Union and the entire labor movement. We want to strengthen our sisters and help them achieve a better standard of living for themselves and their families.

It is our goal to address unique barriers and identify issues and challenges faced by women of all backgrounds within the workplace and the NPMHU. We hope to serve as an advocate on these women’s issues and also as a liaison on these issues to USPS management through the NPMHU’s Contract Administration Department.

We also want women to understand their importance in the legislative and political arenas. We want women to garner full knowledge of how proposing or changing laws and regulations can affect their future. And we want women in the NPMHU to take a leading role in the Union’s legislative activities.

This is an exciting and new adventure for the women of our great Union. The NPMHU Women’s Committee will hold its first official meeting at the SAMLU Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada in April 2018. If you have any issues or agenda items you want addressed, please submit them to any committee member at any point prior to that meeting. The more information and evidence you can submit with the issues you identify, the easier it will be for the Women’s Committee and its members to review and address these important matters.

We are looking forward in great expectation to a lively exchange of ideas and suggestions.