

# Monthly Meeting Presidents Report: May 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

Condolences to the family of Indianapolis Letter Carrier and Steward Angela Summers who was killed in the performance of her duties on April 27<sup>th</sup>, all the Brothers and Sisters who have passed away related to the pandemic. Branch #34 Retired members Bobby "Blue" Rooney from Arlington and Pasquale Rosati from Fields Corner. May they all Rest in Peace.

## 1. Coronavirus pandemic:

As of 8am on 5/12/2020 we have had 157 confirmed cases in the Greater Boston District. Out of these 157 positive cases we have had 54 employees return to work. The positive case numbers have been dropping per day over the last week. I have attempted to visit all offices with a positive case to address any Carrier questions of concerns. When this pandemic began to hit us in March numerous guidelines and restrictions have changed and the correct information changes on a day to day basis. What I know now versus what I knew 2 months ago has changed greatly and I am sure this information will change again over the next few months

## 2. Convention Update:

National has not cancelled or postponed the 2020 National Convention in Hawaii as of today in which is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2020. The Hawaiian Islands still have numerous restrictions on travel closure's, gatherings and quarantine issues that have not been lifted at this time. If you are a delegate and your plans have changed to where you are not going, please notify Mike Murray. Hotel cancellation date has been extended until June 1<sup>st</sup>, and after June 1<sup>st</sup> a \$30.00 fee will be charged.

## 3. Route Inspections:

There have been no announcements on when route inspections will resume. The Spring route inspections that were completed, the 52 day implementation time limits have been waived until May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Brookline route inspections scheduled for this week and next were officially cancelled on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## 4. Branch #34 Scholarships:

The 2020 Branch #34 scholarships awards should be finalized for announcement at the June 9th meeting. if we are not allowed to have a meeting an announcement will be in a Carrier Flash. There were only 13 applicants this year.

## 5. Contract:

The 3 arbitrators have been selected to decide our contract that expired in May 2019. The 3 Arbitrators are: Bruce Simon-NALC/ Robert Dufek-USPS / Dennis Nolan-Neutral. Hearings have been postponed due to the pandemic.