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On March 25-27 our NBA, Vada Preston, conducted Shop Steward training in Bowie, Maryland. The training was very good. Important arbitrations with escalating remedies were distributed. Other segments included Emergency Suspensions, Article 15 and effective grievance handling at Informal and Formal A, Article 12 withholding and excessing, an overview of the new National Agreement, investigatory interviews and Garrity/Kakines rights, USPS testing of new vehicles, shelves and a parcel sorter machine, Steward resources beyond the National Agreement, OWCP and many other issues. Brother Vada took all questions and didn't make people wait until the end to ask questions. Anybody who does that is just trying to limit questions. Other people who assisted in the training and who deserve a great deal of credit are; Regional Administrative Assistant, Hugh McElroy, LBA- Walter Brummage, Assistant to the President for City Delivery, Tim McKay and OWCP regional NALC expert, Tonya Detrick. We wish to thank you all for the work you put into this very informative training.

The Committee of Presidents meeting was held in Jacksonville, FL on March 18 and 19. We have been asked not to go into detail about the agenda items, but let me say that the agenda was excellent. President Fred Rolando gave an outstanding report and our strategies on a plethora of issues seem to be right on. We would like to thank Fred, Brian Renfroe and Chris Jackson for staying both days. They were all very helpful in answering numerous questions. More people went to the microphone than ever before. With Fred at the helm, people seem to be more comfortable going to the microphone. This makes our Union better and more democratic.

I would also like to thank all the co-chairs, especially Sandra Laemmel who is president of branch one out of Detroit, MI.

IN THE STRUGGLE,
Kenneth Lerch
President NALC 3825