

for life the supplemental annuity (equal to 75 percent of salary at retirement) of former National Presidents on the NALC retirement roll at the time of the 1977 installation of officers.

Regional Administrative Assistants

Sec. 12 (a). Regional Administrative Assistants shall be entitled to reimbursement of all itemized expenses legitimately incurred in the conduct of the affairs of the Union. Their salaries, payable weekly, shall be set by the National President, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

(b). Regional Administrative Assistants shall cover the NALC Regional Office when the National Business Agent is away on official assignment, or on leave for an extended period of time.

ARTICLE 10

Removal of Officers

In case of neglect of duty or violation of this Constitution on the part of any officer of this Association or a State Association, the Executive Council shall have power to remove them from office, impose such other penalty as it may deem proper, or suspend such State Association after a fair hearing, subject to appeal to the National Convention. Any member may file with the Executive Council a charge that an officer of the National Association or a State Association has been guilty of neglect of duty or violation of this Constitution. Upon the filing of such charge, the President or Vice President (or the Secretary-Treasurer if the charge is against both the President and Vice President) shall, as soon as practi-

cable: (a) send, by registered mail, a copy of the charges to the officer or officers charged, and (b) appoint a member, who is not involved in the charge, to investigate the same and to make a report in writing within 30 days to the Executive Council on the results of their findings. A copy of such report shall be sent by mail to the charging member and to the officer against whom the charge was filed. The Executive Council shall determine whether a substantial charge is presented by the report and, if so, shall direct a hearing thereon before a panel of three disinterested members, excluding the investigator. The panel shall make a report with recommendations to the Executive Council which shall be served on the accused officer and charging member, who may, within 15 days, file with the Executive Council objections or comments thereon. If the Executive Council finds the officer guilty, it shall be empowered to remove them from office, or impose such other penalty as it may deem proper. Any member aggrieved by such decision of the Executive Council shall have the right to appeal to the National Convention.

To perfect such appeal to the National Convention, the aggrieved member must, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention, file with the Chairperson of the Executive Council, by registered mail, notice of appeal, together with a full written statement of the reasons why the appeal should be granted; if the adverse decision of the Executive Council is not rendered until sixty-five (65) days or less prior to the National Convention, the notice to appeal and statement of reasons must be filed as soon after receipt of the decision as is reasonably possible.