Rolando announces RAA appointments

NALC President Fredric Rolando has announced the appointment of several letter carriers to regional administrative assistant (RAA) positions.

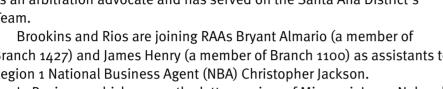


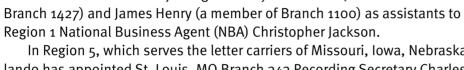
Rolando has appointed Van Nuys. CA Branch 2462 President Calvin Brookins as an RAA for Region 1, which serves letter carriers in California, Hawaii, Nevada and Guam. Brookins' appointment fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Santa Clara Branch 1427 member Brian Voigt.

Brookins served as a shop steward from 1989 to 2001. For the past 13 years, he has served as Branch 2462 president; before that, he served as branch vice president and trustee. He also is an arbitration advocate.

Rolando also has appointed Garden Grove, CA Branch 1100's Allan Rios as a Region 1 RAA. Rios, a Leadership Academy Class 16 graduate, began his advocacy for letter carriers as a shop steward in 2009. In 2010, he became an area steward; a year later, he took on the role of local busi-

ness agent. Rios also is an arbitration advocate and has served on the Santa Ana District's Dispute Resolution B Team.





In Region 5, which serves the letter carriers of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, Rolando has appointed St. Louis, MO Branch 343 Recording Secretary Charles Sexton as an RAA to fill the vacancy created when former RAA Michael Birkett was elected last year as Region 5 NBA. Sexton is a Leadership Academy Class 2 graduate who has served as a local business agent and as an arbitration advocate.

President Rolando also has appointed Central Iowa Merged Branch 352 President Stephanie Stewart as an RAA for Region 5. Stewart, a

Leadership Academy Class o graduate, also is the vice president of the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers. She is an arbitration advocate as well, and among her other duties she has served on the district safety committee.

Stewart's appointment fills the vacancy created by the detailing of RAA Mark Sims, a member of Springfield, MO Branch 203, to Washington, DC, to the position of NALC Headquarters contract administration assistant.



And in Region 9, which serves the letter carriers of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, President Rolando has appointed Central Florida Branch 1091 letter carrier Lynne Pendleton as an RAA to fill the vacancy created when former RAA Kenneth Gibbs was elected last year as Region 9 NBA. Pendleton has served as a local business agent for Region 9, branch trustee and as a Dispute Resolution Team representative, as well as vice president of the Florida State Association. She is a graduate of Leadership Academy Class 5.

All of these appointments are effective as of Feb. 2.

Monitoring of USPS response to cyber breach continues

NALC is staying on top of the Postal Service's handling of the cyber breach in September that compromised the agency's computers that hold workers' personal and employment information, including medical, injury compensation, banking, Social Security and other personal information.

On Nov. 10, NALC received the first notification from USPS about the hack. A few days later, the union filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board against USPS, alleging that the Postal Servce had violated its duty to negotiate with the NALC over the impact of the security breach on letter carriers. That charge remains pending.

Current and former USPS workers whose information was compromised by the breach should have received in December a letter from the Postal Service containing important new information. Meanwhile, individual letter carriers may elect to enroll in the credit monitoring services offered by the Postal Service, with the knowledge that NALC may seek different or additional remedies.

Search for "hacked" at nalc.org to learn more.

NALC joins postal banking coalition

NALC President Fredric Rolando has announced that the union has joined a new coalition to explore ways the U.S. Postal Service could provide affordable financial services to the tens of millions of Americans who lack access to such services.

The coalition, the Campaign for Postal Banking, is made up of consumer advocates, community groups, worker representatives, faith-based groups and civil rights organizations.

"The Postal Service already provides several affordable financial services," Rolando said—such as money orders, Treasury check cashing and international electronic money transfers. "Not only do we as letter carriers touch every community in America, six days a week—and sometimes seven—but every community in America has at least one post office nearby, something that can't be said about banks and other similar financial institutions."

According to the latest Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) "National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked," 28 percent of U.S. households—or nearly 100 million people—are underserved by currently available banking options.

"This coalition will help us explore opportunities to close this gap and help move millions of Americans away from payday lenders and other predatory alternative financial services," the president said. "Our nationwide post office network, combined with its highly skilled and dedicated workforce, could help solve this serious public policy problem."

National election appeals denied

The National Election Committee met at NALC National Headquarters in Washington, DC, during the week of Jan. 6 to review the election-result appeals that the committee received in December from four unsuccessful candidates in the 2014 election of NALC national officers. The results of the national election were published in the December 2014 Postal Record.

Following a thorough review, the committee's decision was to deny the appeals submitted by candidate for national president David Noble, candidate for national trustee Eryca Bloom, candidate for vice president Deidre Beal and candidate for assistant secretary-treasurer Sharella Spikes.

Letters from the committee notified the appellants of this decision.

Unfortunately, during the investigation of the appeals, NALC's election contractor, Peake-DeLancey, discovered that there were errors in the preliminary report of the election results in the final report that was mailed to branches. None of these errors affected the outcome of the election for any office. Moreover, the vote totals reported for each individual branch in the final report are accurate. However, in some regions the branch totals were not added correctly, which, in turn, resulted in errors in the national total. The corrected national vote totals for each candidate are actually higher than the totals reflected in the report.

A corrected report that also lists the discrepancies will be posted at nalc.org. Note that the discrepancies affected the vote count only in NALC Regions 2, 5, 9 and 15, and they affected only the national office races. The regional office races were not affected.

Pro-postal resolutions introduced



Six-day mail delivery

The 114th Congress was sworn in on Jan. 6, and in the House of Representatives, Reps. Sam Graves (R-MO) and Gerry Connolly (D-VA) wasted no time in renewing their commitment to preserving six-day mail delivery by quickly introducing H.Res. 12.

H.Res. 12 is identical to previous sessions' resolutions that called on Congress and the Postal Service to take all appropriate steps to continue six-day mail delivery. The version introduced early in the 113th Congress (2013-2014) wound up with 228 co-sponsors from both political parties.

"Attempts to eliminate Saturday delivery or any other postal services are, in reality, short-sighted excuses for failing to address an onerous pre-funding

mandate that perpetuates a cut-cut-cut mentality," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "Six-day mail delivery service meets the demands of American households and businesses, and we applaud Congressmen

Graves and Connolly for leading efforts to preserve it."

A few days later, Reps. Susan Davis (D-CA), David Joyce (R-OH) and Peter King (R-NY) introduced a resolution that calls on Congress to "take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers."

The resolution, H.Res. 28, is identical to H.Res. 711, which was introduced last August during the 113th Congress and which ended up with 75 sponsors from both parties.

"This resolution affirms our message that cutting a vital service like door delivery is not the way to strengthen the Postal Service," President Rolando

said. "We are grateful to Representatives Davis, Joyce and King for introducing this resolution right out of the

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Door delivery

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gate in this session of Congress."

Registration for 2015 Food Drive in full swing



NALC President Fredric Rolando has sent a letter to branch presidents to encourage them to sign up as soon as possible to take part in the 23rd annual Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" national food drive, set for Saturday, May 9.

"Our extraordinary history of filling local food shelves is possible because of the dedication and hard work of leaders such as you," Rolando wrote. "While our history provides us with confidence, what matters most is our renewed commitment to the Food Drive."

Included with Rolando's letter was the official branch Food Drive registration form. Branch Food Drive leaders can visit nalc.org/food to find these resources and much more—including the official artwork for this year's drive, designed by "Family Circus" artist Jeff Keane.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the nation's largest single-day food collection effort—last year, it gathered 72.5 million pounds of food, marking the 11th consecutive year the drive has surpassed 70 million pounds and bringing the total to more than 1.3 billion pounds since the national drive began in 1992.

The registration form must be returned by mail (no faxes or e-mails) to NALC Headquarters by Feb. 15.

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