New faces  New responsibilities
President Rolando names new RAAs, HQ staff

CHANGES AT HEADQUARTERS and in the field have brought new roles for several NALC leaders.

Greg Dixon, former NALC assistant to the president for compensation, has agreed to fill the gap created when Assistant to the President for Contract Administration David Miller returned to the field in his home state of Indiana.

Region 2 Regional Administrative Assistant Coby Jones has been detailed by President Rolando to fill in as assistant to the president for compensation, working at NALC HQ with consultant Ron Watson.

Brian Renfroe of Hattiesburg, MS Branch 938, and Zanesville, OH Branch 63 member John Collins have both also been named assistants to the president for contract administration.

Renfroe, formerly president of his branch and his state association, is working primarily on city delivery issues. “I’m excited to be here to serve the members of our union,” he said. “We have a lot of work to do.”

Collins served as Branch 63 president for nearly 25 years and was a primary Dispute Resolution Team member for Region 11 before coming to Headquarters. “I’m glad to have the opportunity to work for letter carriers nationwide,” Collins said.

In Region 2, Salt Lake City Branch 111 member Mike Wahlquist was appointed as an RAA. Wahlquist was president of his branch and has served in several other branch offices. “This is my dream job,” Wahlquist said. “I love union work. There’s nothing better than a job where you help people all day.”

Following the recent retirement of Region 13 RAA Jim Sherley, RAA Hugh McElroy has moved from a special assignment in Headquarters to the regional office. McElroy is a member of Rockville, MD Branch 3825, where he served as president for 10 years before President Rolando appointed him as an RAA in 2009. “I will continue to put as much effort as possible into assuring that our contract is upheld and the rights of letter carriers are respected,” he said.