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## VP Mignosi steps down Two others depart from HQ

**N**ALC Vice President George Mignosi stepped down from the NALC Executive Council on Jan. 10 to return to Brooklyn, NY Branch 41, having won election as president of that branch late last year. He was installed as president on Jan. 14. The *NALC Constitution* empowers NALC President Fredric Rolando to fill the vacancy, which he said he planned to do soon.

"It's been an honor serving with Brother Mignosi," Rolando said, "and I know he'll bring his strong dedication to helping members and serving the letter carriers in Brooklyn."

Mignosi began his postal career in 1979 as a clerk at the GPO in New York City, but he soon moved to the letter carrier craft and became a member of Branch 41 in 1980. In 1986, he became a shop steward and proceeded to serve Branch 41 in a series of increasingly responsible offices—assistant financial secretary, vice president and vice president/chief steward.

In 1999, NALC President Vincent Sombrotto selected Mignosi to serve as a full-time regional administrative assistant for New York Region 15. Sombrotto appointed him Region 15 national business agent in February 2002 to fill a vacancy, and Mignosi was elected to that office by acclamation at the Philadelphia convention later that year.

At the 2006 National Convention in Las Vegas, he was elected assistant secretary-treasurer, again by acclamation. In July 2009, Rolando appointed him vice president to fill a vacancy. At the 2010 National Convention in Anaheim, he was elected vice president by acclamation.

"I'm looking forward to getting back to my branch," Mignosi said. "Working in the branch, you get to help carriers on the workroom floor, which is what I enjoy most."

**Also departing on Jan. 10 was long-time Secretary Kathy Carriere**, who retired after working at NALC Headquarters for

more than 36 years. She said she is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

"Thank you, Kathy for your years of work," Rolando said. "We hope you enjoy a wonderful retirement. You've earned it."

Carriere had worked for the Postal Labor Negotiating Committee in the late '70s after several years at the National Postal Mail Handlers Union. At the time, NALC and the other postal unions all negotiated contracts with the Postal Service as a group.

Looking for a permanent position, she approached NALC President J. Joseph Vacca, who hired her as his executive secretary. After Vincent Sombrotto became president of the union in 1979, Carriere served as Vice President Francis Conners' executive secretary for the next 20 years. Since then, she has performed secretarial duties in a number of offices at Headquarters.

"I've loved it," Carriere said of her time at NALC. "I've made some really good friends."

**At the end of December, NALC Director of Legislative and Political Affairs Jennifer Warburton** left NALC to become chief of staff to Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA). President Rolando had not named her replacement at the time this issue went to press.

Warburton had worked at the Department of Agriculture and at the Postal Service before joining NALC as special assistant for legislation to President William Young in 2004. She was promoted to director of the department in 2006.

"I want to thank Jennifer for her service to NALC," Rolando said. "As we all know, the legislative process in Congress is both complicated and frustrating. Having a knowledgeable, sensible director to keep careful watch on Capitol Hill has been invaluable. We wish her well in all her future endeavors and we are glad to know we have a friend in Rep. Sanchez's office." **PR**