

# Rolando announces RAA appointments



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Charles Sexton



Stephanie Stewart



Lynne Pendleton

**N**ALC President Fredric Rolando has announced his 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 San Francisco 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 business agent. Rios also is an arbitration advocate and has served on the Santa Ana District's Dispute Resolution B Team.

Brookins and Rios are joining RAAs Bryant Almario (a member of Branch 1427) and James Henry (a member of Branch 1100) as assistants to Region 1 National Business Agent (NBA) Christopher Jackson.

This month, the Region 1 office is consolidating its operations into one location in Ontario, CA, a Los Angeles suburb.

In St. Louis 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 9 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 Atlanta 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.

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