Rolando appoints RAAs, HQ staff

NALC President Fredric Rolando has appointed Downers Grove, IL Branch 1870 President Bill Jackson as regional administrative assistant for NALC Region 3, which serves letter carriers in Illinois. Jackson replaces Ken Miller, who has retired. Jackson served as Branch 1870 president for 12 years and, at the time of his appointment, was chairman of the Illinois State Association’s executive board. Previously, he has served as Branch 1870’s vice president, treasurer, Formal A representative and steward. Jackson also has served the members of Region 3 as an arbitration advocate, as Dispute Resolution Team member, as leader of the District Evaluation and Adjustment Team (DEAT) for route adjustments, as a Carrier Academy instructor, as a New Delivery coordinator and on the district advisory committee for the Employee Assistance Program. He is a graduate of Leadership Academy Class 5.

President Rolando also has appointed Anita Lewallen as an RAA for Region 4, which serves letter carriers in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming. Lewallen replaces Ray Tillman, who has retired. Prior to this appointment, Lewallen served as president of Conway, AR Branch 1592 since 2001 and as president of the Arkansas State Association since 2013. Additionally, she has served the region as an arbitration advocate, a route adjustment district lead, a primary Dispute Resolution Team member and a national Dispute Resolution Process facilitator. Lewallen is a graduate of Leadership Academy Class 6.

Both of these appointments were effective Jan. 4.

In addition, President Rolando has appointed former Region 9 RAA Paul Barner to serve as executive assistant to the president at NALC Headquarters in Washington, DC. Barner, a member of Roswell, GA Branch 4862, has held various positions in the branch as well as on the Georgia State Association’s executive board. He served as an arbitration advocate, local business agent and Dispute Resolution Team member.

Note about the opening of bargaining
Formal negotiations for a new National Agreement are set to open on Feb. 19. Look for information about bargaining on nalc.org and in the April issue of The Postal Record.
NALC has made special arrangements with 10 hotels to accommodate letter carrier delegates attending the 2016 convention in Los Angeles, Aug. 15-19. All NALC-block hotels are within 1.4 miles of the convention center.

Two hotels from this list (The L.A. Hotel Downtown and The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites) were mistakenly listed as non-union hotels in the December 2015 issue of The Postal Record.

Room rates are shown at right. The room rates have been set so branches can begin budgeting for the convention. Please do not contact the hotels. All room reservations will be made through the NALC’s official housing company.