NLC President Fredric Rolando appointed letter carriers to several positions last month.

Rolando appointed Tony Perconte as a regional administrative assistant (RAA) for Region 15 (western Connecticut, northern New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands). Following in his father’s footsteps, Perconte began carrying the mail in Scotch Plains, NJ, in 1992. After working as a steward for his branch, Scotch Plains Branch 4102, Perconte was elected branch vice president in 1998 and president in 2004. Rolando appointed him as a legislative and political organizer (LPO) for the Northeast region of the country in 2017. Perconte also has served in various other roles for the union, including as part of a route adjustment team, as an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) committee member and as an arbitration advocate. He graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2007.

Anna Mudd of Louisville, KY Branch 14 is the newest legislative and political organizer (LPO). Mudd began working as a letter carrier in Louisville as a part-time flexible (PTF) in 1996. She served her branch as a steward and scribe before her election as assistant secretary in 2013 and secretary in 2015. The next year, she ascended to branch vice president. Mudd was elected Kentucky State Association president in 2017. She also has served the union as an arbitration advocate, dispute resolution team member and city carrier assistant (CCA) orientation organizer. She graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2017.

President Rolando named Anita Lewallen as a regional workers’ compensation assistant (RWCA). Lewallen, who began carrying mail in Conway, AR, in 1999, served as president of Conway Branch 1592 from 2001 until 2016, when Rolando appointed her as a regional administrative assistant (RAA) for Region 4 (Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming). Lewallen also has served the region as arbitration advocate, route adjustment district lead, primary dispute resolution team member and national dispute resolution process facilitator and was Arkansas State Association president from 2013 to 2016. She graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2008.

David Miller of Oklahoma City, OK Branch 458 is a new RWCA. Miller, a third-generation carrier whose parents are both retired carriers, began his postal career in Oklahoma City in 1996. He was elected branch recording secretary in 1999, vice president in 2006 and president in 2008, an office he held until his appointment as RWCA. Miller became president of the Oklahoma State Association in 2016 and is a member of the state’s AFL-CIO executive board. He has worked as an arbitration advocate and Formal Step A team member, and graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2006.

Rolando named Kristin Williams as an RWCA. Williams began carrying the mail in Norfolk, VA, in 2007, joining Norfolk Branch 456, but transferred to Chesapeake, VA, in 2013 and joined Chesapeake Branch 6066. She served as steward, food drive coordinator and trustee for Branch 6066 and took office as branch vice president in January. Williams graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2016.

Rolando appointed Jason Atchley as a regional grievance assistant (RGA). The new position of RGA, created this year, is designed to make sure that all letter carriers are represented in the grievance procedure, no matter how large or small their branch is (see the article in the April Postal Record). Atchley, a member of Decatur, AL Branch 1314, began his postal career in Tuscaloosa, AL, in 2005 and joined Tuscaloosa Branch 1906. There, he served as steward and branch vice president. Atchley transferred to Branch 1314 in 2011 and that year was elected president of his new branch. He also has served the union as a Step B representative and arbitration advocate. He graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2017.

Rolando appointed Alton Branson of Rockville, MD Branch 3825 as an RGA. Branson began his letter carrier career in Clinton, MD, in 1978 and joined Clinton Branch 5841. Branson served the union in many ways, including as a steward, dispute resolution team member, Employee Involvement facilitator and local business agent. He was elected president of the Clinton branch in 1983. After Branch 5841 merged with Washington, DC Branch 142, Branson served as president from 2008 to 2011. He transferred to Rockville Branch 3825 last year. Branson also served as vice president of the Maryland/Washington, DC State Association and was elected state president last year.

Mike Brim is a new RGA. Brim, a member of Columbus, OH Branch 78, began carrying the mail in Columbus in 2006. He served as a branch trustee from 2013 to 2015, when he became health benefits and mutual benefits representative through 2018. Brim also has served on the Step B Team and as an arbitration advocate. He graduated from the Leadership Academy in 2015.