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Pres. Rolando appoints Drass VP, Renfroe city delivery director, more

ALC President Fredric Rolando has appointed Lew Drass of Huntsville, AL Branch 462 as national vice president and Brian Renfroe of Hattiesburg, MS Branch 938 as national director of city delivery effective March 10.

Drass had served as director of city delivery since his election to that spot by the 67th Biennial Convention in Anaheim in 2010. Drass began his postal career in 1977 in Riverdale, MD, where he served as a shop steward starting in 1983. He transferred to Huntsville in 1989, and in 1993 he was elected president of Branch 462. Drass served as president, vice president and director of education for the Alabama State Association, as well as a local business agent and arbitration advocate in Region 8. He was elected national business agent for Region 8 in 2002, and was re-elected NBA by acclamation at the 2006 Las Vegas Convention.

Drass' appointment as vice president fills the vacancy left when George Mignosi stepped down in January to assume the office of president of Brooklyn, NY Branch 41.

Renfroe, who fills the vacancy left by Drass' appointment as vice president, came to NALC Headquarters in 2011 to work in the Contract Administration Unit on city delivery issues at NALC Headquarters. Last summer, he was appointed special assistant to President Rolando. Before coming to the nation's capital, Renfroe served as president of Hattiesburg, MS Branch 938 as well as president of the Mississippi State Association and as a local business agent in Region 8. Renfroe, a second-generation letter carrier, began his career in 2004. He is a graduate of the NALC Leadership Academy, having attended Class 6 in 2008.

"I am thrilled to have Lew and Brian in their new positions on the NALC Executive Council," Rolando said. "Both of them are smart, hardworking and totally dedicated to the well-being of fellow letter carriers."

Under the *NALC Constitution*, the president has the authority to fill vacancies on the Executive Council who will serve until the next election and installation.

Additionally, Rolando has hired Kori Keller as NALC's director of the Legislative and Political Affairs Department. Keller spent nearly 10 years at the Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, AFL-CIO (PASS) advocating on federal employee and transportation/aviation issues on behalf of unionized employees of the Federal Aviation Administration. Keller previously spent four years at Peter D. Hart Research Associates, where she conducted qualitative and quantitative research for political and business clients. Before that, she worked on political campaigns in Louisiana and New Jersey. She is a native of New Orleans and a graduate of the University of New Orleans, with a bachelor's degree in political science.

"Kori brings the perfect mix of experience, advocating for federal workers and striving to effectively communicate their complicated issues to Congress and the broader public," Rolando said. "We're glad she's brought her skills to help us with our legislative goals." **PR**



Lew Drass



Brian Renfroe



Kori Keller