

Toth tapped as Region 11 NBA; Young also names new RAAs

Daniel E. Toth has been appointed by President William H. Young to serve as the new National Business Agent for Region 11 effective May 1, succeeding NBA William J. Cooke, who announced his retirement after more than 14 years in the position.

Toth, 51, a former president of Lorain, Ohio Branch 583, began his union career as a shop steward in 1984 and has worked on behalf of letter carriers ever since. In addition to his branch positions, Toth was director of education for the Ohio State Association. Since May 2005, he has been a Regional Administrative Assistant in Region 11, which includes Ohio and upstate New York.

President Young expressed the deep appreciation of the NALC for Cooke's years of service as NBA, during which time he served on the union's 28-member Executive Council and in other NALC positions.

"Bill Cooke has been a dedicated leader and effective advocate for letter carriers," Young said. "His thoughtful counsel during many national contract negotiations and important deliberations has benefitted our members not only in Region 11, but throughout the nation. We wish him the very best and many years of enjoyment in his retirement."

"I'm grateful for President Young's confidence in me," Toth said, "and I'm looking forward to representing letter carriers in this new position. I admire the high standard Bill Cooke has set and I hope to put my personal touch on how we serve the membership." He said one goal is to increase training throughout the region, in part by tapping into the talents of the region's graduates from the NALC Leadership Academy.

Young also announced appointments to two RAA positions.

Mark S. Camilli, 40, of Northeastern New York Branch 358, was named to succeed Toth as Region 11 RAA, and Coby P. Jones, 52, of Seattle, Washington Branch 79, was named as an RAA for

Region 2, succeeding James Lumm, who recently took the staff position of director of education at NALC Headquarters in Washington. The Pacific Northwest Region 2 covers Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The *NALC Constitution* gives the president the power to fill vacancies on the Executive Council pending the next regular election, as well as to appoint all RAAs. ✉



Above:
Dan Toth
Far left:
Mark Camilli
Left:
Coby Jones

Leadership Academy



The seventh class of the NALC Leadership Academy met for its second term during the last week of March at the National Labor College in suburban Washington. Two representatives from each of the union's 15 regions spent their classroom time in sessions led by national officers and Headquarters staffers on a variety of topics, including legislation and political action, how the economy impacts the Postal Service, and improving spoken and written communication skills. They heard presentations on the Mutual Benefit Association and the Health Benefit Plan, and President Young participated in a lively Q-and-A session. Before students return for their final week in June, they will prepare special homework projects with their mentors.

