

## AFL-CIO Executive Council

# Rolando gets post, Young gets praise

**N**ALC President Fredric V. Rolando was elected as a vice president of the AFL-CIO and a member of the federation's Executive Council during a Council meeting July 28. The action followed the resignation of William H. Young, retired former NALC president.

While welcoming Rolando to the leadership of the nation's largest labor body, the Council also praised Young, adopting a resolution lauding him as "a leader not only of the NALC but of the entire union movement."

The Council took special notice of Young's service as a member of both its Executive Committee and the Political Committee, where NALC's grass roots operation was highly regarded. It noted that in 2008, under Young's

direction, more than 300 letter carrier members and staff working throughout the country helped elect a pro-worker Congress and president. It also praised Young as one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Employee Free Choice Act and acknowledged his service as vice chair of the council's Community Partnerships Committee.

"On behalf of the 11 million members of the AFL-CIO throughout the country, we thank our good friend and brother Bill Young for everything he has achieved for the Letter Carriers and the AFL-CIO, and we give him our very warmest wishes for many happy years of retirement," the resolution concluded. ☒



## NALC exhibit opening at Reuther Library

**T**he Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University, which serves as the official archives for the NALC's historical records, is mounting a special exhibit on the history of the National Association of Letter Carriers. The show will open in September and be on display for one year at the Library's facility in Detroit.

NALC President Fred Rolando and other current and former NALC officials have been invited to a special ceremony to open the exhibit on September 21. Branch presidents who plan to attend the Committee of Presidents meeting scheduled September 20-21 in Detroit also are invited. Those interested in attending must contact Detroit Branch 1 President Sandy Laemmel at 313-962-8296 or 800-699-6252 to make arrangements.

The Reuther Library—named for the legendary UAW president—is the repository for the records of several major unions. For a sampling of its holdings, including historic NALC photos, see [reuther.wayne.edu](http://reuther.wayne.edu). ☒

## Bernal, Birkett named RAAS

**P**resident Rolando has appointed two new regional administrative assistants to fill vacancies in St. Louis Region 5 and Dallas Region 10

Javier J. Bernal, 49, of Branch 283 in Houston, Texas, was named RAA in the Dallas Region (Texas and New Mexico), succeeding Kathy Baldwin, who was appointed Region 10 NBA following the retirement of Gene Goodwin.

Michael J. Birkett, 53, of Branch 257 in Dubuque, Iowa, was named RAA in the St. Louis Region (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas) to fill the position of Nicole Rhine, who was appointed National Assistant Secretary-Treasurer when George Mignosi became national vice president.



Javier J. Bernal



Michael J. Birkett

Bernal, who graduated from NALC's Leadership Academy on June 5, served as a shop steward for 19 years in his Houston local and also was a certified Step B DRP team member and an arbitration advocate. He joined the Postal Service in 1982 following service in the Navy.

Birkett, president of the Iowa State Association since 2003, served three years with the Army Military Police before joining the Postal Service in 1984. He quickly became active in the NALC and served 10 years as Dubuque branch president, among other posts.

Both appointments were effective August 3. Under the *NALC Constitution*, the national president appoints RAAs. The president also has the authority to fill vacancies on the Executive Council. ☒