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NAGC Announces New Officers

Board of Directors will lead association of government communicators

July 17, 2009 (Falls Church, Va.) – The National Association of Government Communicators has announced its recently elected volunteer officers who will lead the association. Elections were held for treasurer, communications director, marketing director and membership and volunteer director.

Maria Carolina Rozas was elected to continue in the position of Treasurer. She is the Assistant Director, Communications Division, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.

John S. Verrico was elected as Communications Director, a position he has held since 2007. He is the Spokesman/Senior Public Affairs Officer for the Science and Technology Directorate at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Karen Leniart was elected as the Marketing Director. She is the Principal Speechwriter for the Office of Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Laura Kirkpatrick was elected for her first term on the NAGC Board of Directors as the Membership and Volunteer Director. She is the Public Information Officer for the County of Monmouth, N.J.

All newly elected Board members will serve a term of two years, with the exception of Ms. Kirkpatrick, who is filling a vacated position for one year.

Continuing in their roles on the Board of Directors are:

- **President: George Selby**, Chief of Customer Service, ACSD, Publications Services Branch, U.S. Census Bureau.
- **President-Elect: Jennifer Callahan**, Information & Education Coordinator, Office of Risk Assessment & Cost Benefit Analysis, OCE, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- **Immediate Past President: Gene Rose**, Communications Director, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) (ex-officio).
- **Executive Directory/Secretary: Elizabeth B. Armstrong**, MAM, CAE, Executive Director, NAGC (ex-officio).
- **Competitions Director: Maria VanderKolk**, Assistant to the City Manager and Public Information Officer, City of Arvada, Colorado.
- **Professional Development Director: Carrie B. Moritomo**, Public Information Officer, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.
- **Development Director: Glen Thomas**, Supervisor, Communications & Public Relations, Memphis Light, Gas and Water.

The National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) is a national not-for-profit professional network of federal, state and local government employees who disseminate information within and outside government. Its members are editors, writers, graphic artists, video professionals, broadcasters, photographers, information specialists and agency spokespersons.

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