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## NAGC Installs New Officers

### *Board of Directors Will Lead Association of Government Communicators*

**June 28, 2017 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The National Association of Government Communicators installed new officers during its annual business meeting held in conjunction with the 2017 NAGC Communications School, in St. Louis, Missouri.

NAGC President Kathryn Stokes swore in the new officers who were named in the most recent election:

- **Treasurer Donna M. Harris.** She is the public information representative for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in New York, New York.
- **Communications Director Scott Thomsen.** He is senior strategic advisor for the Marketing and Communications Division of Seattle City Light in Seattle, Washington.
- **Education Director Maria Vanderkolk.** She is communications manager for the City of Arvada, Colorado.
- **Marketing Director Laura Kirkpatrick.** She is deputy director of public information for Monmouth County, New Jersey.
- **Professional Development Director Bethany Hornbeck.** She is marketing and planning administrator at AECOM in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

All newly installed Board members will serve a term of two years.

Continuing on the Board of Directors are:

- **President Kathryn Stokes,** strategic affairs officer, Mississippi Department of Employment Security.
- **President-Elect Chris O'Neil,** chief of media relations, Office of Safety Recommendations and Communications, National Transportation Safety Board.
- **Immediate Past President John Verrico,** chief of media relations, Science & Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.
- **Competitions Director Sabra J. Brown,** chief, strategic communication, Employer Support of the Guard and the Reserve Department of Defense.
- **Membership and Volunteer Director John Nixon,** marketing and communications manager, Austin Parks & Recreation Department, City of Austin, Texas.

*The principal purpose of NAGC is to advance communication as an essential professional resource at every level of local, state, tribal and national government.*

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*NAGC: Good Communication ... Good Government*