

2010 NPELRA Foundation Annual Report

37 Anthony C. “Tony” Russo Scholarships Awarded

Since its inception in 1996, your **NPELRA Foundation** has awarded 37 scholarships totaling \$96,000 to graduate students with an interest in public sector labor relations and human resources management. Total donations over the years are \$124,949.50.

The NPELRA Foundation is a nonprofit [501(c)(3)] subsidiary of the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association. The Foundation provides scholarships to deserving graduate students studying labor and employee relations or a closely related field with a strong interest in the public sector. Established without an endowment, The Foundation relies on the contributions of NPELRA’s members for funding.

The winners of the 2010 round of Anthony C. Russo Scholarships are NPELRA member Karen Kurt and Shanone Sport.

- ❖ **Karen Kurt** currently serves as the Human Resources and Support Services Director of Eden Prairie, Minnesota. She is an MPELRA and NPELRA member. A graduate of Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Kurt is seeking a Masters degree in urban planning from Minnesota State University (Mankato).
- ❖ **Shanone Sport** is a Human Resources Consultant for the City of Richmond Virginia. She is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and is seeking a Masters degree in Public Administration from Virginia Polytechnic and State University (Virginia Tech).

Universities attended by the 37 recipients are:

Amberton University	Briar Cliff University;
California Lutheran University	Central Michigan University
Chicago-Kent College of Law	City University, Bellevue, Washington;
Florida International University.	Franklin Pierce College, NH
George Washington University (2)	Loyola University in Chicago
Michigan State University (2)	Minnesota State University
New York Institute of Technology	Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University (2)	Nova Southeastern University.
Rutgers University	Upper Iowa University
Strayer University	Syracuse College of Law
University of Hawaii;	University of Illinois (2)
University of Phoenix	University of Texas
University of Wisconsin (2)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia’s George Mason University	Webster University
Willamette University	Wright State University (Ohio)

Last year, The Foundation received \$11,365.00 in donations and \$237.06 in interest earnings. Scholarship awards totaled \$6,000. Expenses (corporate registration and bank charges and fees) amounted to \$256.81. Our year-end checking account balance was \$15,587.07 with an additional \$23,181.14 in a certificate of deposit for a total of \$38,768.21. The officers and board member receive no reimbursement for their time or expenses.

Signed

Roger E. Dahl

Secretary/Treasurer

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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to present you with your NPELRA Foundation 2010 Annual Report.

In 2010 we received forty applications for the **Anthony C. Russo Scholarship**. Choosing the winners was a challenge. We continue to be pleased with the interest the Russo Scholarship generates among students focusing on our field and the public sector. In this regard, I would like to point out that eight of our awardees over the years have been NPELRA members. We would like to see this number increase in the future, so please help spread the word – NPELRA members seeking graduate degrees are encouraged to submit applications.

During this past year, the Foundation received in excess of \$11,000 in donations, over \$1,000 of which was donated in memory of NPELRA Past President, and a dear friend to many, Bill Rolando, who passed last August.

Your donations make a difference! We are well aware that dozens of individual NPELRA members, either directly or by participating in auctions or other fund raising events have assisted The Foundation. In addition, we owe a special thanks to those State PELRAs that continue to make regular contributions.

We also wish to thank our past NPELRA Presidents who continue to support our Foundation efforts. On behalf of myself, Foundation founder and current Board Member Jim Pendergast, and our Secretary/Treasurer and past NPELRA Executive Director Roger Dahl please continue to think of and support your Foundation. It's easier than ever and can be done online via the NPELRA website.

Have a great Conference.

Sincerely,
Dema Harris
President