

2014 NPELRA Foundation Annual Report

To Date 48 Anthony C. “Tony” Russo Scholarships Have Been Awarded

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 NPELRA Foundation relies on the contributions of State PELRAs and NPELRA members for funding. Since its inception in 1996, your NPELRA Foundation has awarded 48 scholarships totaling \$129,000. Total income through June 30, 2014 amounts to **\$181,280.54**.

The 2014 Russo Scholarship recipients are:

Charles Alexander, a Labor Relations Officer for the City of St. Petersburg, FL;

Dina Davis, a Personnel Administrative Specialist for the Calvert County Government, MD; and

Melisa Honkola, an Assistant HR Director at St. Louis County, MN.

Charles Alexander is seeking a Masters in Human Resources from Webster University. He earned a Bachelors of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University and is active with the Florida PELRA.

Dina Davis is seeking a Masters of Human Resources Management from Walden University. She holds a Bachelors Degree from Hollins College, VA and is on the Calvert County OPEB Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Melissa Honkola is seeking a Master of Arts in Management at the College of St. Scholastica. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from University of Minnesota, Duluth and is a member of the Minnesota PELRA.

In the 2013-2014 fiscal year, The NPELRA Foundation received \$8,357.36 in donations and scholarship awards totaled \$9,000. Expenses (bank charges, accounting and miscellaneous expenses) amounted to \$670.65. As of March 3, 2015, our checking account balance was \$7,136.83 with an additional \$38,473.73 in a certificate of deposit for a total of \$45,610.56.

The 2013-14 NPELRA Foundation Board is comprised of Jim Pendergast (NM), President; Sam Penrod, Secretary/Treasurer (CA); Board of Directors including Lisa Baisley (NY), Joy Campbell (OH), Rick Hunt (NV), Jan Lanza (OH), and Brent Long (WA). The NPELRA Foundation Board receives no reimbursement for their time or expenses.

Respectfully,

Sam Penrod

NPELRA Foundation Secretary/Treasurer