



Workers Stand for America

On August 11, dozens of NALC members joined thousands from the AFL-CIO's other unions in Philadelphia for a Workers Stand for America rally.

The goal was to focus attention on jobs, economic opportunity and restoring the American Dream for all.

Executive Vice President Timothy O'Malley (pictured at right) attended the rally and signed a symbolic "America's Second Bill of Rights," a document inspired by President Franklin Roosevelt's 1944 proposed economic Bill of Rights. The document demands:

1. The right to full employment and a living wage.

- 2. The right to full participation in the political process.**
- 3. The right to a voice at work.**
- 4. The right to a quality education for all.**
- 5. The right to a secure and healthy future.**

During the rally, labor, community and faith leaders addressed the gathering and called on lawmakers of both parties to add their signatures of support to the bill. The plan is to present the document to delegates at both the Democratic and Republican conventions as well as to candidates for House and Senate seats.

You can learn more and sign the bill at workersstandforamerica.com. ☒



Arbitration sessions begin

Lawyers from both NALC and USPS met on Aug. 3 with the three-member arbitration panel that will set the terms of the next collective-bargaining agreement. The closed-door meeting was for arbitrators and attorneys only, to discuss procedures and planning for the future hearing dates.

The opening hearing is set for Sept. 6, with future sessions planned for October through January.

"Through this step of the process, as we have all along, we will vigorously defend letter carriers' wages and benefits and seek to advance our bargaining goals," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "Those goals include achieving the best possible contract for our members and laying the groundwork for a revival of the Postal Service."

Look for more news on the arbitration process on nalc.org and in future issues of *The Postal Record*. ☒

Carriers and staff member remembered

John Watzlawick



On July 24, 28-year postal veteran John Watzlawick died while walking his route in southwest Independence, MO. The Branch 827 member

was crossing a street when he fell, hitting his head and losing consciousness. One of his patrons saw him fall and called for emergency personnel. The emergency crew arrived and took Watzlawick, 57, to the hospital, where he later died.

Kay Watzlawick, his wife, told reporters that his body temperature was measured at higher than 108 degrees. The area had been under an excessive heat advisory for several days, and the temperature reached 104 at the downtown airport that day.

The death was still under investigation as this issue went to press. OSHA and the medical examiner had yet to release their reports, which are being coordinated with the investigation by Region 5

National Business Agent Dan Pittman and his staff.

"Being in a union means more than simply working the same job," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "It means that we care for each other as family. One of our family has fallen, and we need to help and pray for his family and friends."

"We must also rededicate ourselves as a union to looking out for the safety of our carriers. That must be our primary mission."

Contributions and notes can be sent to the family, care of Branch 827: John Watzlawick Family Fund P.O. Box 281 Independence, MO 64051-0281

Cheryl Stately

After a day of helping to stuff the convention delegate bags, Minneapolis Branch 9 member and Minnesota State Association Director of Retirees Cheryl Stately suffered a heart attack on July 19, just before the start of the Minneapolis convention. She was taken to the hospital and treated in the intensive care unit, but died on July 30.

As Branch 9 President Mike Zagaros said at the convention, "It's one of those things where you say, 'Why?' and, 'How

do you go forward?' But that's what this organization is about."

"We dearly love Cheryl Stately."

Anne Porch



NALC Headquarters lost one of its own when Anne Porch died of a sudden illness on July 27. Porch, daughter of former Executive Vice Presi-

dent Frank Conners (who served from 1986 to 1998), was hired as a part-time employee in June 1979 and became a full-time employee a month later. She was well known as the receptionist in the Membership Department and was often the first person members would speak to when they called Headquarters.

"Anne was the perfect point person for NALC Headquarters," President Rolando said. "She was always friendly and engaging, and with her long history at NALC, she had a tremendous amount of knowledge to assist any member who called."

"Her presence will be sorely missed." ☒