

# IN NSO CONTACT



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## **Plans underway...**

### **Bargaining Conference Takes Up Critical Issues**

NSO affiliate presidents and chief negotiators are scheduled to meet April 15-16, in Denver for a key National Bargaining Conference in the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Details about registration will be posted on the NSO Web site at [www.nationalstaff.org](http://www.nationalstaff.org) and NSO

Secretary Mary Henson has sent detailed information to affiliate presidents. "As we stressed during the Winter Advocacy Retreat, this National Bargaining Conference will take up where we left off with key issues facing our affiliates," says NSO President Chuck Agerstrand (MI). The conference begins with registration at 5:30 p.m. on the 15th with a welcome and introductions set for 7 p.m. NSO President Agerstrand will speak on the topic, "Navigating the Highway to a Successful Contract" followed by a panel discussion focused around, "What do I do When 'Not Over My Dead Body' Doesn't Work?" On Saturday, four concurrent sessions will take place, allowing participants to attend most of the forums and workshops. Topics include: "Getting Our Act Together and Taking It Out on the Road," "Don't Block the Road to Success – Organize!" "Are We United? Responding to Generational Issues," "Creative Strate-

gies to Reduce Health Care Costs," "Funding Vehicles for Health Insurance Strategies," and, "Navigating NSO's Crisis Policies." NSO Legal Counsel Rob Day, former UAW and National Labor Relations Board general counsel Leonard Page, and NSO Retirement Consultant Mort

#### **Florida Staff Organization Gathers in Jacksonville**



*Members of the Florida Staff Organization met Dec. 3-4, in Jacksonville, FL, for their organizational retreat. NSO President Chuck Agerstrand and NSO advocate Jack Schamel (NSO-R, NY) attended. "We are fortunate to have someone so disciplined and focused - a 'bulldog' - who works to protect the interest of FSO, its members and contract. Jack Schamel put in perspective the importance of unionism and why we all have to be committed to the success of FSO," said FSO VP Michael More. Agerstrand shared with the group how individual relationships affect the effectiveness of the union and how it represents members in bargaining, enforcing rights, salaries and terms and conditions of the contract. "Together, Chuck and Jack hit a home run in bringing home the point about being a unionist working for a union." During the meeting, FSO presented Florida Education Association President Andy Ford with a check for \$3,535 for hurricane victims. [See the NSO Web site for more information.]*

## 2004-2005 NSO Calendar

Below is the current calendar for NSO events during the 2004-2005 year. Be sure to check the NSO Web page for calendar updates.

*National Bargaining Conference*  
Apr. 15-16, 2005  
Grand Hyatt, Denver, CO

*Western CBC Meeting*  
March 11-12, 2005  
Little Ameria Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

*NSO-NEA Labor-Management Summit*  
May 10, 2005  
Chicago, IL

*NSO Representative Assembly*  
June 10-11, 2005  
San Diego, CA

Reinhart will be guest speakers during the Conference lunch. NSO Executive Committee member Butch Santicola (PA) will wrap up the conference with the topic, "Relighting the Fire." We recommend arrival on April 15 to keep costs low since NSO has a limited number of rooms blocked for April 14. The Grand Hyatt Denver reservation phone is 303-295-1234. Reservation deadline is March 17, 2005. Conference registration deadline is April 1, 2005.

### Massachusetts Leader Moynihan Dies



Long-time NSO advocate and Massachusetts union leader Frank Moynihan died December 5, 2004 after a struggle with Lou Gehrig's Disease. Frank's obituary is: Francis "Frank" X. Moynihan, 64, of 20 Chestnut Hill Rd. died Dec. 5,

2004, in Umass Medical Center in Worcester, after a struggle with Lou Gehrig's Disease. He leaves his wife of 38 years, Margaret M. (O'Connell) Moynihan; two sons, Sean P. Moynihan of South Boston and Kevin M. Moynihan of Northboro; a

brother, Daniel J. Moynihan Jr. of Shrewsbury; a sister, Mary C. Moynihan of Oxford; nieces and nephews; He is predeceased by a brother, Thomas J. Moynihan. Born in Worcester, son of the late Daniel J. and Mary T. (Ford) Moynihan, he lived in Northboro since 1968. Frank worked as a Field Consultant for Mass. Teachers Assoc. for 32 years, retiring in 2003. He was a former teacher for Southboro Public Schools. Mr. Moynihan graduated from St. Peter Marian High School in 1958 and earned a BS degree in Education from Worcester State College in 1962. He later received his MS degree in Education at Worcester State. Frank is a 1980 graduate of the Trade Union Program at Harvard University. He was a volunteer at Worcester Food Bank and a supporter of local charities. He was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) and the National Education Association (NEA) and an officer in the Field Staff Organization (FSO) and the National Staff Organization (NSO). He was an avid Patriots fan and an active member in Irish historical, cultural, and charitable events.

### Check Out Member Specials



Members with their new NSO "Access" membership cards can receive a 15 percent discount at H&R Block for tax preparation, and free month of unlimited online DVD rentals at MOVIEzip. Check it on the NSO Web site.

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