

ARKANSAS FEDERATION  
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
25 June 2010

The Arkansas Federation Executive Board of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) was called to order by Federation President Winston Wolfe at 10:05 am. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wenthom Maxwell. President Wolfe welcomed all to the meeting and presented the meeting agenda with one addition-Strategic Plan.

Presidents' activity report revealed chapter visits, installation of chapter officers, newspaper interview for article and contacts.

Roll call of officers denoted a quorum. Motion was made by Nancy Denn, seconded by Harlan Sory to waive reading minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

Hinda Gibbs, Executive Vice President, reported her progress in her assignment of resolving the issue of closed chapters 1307, 1971, and 2008. Jim Jones reported he was taking care of 2008 so Hinda will proceed with 1307 and 1971.

Region VI Vice President Jerry Hatfield reminded all of past litigation 20 years ago on voting irregularity, so encouraged all to fill out their proxy or voting forms for the National convention correctly. Of the National convention committee volunteers, 10 of the 17 are from Region VI. It is a first.

All Arkansas Federation chapters were reminded to send their National voting forms to the Federation Secretary for assignment of a proxy delegate to cast their vote. Just have the President or Secretary sign the form. Do not fill in any other boxes and send it along.

The Secretary has completed the Secretary Guide and asked District VP's to pick up the packets for their chapters to make distribution. She wishes to thank Dolores Kuca, Ch 93 secretary, Carol Sanders, Publications Chairman, Ruth Morrison, Dist VP 3 S for their assistance. Missing from the packet is the F-7 form. A training session for secretaries will be held in October on the F-7 and blank forms will be distributed at that time.

Treasurer Ron Lambert reported a balance of assets of \$15,158.29. He cited figures and proposal to balance the budget. He will present more during the New Business session of the board.

District Vice Presidents presenting reports were District I, District II, and District IV. Chapter visits and involvements were in progress.

Legislative Chairman, George Wilken proposed that Chapters should schedule meetings with the candidates of their district and keep him advised as to when and who. The legislation on the tax initiative is on hold until later this year or early in 2011.

The Webmaster, George Wilken, is still seeking information requested some time ago. The information needed is the officer information and most especially the email addresses for electronic communication capabilities. His email is [arkwxman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arkwxman@sbcglobal.net).

George has completed the Federation Officers Guide and you can request one by e-mail. Issues will not be printed or mailed this year to save about \$200.00 in cost.

Membership Chair Jim Kuzilik gave a report on the progress of each chapter regarding recruiting and reinstating dropped members. There was a gain of 9 but a loss of 22 members. When reinstating a member and they sign up for dues withholding, you must send in both a copy of the M-1 and the DW-2 in order to receive the \$10.00 and the discount in dues.

The Alzheimers chair, Hinda Gibbs, reported a total of \$777.00 thus far for June. The \$700.00 is from the convention.

Service Officer Nancy Denn related to the board that she enjoys the NARFE meetings as she wears many hats for her chapter and gleans a wealth of information to use for the good of the Federation and her chapter.

By-laws chairman, Waymond Meins, stated no one had submitted a resolution for a by-laws change so there was nothing to present to the board. As net coordinator, he thanked Jim Kuzilik for the information he requested of names, addresses, and email addresses of District I chapters. All others are due at this time from the other districts.

Public Relations, Jim Geisler, says the newsletter will remain at two mailed issues each year. The printer added an extra line, "Or Current Resident", to address but will remove immediately as the Federation wants the newsletter returned to sender if undeliverable to track members. The sample news releases will continue to be sent. Material for newsletters needs to be on time.

Publications Chair, Carol Sanders, states the base cost of the 8 page, 4 legal size sheets folded in half, costs \$575.00. To add 4 more pages, cost would be \$850.00. Before starting a newsletter, she needs to have all the material to be printed sent to her. Deadline for next newsletter is 15 July.

Chapters giving reports to the board were 205, 287, 299, 463, 535, 966, 1256, 1257, 1368, 1453, 1547, 1577, and 1605. Many good program and activity ideas were given.

Everyone urged to complete their travel form today and submit for payment thus saving postage. Every saving measure must be practiced to balance the budget.

A reminder was given to send National voting material to Federation Secretary for assignment of Proxy delegates. Send full packet your chapter received. Make sure President or Secretary signs form and do not fill in any other boxes. Person will be assigned and name placed in proper location.

In the absence of a chapter stepping forth to host the 2011 State Convention, the Federation will host the convention. The two day convention was approved at the 2010 Convention. The bulk of the work to have a successful convention needs to be done by a committee. George will chair the committee but one or more from each chapter needs to be involved to sell ads all over the

state. Also, chapter members need to be involved as well as 8 to 10 people for the committee. Convention is tentatively scheduled for May 20-21, 2011, a Friday and Saturday.

Also, the Regional Training meeting will be in Arkansas in 2011. Volunteers need to be involved in the planning and execution process as well as a committee.

The new 2 day convention agenda runs from 10:00 AM Thursday to Noon Friday, is compressed from a 3 day convention. The board meeting will be at least a month prior to the convention. A draft copy of a proposed agenda was distributed to board attendees for review and discussion.

Since there will be only one night at the convention, it will be taken up with banquet, installation of officers, honor awards, Bruce award.

The Winthrop Rockefeller facility on Petit Jean Mountain was visited and the convention was discussed as place of 2011 Convention. Only a Friday and Saturday time frame was available. Room rates would be \$69.00 or \$79.00 for the presidential section. Half the rooms have queen size beds and the other half have 2 double beds. Main meeting hall would cost \$7.50 per person. Breakfast would be a buffet for \$12.00 per person and lunch for \$15.00. All facilities are close together. An auto museum is located on Petit Jean. Mather Lodge will be closed for renovation, so no meals will be available there during the convention.

Motion was made by Butch Robbins, seconded by Jim Geisler to have convention at the mountain. Motion carried.

Ron Lambert, Treasurer, gave a recap of Federation financial status and years expenditures. A motion was made by Waymond Meins to reduce the reimbursable mileage from \$.35 cents to \$.25 cents commencing with travel on or after 26 June 2010. Motion carried. Included in the update, the amount for reimbursable mileage paid to chapter presidents for travel to board meetings. Winston said he would like to see that practice continue but he expected reports of progress in return for the payment of mileage. A motion was made by Jim Kuzilik, seconded by Jimmy Jones to continue to reimburse the chapter presidents for mileage. The motion carried.

In addition, the Executive Board decided to leave the per capita dues paid each year by the chapters at \$2.00 for each chapter member.

Carol Sanders, Publications, gave the board a brief presentation on how to get articles in the paper or have meetings and activities broadcast on the radio. She is to email a complete report to the chapters to assist in NARFE chapters being more visible

Jerry Hatfield said there was something new for NARFE. The NARFE News watch. If you have an email address on file at HQ, you should receive a copy.

There has been a Strategic Plan around since 2003. There are 9 items included in the plan. The first 3 have been completed. The next three (4, 5, & 6) are in process while the last three (7, 8, & 9) will be worked on farther out in time (2011-2013). Communication is the key to make these

plans happen. The Smart Strategy section outlines the operation of the plan. A strategic plan is to improve the efficiency of the organization. Each chapter is encouraged to use the Federation plan as an example to set their own plan. A copy of the plan will be available on the website at [www.narfeark.org](http://www.narfeark.org).

Jerry Hatfield gave his last address to the Arkansas Federation board as Region VI Vice President. He stressed the need for increasing dues. Silver Circle donations goes to the general fund. Money received from donations helps. The 2011 calendar is due later on this year. Greeting card donation is still a money maker, as well.

The \$8.00 award is still in effect when you recruit a new member. The chapter gets \$2.00. Not sure if the new National Executive Board (NEB) will continue the award.

Winston would like for the ones who got NARFEPAC pins from him to please contact him on the status. National will soon be contacting him for money and he will need to get that to them as the time will soon be for distributing to our legislators.

Reminder: National voting forms due to Federation secretary; suggestions for next meetings agenda needs to be sent to Winston; review of 2 day agenda and submit proposals or suggestions. Nest meeting will be 22 October 2010, Baptist Health Center, 9:30 am for District VP's, George Wilken, Hinda Gibbs, Ann Crow, and Winston Wolfe, 10:00 am for all others.

Ann Crow, Federation Secretary, also asks chapters to send along names of any deceased members, along with addresses, so she can send a card to the family for the Federation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm with prayer by Wenthom Maxwell.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Ann Crow, Secretary  
Arkansas NARFE Federation