

ARKANSAS FEDERATION
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
13 May 2010

The Arkansas Federation Executive Board of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) was called to order by Federation President Winston Wolfe at 1:00 pm. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sue Warnix, Federation Chaplain. President Wolfe welcomed all to the meeting and presented the meeting guidelines.

Convention Chairperson George Wilken urged committees to be functional and active all year long, not just at Conventions. Camden Chapter 1813 was recognized as being Host Chapter and their sale of ads for the program.

A visual attendance check was made by the Secretary for a quorum and minutes of previous meeting were not read as they were on the web and in the last newsletter.

Suggestion was made by the Time and Place Committee to rename it the Convention Committee or Special Events Committee.

A preview of legislative actions was given by George Wilken including the state tax initiative. George also mentioned the convention business of a possible by-law change and resolutions.

Alzheimers Coordinator Hinda Gibbs, reminded all of items for silent auction. Also, any donations to honor anyone for their service to NARFE or NARFE members will be recognized. If you honor someone who is not a member of NARFE, please provide an address/ Now that Hinda has simplified Alzheimers donations, she is seeking a replacement to take over this committee.

Service Officer, Nancy Denn outlined committee meeting topics and will be summarized on Saturday morning of the Convention.

By-laws Chairman, Waymond Meins, advised the board there would be a by-law change and a resolution presented to the Convention floor on Saturday morning.

As Net Coordinator, Waymond asked for all the email addresses of officers and members for dissemination of information to all Arkansas NARFE members. Also, if a chapter President does not have email capability, someone in the chapter should volunteer to receive and pass along information to President or other anyone not having electronic communication from National, the Federation, or District Vice President.

Webmaster George Wilken explained in depth the "Go to meeting" that had been tried by National to conduct a meeting. You can attend the meeting without leaving you home via computer. He plans to try the system at home since he has a network in his house. Cost to use this system is about \$40 to \$50 a month. This system could be used for both training and meetings.

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The new Historian Kathy Rothrock, Chapter 205 Hot Springs, was introduced to the board. She will need pictures of events of chapters and of Federation happenings. Her address and email address will be on the web after the convention.

Ron Lambert, Federation Treasurer reported bank balance of \$19,130.00. Budget Committee meeting will set budget. He issued a reminder of the 990-N e-postcard required filing by IRS for non-profit and charitable organizations for each chapter. On line filing is required with deadline of May 15 of each year. Failure to do so for 3 years will cause the chapter to lose non-profit status. Again, if the chapter treasurer does not have a computer, someone in the chapter will need to assist.

Hinda Gibbs, Federation Executive Vice President gave a report of her completed assignments and meetings she has attended.

President Wolfe briefed the Board of goal setting meeting and will give an in-depth update on the progress made in completing those goals set last June 1 in Fort Smith.

Everyone was reminded of sign-in sheet, a document the treasurer uses to reimburse chapter presidents for board travel.

National Vice President Joe Beaudoin said hello upon his arrival from Washington and will address the convention formally on Friday.

Board meeting adjourned to pre-convention committee meetings. At 4:00 pm, vendors were introduced. Those introduced were from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Arkansas Alzheimers, and Tru-Service Credit Union.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm to resume Convention on Friday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna M. Crow, Secretary,
Arkansas Federation