

ARKANSAS FEDERATION
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
30 April 2009

President Charles Schmieder called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock. Invocation was given by Wenthom Maxwell and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag in unison.

Roll call by George Wilken denoted a quorum. Motion was made by Waymond Meins, seconded by Hinda Gibbs for the minutes of the previous meeting be waived due to the publication on the website and newsletter. Motion carried.

Region VP Jerry Hatfield briefly addressed the board regarding the following changes and/or points of interest at the national level:

1. NARFE will celebrate their 90th birthday in 2011.
2. If a photo is submitted and you do not see it that month, go to the NARFE web page, click Magazine, then click Out & About to view the pictures which were submitted but there was not enough room in to be printed in the magazine.
3. There are bookmarks available, two printed versions, for use as a recruiting tool for current Federal Employees.
4. If a person currently on your membership rolls moves away, do not arbitrarily transfer the member to another chapter without consulting that member first.
5. The F7 and F7A are on line for use in reporting.
6. You now have the option of getting print outs from National either on line or through the US Post Office.
7. Budget cuts at National is from 4% to 20% in expenses.
8. Each Chapter needs an annual Audit. Form is on line for audit purposes. Chapter should have at least two people on the chapter checking account but not necessarily those two people to both sign the chapter checks.
9. There will be a phone conference the first week of June-Federation presidents, legislative chairs of each 4 states.
10. In meeting with the legislators, use the check list on planning to get the most out of the meeting.

Winston Wolfe Federation Executive Vice President, gave his report on the Legislative Conference in Washington DC in March. A visit with Senators Pryor and Lincoln. Letters to the legislators should be more of a personal nature rather than just a sign and mail form letter to be more effective.

Treasurers report by Ron Lambert, Federation Treasurer, reported assets of \$25,030.00 and the Federation was staying closely in budget. Thirty of the thirty-three chapters in Arkansas Federation have paid their dues. Chapter 493 has rejoined the Federation. Ron also stated that
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Federation expenditures for the Tyler, Texas Regional Training Seminar needs to be discussed at the June 26th Board meeting and a decision be made who will attend.

District Vice Presidents making reports were Jim Kuzilik, Stan Chapman, Don Harris, and Louise Leverett.

Membership Chair Jim Kuzilik reported attending the recent Postal convention and recruiting was successful.

Hinda Gibbs, Alzheimer Chair, revealed a \$5,000.00 donation from GEHA. Study shows that people more educated were more likely to get Alzheimers. Hinda asked all making donation to please use the current form with her contact information on it. The correct form is on the state web site.

Service Officer Jim Geisler reported working on a situation for a NARFE member who had been in an accident and in a drug induced coma. His family inquired as to whether it would be more beneficial to apply for regular retirement or disability retirement. Know your benefits. Any question regarding retirement can be addressed to the OPM.gov web site.

Chapter 1451 reported 17 members outside of Arkansas. Not cost effective to leave on the chapter roster and not feasible to provide service to those members. Can not transfer them to chapter in their new location without their approval or look to them for filling a chapter office.

George Wilken, Public Relations Chair, reported the newsletter was published and mailed out. Estimated cost to process the newsletter was \$725.00 by America Direct. George made a motion to use this service on the trial basis. Seconded by Nancy Denn. Motion carried.

Board meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm to break out into committee meetings. The group will reconvene for introduction of Convention sponsors.

Sponsors to be introduced were Blue Cross/Blue Shield, GEHA, and True Service Credit Union. Announcements were made. Alzheimers silent auction will be in progress until 5:00 pm on Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ann Crow

Federation Secretary