

ARKANSAS FEDERATION  
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
7 October 2009

The meeting was opened at 10:00 am with prayer and pledge of allegiance by Wenthom Maxwell. After a brief welcome and words of appreciation for a job well done at the Tyler, Texas seminar by Federation President Winston Wolfe, roll call denoted a quorum.

Alzheimers report, Hinda Gibbs, Alzheimers Chair, was \$751.02 had been submitted for Alzheimers research for this quarter. She urged all chapters to either take collections at each meeting for Alzheimers or have a fund raiser. This is a very important cause.

Jerry Hatfield, Region VI Vice President, gave a very informative report on the Region VI seminar. There were 127 in attendance with informative presenters. Topics stressed at the seminar were Recruiting/Retention and communication. Jerry also related the process of acquiring hearing aids with the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP).

The donations from the NARFE Calendars and Greeting Cards is used to fund scholarships. There was one scholarship recipient in Arkansas. The young man's mother is a member of Little Rock Chapter 93. Nationally, as of August, there had been almost \$900,000.00 donated. Jerry also stated he was seeking the assistance of a "retired English teacher" to grade the papers submitted from scholarship applicants in Region VI.

Hinda Gibbs, Executive Vice President, gave an overview of the Region VI seminar. The most impressive and interesting topics to her were the Recruiting/Retention and contacting the Legislators in Grass Roots effort.

The secretary informed the board that Baptist Health will be suspending payment requirement for use of their meeting facilities. We will still be paying for the coffee service. She also gave an update on Bill O'Neal's condition and information to send cards.

Ron Lambert, Treasurer gave a financial update. Balance of Federation assets is \$16,340.78. He also reviewed with the board the expected income and expenses in relation to the budget.

District Vice Presidents submitting reports were John Guest, Dist 1 East, Stan Chapman, Dist 2, Frank Barbieri, Dist 3 North, Wenthom Maxwell, Dist 4 East, and Louise Leverett, Dist 4 West. Reports consisted of chapter assistance and meetings with legislators.

Service Officer, Nancy Denn, reported she had completed a list of all the chapter service officers and George has posted them on the website. She is encouraging networking to ensure all Arkansas Federation Board Minutes

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Service Officers will be able to assist survivors of NARFE members. She was a presenter at the Region VI Seminar but gained a lot of information as well.

After a lunch break, George Wilken, Legislative Chair, updated the board in the Grass Roots effort. A majority of legislators were contacted. The tax initiative of Arkansas Income Tax is still in process.

George informed the board of the publications he was making available to chapters and officers. The 2009 -2010 Officers Handbook has been distributed. A guide to Parliamentary procedure has been ordered. Some were distributed. If your chapter does not have one, one per chapter please, please contact George.

As webmaster, George urged all who had computer access to subscribe to GEMS, the NARFE reporting online. He also reviewed the "Go To Meeting" method of online training via remote access. You must make an appointment with George to participate and you must have access to a computer. Jerry Hatfield stated the March National Board meeting will be held this way. This will eliminate a lot of travel time and expense.

George also informed all that the new F-7 as well as other forms are available for chapter use. He is also conducting training for the Districts in the next few months.

Waymond Meins, By-laws and Resolutions Chair, reminded all that there will be no changes to by-laws introduced from the floor of the convention. A form F-3c must be submitted in a timely manner in order to be published and reviewed prior to convention. This is in accordance with the current by-laws.

Chapters represented with reports were 93, 287, 299, 463, 966, 1451, 1453, 1547, 1577, 1605, and 2116. Some very good information regarding programs were passed on to board.

The dues referendum to set dues at \$40.00 was reviewed. The packet should have been received by Chapter Secretaries for sharing with the chapter. The vote is due to National and must be received by them no later than December 8, 2009. Each chapter is strongly urged to vote.

The 2010 Arkansas Federation Convention will be 13-15 May 2010 in North Little Rock at the Wyndham Hotel by the River. Camden Chapter 1813 is the host chapter and George Wilken is the coordinator. Jerry Hatfield is attempting to engage Mr. Joseph Beaudoin as Convention speaker. George is proposing to set up an activity for the first night. Since the Travelers Baseball Arkansas Federation Board Minutes

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Park is very near the hotel, he is checking on their schedule to possibly promote baseball game attendance.

Winston attended the National Federation Presidents meeting in Michigan. He gave a brief overview of the progress that was made for the good of NARFE.

George gave a schedule of the District training he will be presenting. Go to [www.narfeark.org](http://www.narfeark.org), Arkansas Federation website, to check when and where yours will be for your district. If you do not have a computer, check with someone who has one or call George.

A working committee was formed for Recruiting/Retention. Committee members were Jim Kuzilik, Hinda Gibbs, John Guest, Ron Moore, Ann Crow, and Winston Wolfe. Meeting date, time, and place will be determined at a later date.

The next scheduled official board meeting is February 26, 2010 at the Baptist Health Center, 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna M. Crow  
Federation Secretary