

ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF CHARTERED CHAPTERS
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
25 FEBRUARY 2011

President Winston Wolfe called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Invocation was given by Wenthom Maxwell followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag in unison. All were given a hearty welcome.

With the resignation of Executive Vice President Hinda Gibbs, President Wolfe appointed George Wilken to the vacated post. The board approved the appointment. He will complete this term of office.

In the president's report, President Wolfe reported the closure of three chapters and visitation to other chapters.

The newly elected Regional Vice President of Region VI, Jerry Smith, was introduced. He stated his qualifications were gained in 17 years in the Texas chapters and Federation.

He cited the numerous benefits in the process of being in danger of being taken away. Even to shutting down the Government which would be an adverse effect on those receiving Social Security benefits. He urged all to contact legislators to let them know our concerns and how we would like them to vote on bills concerning our benefits.

There are 465 members in Arkansas who subscribe to GEMS. That is 14% of membership. He explained the benefit of having access to GEMS, one being the explanation of the reduction of net annuity payment and increase of income tax withholding.

Jerry also explained the process and availability of the membership renewal online. He urged everyone to update your membership record online. Add your email address if you have not done so. It is also a good idea to check the M112 and M114 to ensure accuracy.

George said as Executive Vice President to contact him by phone or email, arkwxman@sbcglobal.net, if you have questions or problems. Also, the M112 & M114 can be retrieved electronically four times a year, whereas before, the paper copy was twice a year.

Convention information and forms are on the web, www.narfeark.org including a fillable registration form.

Each chapter is urged to locate their by-laws. If none are in chapter secretarial files, contact National for a copy. Effort should be made to update them and resubmit a copy to National. A copy of National By-laws are available on line.

The AF-7 was designed to complete and maintain a chapter officers roster for Arkansas Federation web site. It is available on line but not accepted by National. It has more fields to populate than the F-7 which is used for National reporting.

The secretary reminded all of deadline for deceased list for Convention Memorial service and the F- 42, the Convention Delegate forms. Also, not all chapters have provided a copy of F-7 and AF-7 for the Federation files. Less than 50% have complied with reporting requirement.

Treasurer Ron Lambert treasurer's report was very clear and concise. He reported a balance of assets of \$14,771.53. Sixteen chapters have paid their per capita dues.

After lunch break, Charles Schmieder, Past President and Chairman of the nominating committee, reported there had been no nominees for Federation offices. Anyone interested in any of the positions, please contact Charlie.

Very informative reports were given by all the District Vice Presidents regarding the District and Chapter progress as well as chapter closings.

If anyone has a problem opening or retrieving online reports, please contact George. George is also training officer for the Federation. Training sessions are available for Districts. Let him know what is needed and he can configure a training package for your purpose. Chapter training is available but it needs to be within a time frame so he can make a one day trip. Chapter hand books are available on line.

Waymond Meins, By-law/Resolution Chairman, introduced 5 proposed changes to the by-laws. They were as follows:

1. No time limit on the number of terms the President and Vice President can serve.
2. Remove the agendas for both Executive Board Meetings and Federation Conventions from by-laws.
3. Combine the National Legislative Committee and State Legislative Committee into one committee.
4. Change the title of "Time & Place Committee to "Convention Planning Committee".
5. In the first sentence of Art V, Sec 4, delete the words "on site" and in the 5th sentence, delete the word "other".
6. Delete the reference of "No. 12" in Article I.
7. Reduce the number of officers and appointees needed for a quorum at Executive Boards from 20 to 10.

Jim Geisler, Public Relations, presented good ideas for publicity for NARFE and meetings. He also reminded everyone of the deadline for submissions for nominees for Bruce award.

If a chapter has the old version of the Public Relations handbook, keep it. The new one does not contain as much information.

Carol Sanders informed the board that information to be published in the upcoming newsletter is due by March 15th, earlier if possible.

Ouida Wolfe, FEEA Coordinator, asked all to read article on page 47 of the February issue of the NARFE magazine. Also, if anyone suffers loss in a disaster and they are a NARFE member, application can be made to FEEA for assistance.

Chapter giving reports were chapters 93, 205, 1257, 1453, 1547, and 2116. Many good program ideas, public relations methods, and information for promoting NARFE were given.

New business items passed to those present were:

1. The April 15th meeting is a Pre-Convention meeting NOT an Executive Board Meeting.
2. Volunteer hours are due to George Wilken by October 31, 2011. That is hours volunteered between November 1, 2010 thru October 31, 2011. The hours may have been reported to other organizations but they also need to be reported to George to show how many hours Retirees contribute.
3. NARFE PAC-All chapters should report to George W. the amount of NARFE PAC pins they need so the order can be consolidated for the state. Cost is \$20.00.
4. Recruiting incentive is still in effect. There were six recruit incentives paid out.
5. Tentative location for the 2012 convention is Texarkana. Still need a host chapter for 2013.
6. All chapters should check the M-112 for accuracy and add any new email address most especially.
7. All chapters and District VP's should submit names for Honor Awards soon.
8. The need for address correction is still applicable as there are still more returned NARFE magazines.
9. Legislators listed on page 10 of the March issue of NARFE Magazine.
10. Committee Chairs need to contact members for a meeting prior to the Pre-Convention meeting in April.
11. Again, anyone interested in being elected to a position on the Federation board, contact Charles Schmeider, Nominating Committee Chairman.

A convention reminder: Door prizes from each chapter for convention; Silent auction items for Alzheimer; Ads for the Convention program; and at least \$200.00 in ads for the program. Complete info on the web.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Anna M. Crow-Jones