

ARKANSAS FEDERATION
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
26 February 2010

The Arkansas Federation Executive Board of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) was called to order by Federation President Winston Wolfe at 10:00 am. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sue Warnix, Federation Chaplain.

President Wolfe welcomed all to the meeting and presented his report. He also welcomed Chapters 205 Hot Springs and 1368 Hot Springs Village as becoming active in the Arkansas Federation again. He introduced the new Chapter presidents in attendance.

A quorum was established with the roll call of Federation Officers. A motion was made by Charles Schmieder, seconded by John Guest to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, as minutes have been published on the web. Motion carried.

The secretary reminded all of the deadline for the required Federation reports.

Treasurer reported \$16,898.48. He requested the Budget Committee work very closely with him to reach a more balanced budget. Also, reminded all chapters of the requirement of filing a 990-E postcard with IRS.

Ron Moore, Past President reported Chapter 1085 in Colorado was the winner in his Nationally proposed Recruiting initiative. The chapter recruited 131 new members for 2009.

District Vice Presidents reporting activity for NARFE were John Guest, I E; Stan Chapman, II; Frank Barbieri, III N; Winthom Maxwell, IV E; Louise Leverett, IV W.

Committee reports were given as follows:

1. Legislative - George Wilken: All were urged to subscribe to the messaging system of NARFE, i.e. GEMS. Subscription can be made from the national web site or to contact George. Also, a brief of the meeting with George and a group of NARFE members with Senator Lincoln to discuss a number of issues concerning active and retired Federal Employees. George encouraged all to communicate often with their legislators on all issues.
2. Membership - Jim Kuzilik: A brief report was provided of the called meeting of the Membership Committee to discuss Recruiting and Retention ideas. Implementation of those ideas would help recruiting and retention. There were three proposals from the Membership committee and will be brought before the board in new business.

3. Alzheimer - Hinda Gibbs: Funds collected from December 14, 2009 to February 17, 2010 were \$843.20. She requested that chapter Alzheimer Representatives to please assist at the Convention this year as they did last year and attend Alzeiheimer Committee in the breakout session on Thursday afternoon of the Convention..

4. Service Officer - Nancy Denn: Respectfully requests to be added to each chapter's newsletter mailing list. Also, the chapter Service Officer should be allotted space in each of the chapter newsletters to keep the chapter informed of current information.

5. By-laws - Waymond Meins: Preferred terminology is Resolution, not by-laws. All resolutions to be brought before the state and national conventions must be turned in to be included in the NARFE newsletter to be published in a month. Deadline to present said resolutions is March 5th on Form F-3A or F-3C. Both forms are downloadable from the NARFE website.

6. Public Relations & Newsletter - Jim Geisler: Jim reported for Carol Reiner, Newsletter Editor that March 4th is the deadline of presenting items for publication in the upcoming newsletter. He would also like to be copied furnished items. Public Relations and Newsletter will be working more closely to keep NARFE more visible. A sample copy of a news release has been distributed to Chapter presidents. Jim urges every chapter to get as many items of chapter events/happenings published in the local newspaper as another recruiting/retention tool. Jim also asked for two volunteers to serve with him and render assistance as needed on the Public Relations committee. Anyone interested please contact Jim Geisler.

7. Net Coordinator - Waymond Meins: A review will be conducted to ascertain duties of net Coordinator and Web Master so as not to duplicate tasks.

8. Webmaster - George Wilken: Spoke about GOTOMEETING and WEBINAR systems to remotely conduct meetings and training. George hoped to have a test run in the next couple of months.

Chapter presidents or proxy reports were chapters 93, 205, 287, 299, 463, 493, 966, 1156, 1256, 1257, 1451, 1547, 1577, 1605, 1668, 1813, and 2116. All reports were very informative and full of program ideas.

2010 Convention Report: Camden Chapter 1813 is the host chapter at the North Little Rock Wyndham Riverfront hotel, 13-15 May 2010. A complete information guide, forms, and other need-to-know items are on the Federation web site. Please read and comply with all instructions for chapters and individuals. Please share this information and forms with members of your chapters that do not have access to a computer. Information packets were sent to all chapter presidents.

In the placement of members on committees, President Wolfe said he has given the option of letting the members choose as to which committee they wish to serve, i.e. Chapter Service Officers will be on the Service officer committee on the committee breakout sessions on Thursday of the convention. If you have not responded to his inquiry, please do so if you are attending the convention.

Continuation of Membership meeting proposal for recruiting monetary incentives: A motion was made by Waymond Meins, seconded by George Wilken on the following:

(a) Move that the Federation pay \$10.00 toward membership for any new spouse if they will immediately sign up for dues withholding.

(b) Move that the Federation pay \$10.00 toward any new membership if they will immediately sign up for dues withholding.

(f) Move that the Federation pay \$10.00 toward reinstatement of membership if they will immediately sign up for dues withholding.

The motion carried. The M112 will be used to monitor new members by the Federation Vice President who will submit a request for the \$10.00 reimbursement to the Treasurer for each qualifying new membership with dues withholding.

When \$200.00 has been expended, the treasurer will alert the President who will ensure the request is submitted to National NARFE for matching funds. This motion is to be effective when approved by this executive board and continues until ended by this executive board.

A very informative presentation was given by Ouida Wolfe, Federal Employee Education Assistance (FEEA) Coordinator. In the event of a Federally determined disaster in which an active or retired Federal Employee, who is also a member of NARFE at the time of the disaster, is affected by the disaster, they could be eligible for \$500.00 assistance through the FEEA program. To ascertain if you are eligible, that member may call the FEEA headquarters at (800) 338-0755.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. Next scheduled board meeting is 13 May 2010, Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock.

Respectfully,

/s/ Anna M. Crow
Federation Secretary