

ARKANSAS FEDERATION
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
27 June 2008

President Charles Schmieder called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Invocation was given by Wenthom Maxwell and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag in unison.

President Schmieder gave all a welcome and briefly shared his trip . Roll call denoted a quorum. Minutes of the previous meeting were waived due to the publication on the website.

Jerry Hatfield, Region VI Vice President informed the board of changes to expect during and after the National Convention in Kentucky, Sept 08, i.e. positions to be filled, resolutions to be voted on, honorary membership criteria, combining secretary and treasurer, and to retain or not retain the Executive Vice President position. He urged all to attend that could.

Executive Vice President Winston Wolfe reported he had visited chapters and would be attending the National Convention. He also stated he would be carrying proxies for those chapters he visited.

Ron Lambert, Federation Treasurer presented a current financial statement to the board. Balance of the Federation Treasury at the close of 2008 year is \$29,405.47. Upon presenting the board with a proposed budget for the ensuing year, Ron stated the budget would be finalized during the new business portion of the meeting.

District Vice presidents reports were given by Wally Sheldon, Dist VP 3North, Winthom Maxwell, Dist P 4 East, and Louise Leverett, Dist VP 4 West.

Wally also gave the Legislative report. He reported on the teleconference he participated in, the progress of the attempt to have Arkansas legislators increase the state income tax exemption on Government annuities. The meeting in the Capital rotunda is in January 2009. Information will be posted on the web as it is updated. He urged all to send letters, emails, or phone calls to our legislators for the sponsorship of NARFE legislation.

Alzheimers report was emailed to the President by Hinda Gibbs. A correction on the amount of funds derived from the Silent Auction at the Convention in Conway was \$445.00 as total collected. Hinda also reported that a banner was received for use of chapters as fund raisers for Alzheimers. I has the both the NARFE and Alzheimers logos. She expressed appreciation to all and requested assistance with the future silent auctions.

By Laws Chairman, George Wilken reported changes voted at the convention had been submitted to National. George asked to be removed form the By-laws and Resolutions committee for the 2008-2009 term. He will retain the Public Relations and Communication position as it also includes webmaster.

Public Relations by George Wilken was that he was working on the 2008/2009 Officers Guidebook. Only 4 name change proposals have been received. If you have an idea for a name for the Arkansas Retiree newsletter, please submit to George Wilken by mail or email. Prize for name selected will be \$50.00.

Webmaster update is that the new travel reimbursement form is now on the web. In viewing the website, if you find something that is incorrect, please contact George for correction. Also, if you have taken a picture that you consider of use on the web, please email to George. He is always looking for original pictures on the seasonal basis.

Chapters 93, 287, 966, 1256, 1453, 1547, 1577, and 1668 presented reports. A lot of good program ideas are in the chapter reports.

Chapter 93 and 1577 reported meetings have occurred for planning the 2009 Arkansas Federation Convention. It will be 30 April-2 May 2009 at the Windham Hotel in Little Rock. As other plans are finalized, the information will be published on the web.

Membership Chairman Jim Kuzilik reported he had attended two Postmaster conventions in the past few months. He was very well received and was able to pass NARFE information along to the groups as he was given unlimited time on the agenda.

The President again extended the Federation appreciation for Chapter 966 hosting a great 2008 convention.

Ron Lambert, Federation Treasurer presented proposed changes in the budget. Each item was reviewed and explained by Ron. Wally Sheldon made a motion, seconded by Frank Barbieri, to accept the proposed budget for the federation. Motion carried.

Volunteers are needed to assume the By-laws and Resolution Chairman as well as the Historian.

An inquiry for assistance to the Alzheimers Chairman received a response from Chapter 93. The chapter will set up and assist Hinda at the Federation Convention in 2009. Hinda will continue to receive Alzheimers donations from chapters for either Arkansas or research.

Ann Crow, Federation Secretary asked that each chapter president or representative please take the following information back to each chapter secretary. If each chapter secretary informs the Federation secretary of a deceased person with address when they inform National, a sympathy card will be sent from the Federation to the person's family. Also, these names will be used to compile the list for the Convention Memorial Service each year. If the secretaries do this, this will eliminate a year end report as I will already have the names.

To send to Ann by mail, it is 5401 S. 92nd St, Fort Smith, AR 72903. Email will be ninax2@sbcglobal.net and telephone is (479) 484-7630. Reporting should be in a timely manner.

In order to increase attendance to board meetings, a suggestion was made to send a post card to each chapter president. President Schmieder said he did send to each chapter in the Federation notification either by email or posted a letter prior to this meeting.

Jerry Hatfield, Region VI Vice President, informed the board that the next Regional Training Seminar will be held in Tyler, Texas. He hopes that all can attend.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm with a reminder of the next board meeting of 24 October 2008, St Vincents Infirmary, St. Vincent De Paul Room.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ann Crow