



NARFE
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FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB)
MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2022
(Oasis Hotel, Springfield, MO & Held via the online platform Zoom.)

President Emerson Kretzer called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. A moment of silent reflection immediately followed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by 1st VP Sherry Haskins.

Secretary Gary Andrew called the roll. This meeting was held as a hybrid gathering (in-person and on Zoom). Board members present were President Emerson Kretzer, 2nd VP Laura Cowart, Secretary Gary Andrew, Treasurer Marcy Nelson, Region V VP Cindy Reneé Blythe, CDLs Linda Kurz (2nd Dist.) and Walter Cowart (Interim 8th Dist.). Attending on Zoom were 1st VP Sherry Haskins, CDLs Craig Pettibone (1st Dist.), Stephen Price (3rd Dist.), Joanne Collins (5th Dist.), Joe Manno (6th Dist.); Alzheimer's Coordinator Lois Nowlin, NARFE-PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams, Newspaper Editor Mary Lamping, PR/Webmaster Michele Brown and Secretary-Elect Kay Crayton.

The Minutes from the October FEB meeting were approved on a motion by Linda Kurz.

Treasurer Marcy Nelson's reports were previously distributed. Disbursements from recruiting totaled \$1,536. There was a discussion about the difficulty of recruiting new members and retaining newer members.

Linda Kurz moved to accept the treasurer's report for audit. It was seconded and passed.

Region V Field Vice-President Cindy Reneé Blythe initiated several discussion topics. She informed the board that she would run for one more term as Reg. V VP. It would be her third term. The May issue of NARFE magazine will profile candidates running for the organization's national offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer. Cindy discussed a problem with membership data called "Ghost Members". This occurs when chapters close and/or merge and National Only members' data transition falls through the cracks creating incorrect database numbers. Missouri State Chapter numbers have found to be incorrect.

President Emerson Kretzer's report was previously distributed. He announced that the state signed up thirty-one new members. Legislation remains in committee. A discussion opened up with regard to retaining members and incentives to do so. One method mentioned was to reward those using dues withholding.

1st VP/National Legislative Chair Sherry Haskins' report was previously distributed. She applauded the implementation of FEDHUB and highly recommended it.

2nd VP/Immediate Past President/Membership Chair/FEEA Coordinator Laura Cowart's report was previously distributed.

Most District Leaders submitted a quarterly report. See the newsletter for details.

1st CDL Craig Pettibone reported that he continues to follow Rep. Cori Bush. He advised the board that he still has problems contacting members in his district using NARFE's email system. There was a discussion about which officers have access to contact all members including National Only members through NARFE's email system. It appears that at least one of the problems is the assignment of Position Codes, something Protec said they had fixed.

2nd CDL Linda Kurz informed the board that she attended the funeral of Richard Rosenkoetter, former Federation Secretary and member of Chapter 1240 in District 2.

3rd CDL Stephen Price gave the board an update to the redistricting status. At least one state senator from the St. Charles area does not like the revised district lines proposed because it would place him in District 3. He intends to run in District 2.

8th (Interim) CDL Walter Cowart reported that he did not visit the chapters in this district, but has sent out email, with no responses. He asks that anyone who knows someone who might want to run for CDL in this district to contact him.

Alzheimer's Coordinator Lois Nowlin's report was previously distributed. NARFE members nationally have raised \$14,190,764 (12/31/21 figure) of their \$15 million goal. Region V ranks #3 of the ten regions. Chapter 683-Hannibal raised the most with \$1,157. There was a discussion about the several methods in which members may donate. If one has any questions, they may contact their chapter coordinator or Lois. Chapter 112-Greater St. Louis raised the most donations for the Walk to End Alzheimer's with a total of \$1,335. President Kretzer presented them with a trophy for this accomplishment. The U.S. Postal Service continues to sell the Alzheimer's Semipostal stamp to raise money to support research. This research includes potential new treatments for the disease. Walter expressed his appreciation for Chapter 11's new Alzheimer's Coordinator, Cindy Roderick for her presentation explaining amyloid plaques and tau tangles.

NARFE-PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams' report was previously distributed. At the completion of the first year of the two-year 2021-22 congressional PAC cycle, members have contributed 49% of the \$1.85 goal. To date, Missouri and N. Dakota have not received any PAC funding during this cycle. 4th Quarter contributions were down compared to other quarters. Craig inquired about unused funds. Elbert explained that unused funds get rolled over. Elbert also confirmed that a PAC table would be set up at the conference.

Newsletter Editor Mary Lamping told the board that an error was printed in the newsletter with regard to the address for the conference's 50/50 raffle. Michele responded that this information was updated on

the website. Linda pointed out that the newsletter did not print the phone number of the conference hotel. The phone number will be placed on the website. Laura gave out the number to the meeting attendees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1- 2022 State Conference Update – Laura distributed the draft agenda for the upcoming conference. She requested the board to let her know of any changes or general feedback. Speaker for the first day is slated to be John Sellers, Exec. Dir., History Museum on the Square. The speaker for the second day is slated to be Chelsea Kruger from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Officer Training is scheduled during the time that the board meets. Tapped to lead the training for Presidents/VPs is Bob Hegedorn with Laura as backup; for Secretary/Treasurer training is Alice Dewe with Marcy as backup and; for Service Officer, Will Cooper with Ronny Lenzy. Entertainment will be the singing duo of Juanita Lee and Kenny Key. The banquet will also feature a live auction.
Laura received a form from National requesting information on speakers. Speaking on Zoom will be Marsha Goad from Advocacy; Seth Ickes from NARFE-PAC and; Dave Bowman from Retention/Recruitment/FEDHUP. Ken Thomas is pegged to be the National in-person speaker.
Laura then talked about conference committees including Audit, Budget, Legislative, Nominations/Elections, Membership, Time & Place and Rules. The rules will be sent out for review prior to the conference.
A letter will be going out to chapter presidents with regard to a Booster List and chapter ads for the conference program.
Gary will draft a program ad for the conference booklet.
Laura moved for the board to spend \$70 to place an ad in the conference booklet. It was seconded and passed.
Craig brought up the subject of mask wearing at the conference. Laura responded that the Conference Committee would recommend the wearing of masks as well as being vaccinated.
- 2- Conference Bank Account – Marcy informed the board of her research with regard to changing the conference account after the current conference. Her research revealed that U.S. Bank and Central Bank do not charge for low balances or inactivity as does Bank of America.
Marcy brought a motion to the floor to move the conference account to U.S. Bank after the 2022 conference. The motion was seconded and passed.
Laura suggested that Marcy double-check with USB to verify the no fee policy.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1- Federation Conference Scholarships – The board discussed giving monetary incentives to people who attend the annual conference to encourage greater attendance. Chapter 11 already does so. *Linda moved for the Federation to offer \$100 to the first four people to register to attend the conference after the 2022 conference, excluding board members. Ultimately, it was seconded and passed with an amendment.*
Prior to final passage, the board discussed the logistics of such a proposal. *Laura amended the motion to make the reimbursement as a lottery for all attendees excluding federation board members. The amended motion was seconded and passed.*
A second amendment by Laura came to the floor to exclude conference attendees who receive money from their chapters from also receiving federation reimbursement. After a short discussion, this motion was seconded, but defeated.
- 2- Treasury Use by State Chapter 1843 – The board discussed ways this chapter uses treasury funds to serve their members. The chapter has received funds from closed chapters whose members decided to transfer their membership to the State Chapter. They already assist members to attend the conference.
- 3- Chapter Per Capita Payments – The board held a short discussion with regard to chapter per capita payments.
Marcy moved that chapter per capita payments be waived. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 4- CD Rate Changes – There was a short discussion about the current CD rate for treasury funds.
Marcy moved that she be allowed to find the best CD rate in the market for treasury reinvestment. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 5- Election Results – Michele announced the results from the election. There were 69 ballots cast; 49 by mail and 20 online. The results will be announced at the conference.
Marcy moved that the results of the election be accepted. It was seconded and passed.
Laura moved that the ballots be maintained until after the May conference, then destroyed. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: Call to adjourn the meeting by Laura came at 1:05 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

Next FEB meeting: May 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield, MO.

Post Meeting Addendum

After the board meeting adjourned, the Conference Committee from Chapter 11 met with the board to field any questions and to show them the facility.

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