



**NARFE**  
**MISSOURI**  
**FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB)**  
**MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2022**  
*Virtual Via Zoom*

President Emerson Kretzer called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A moment of silent reflection immediately followed.

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

Secretary Kay Crayton called the roll. All board members were present. Also present was Region V Vice-President Cindy Reneé Blythe.

Sherry Haskins moved that the minutes from the July FEB meeting be approved as distributed. Seconded. Carried.

President Kretzer announced to the FEB that Ronny Lenzy resigned as MO Federation Service Officer.

Treasurer Marcy Nelson's reports were previously distributed. She stated that conference account was transferred to US Bank and Marcy's name added to the account as approved at the July 2022 FEB meeting. Laura moved to approve. Seconded. Carried.

Region V Field Vice-President Cindy Reneé Blythe stated the next NEB meeting is November 15, 16, and 17 via Zoom, focusing on the new terms to start at the first of the year. Cindy thanked Laura Cowart for her work on the Configuration Advisory Board (CAB) as Laura's term ends at the conclusion of this year. Cindy shared that the Alzheimer's program has a new CEO, Dr. Joanna Pike. There is also a NARFE membership drive currently underway through December 1<sup>st</sup>. \$10.00 from headquarters is authorized for each new member. New membership is vital for Region V is still decreasing in overall members. Cindy highlighted the GEHA-sponsored NARFE Webinar scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm EDT on FEHB Open Season presented by Tammy Flanigan. Other news includes the Social Security COLA set at 8.7% and FERS being 7.7% for the start of the year.

President Emerson Kretzer's report was previously distributed. He provided highlights of FEDCON held in August and its energetic speakers. He attended a Federation Presidents meeting for 2.5 days prior to FEDCON where ideas were shared about how to attract new members as there is still a net loss in membership.

1<sup>st</sup> VP/National Legislative Chair Sherry Haskins' report was previously distributed. She is resigning as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and National Legislative Chair after this meeting to pursue another field of service. She was thanked for her contributions and service as a MO Federation Officer.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Immediate Past President/Membership Chair/FEEA Coordinator Laura Cowart's report was previously distributed. She provided CAB updates for there are currently staffing shortages in the national office affecting NARFE computer projects. Assistance for setting up chapter and Federation websites has been placed on the back burner as a low priority. Fortunately, the MO Federation has a micro site on FEDHub which all members are encouraged to use.

Most Congressional District Leaders (CDLs) submitted a quarterly report. See the newsletter for Federation Officers' submitted reports.

1<sup>st</sup> CDL Craig Pettibone, along with other NARFE members, visited Representative Ann Wagner's staff and also the staff of the two senators. Monthly local chapter meetings are occurring.

2<sup>nd</sup> CDL Linda Kurz, along with Craig and Mary, visited Congress members' office staff. She attended, with other NARFE members, a FEHB fair to staff a table for NARFE recruitment. Local chapter meetings are occurring.

5<sup>th</sup> CDL Joanne Collins highlighted that Congressman Cleaver has a 100% record in supporting legislation protecting federal benefits. She encourages everyone to vote.

7<sup>th</sup> CDL Paul Mosbaugh reported that Chapter 19 is meeting.

Alzheimer's Coordinator Lois Nowlin's report was previously distributed. NARFE met the \$15 million goal as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Region V ranks #2 among the regions for fund raising. 1) Chapter 11, 2) Chapter 2071, and 3) Chapter 112 are the 3 leaders in fund raising per capita per chapter. Four chapters participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

NARFE-PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams' report was previously distributed. He projects that funds collected will be a bit short of the 2021-2022 goal, but based on the money collected so far, the disbursement goal can be met by the end of 2022. In Region V, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, and Nebraska have received disbursements this quarter. There have been no PAC disbursements in Missouri.

Newsletter Editor Mary Lamping asked that newsletter contributions be submitted by the end of November. She participated in visits to Congress members' staff offices as well as staffing the NARFE recruitment table at a Federal Employee Health Fair.

Public Relations Officer/Webmaster Michele Brown is committed to continuing to support the web site for next year. A new infusion is needed after that time from the national level or another source.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1- Revision of Missouri Federation Bylaws – Laura Cowart recommended that work on the Bylaws needs to be in person. Since the current MO Federation Bylaws are in compliance with necessary officers, Laura made a motion to table work on the Bylaws revision until meeting in person. Seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1- Align Local Chapters with Missouri's Revised Congressional District Changes – Linda Kurtz identified chapters and where they now are in Missouri's 8 Congressional Districts. Since there are currently 4 filled CDL positions, additional discussion brought up looking at reducing the number of CDLs to combine districts. Elbert suggested setting up a committee to present proposals to the FEB. A committee was established composed of the current CDLs with Linda leading. This group will report at next FEB meeting in January 2023.
- 2- Acting National Legislative Chair – With the acceptance of Sherry's resignation which includes being the MO Federation National Legislative Chair, as President, Emerson nominated Craig Pettibone to be the Acting National Legislative Chair. All members of the FEB approved.

The FEB meeting adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

**Next FEB meeting: January 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.**

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