



NARFE
MISSOURI
FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB)
MINUTES OF THE FIRST QUARTER MEETING
APRIL 27, 2023
Virtual Via Zoom

President Emerson Kretzer called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. A moment of silent reflection immediately followed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kretzer.

Secretary Kay Crayton called the roll. All board members except Laura Cowart, Joanne Collins, and Paul Mosbaugh were present. Also present was Region V Vice-President Cindy Reneé Blythe.

Linda Kurz moved that the minutes from the January FEB meeting be approved as distributed. Seconded. Carried.

Treasurer Marcy Nelson's reports were previously distributed. The proposed budget for 2023-2024 is essentially the same as last year's actual spending without FedCon which does not occur annually. The proposed budget assumes two virtual FEB meetings and two in person FEB meetings, one of which will be on the first day at the location of the in person Missouri Federation conference. Linda moved that the reports be approved. Seconded. Carried. Additional discussion involved transferring funds of closed chapters. One chapter has had its funds transferred although it's still showing as active at NARFE's website. This may be because each of these processes, AMS database and transferring of funds, are separate from one another. National NARFE is providing documentation assistance as the chapter officers are not available to access the chapter's bank account.

Linda moved to announce at the Missouri Federation conference that the Missouri Federation will reimburse Missouri NARFE members who sign up for and attend LEGCon in June 2023. Seconded. Carried.

Region V Field Vice-President Cindy Reneé Blythe's report will be given at the Missouri Federation conference following this meeting.

President Emerson Kretzer's report was previously distributed. He will give his report at the Missouri Federation conference following this meeting.

The Acting National Legislative Chair Craig Pettibone's report was previously distributed. He emphasized the importance to keep paying attention to the NARFE legislation website; writing Congress members and to keep writing them; and sending email. Emerson added we need to speak up and make our voice heard.

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

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

1st CDL Craig Pettibone signed up for LEGCon and encourages all who can to attend this virtual training. Chapter 112 met in downtown St. Louis at the Missouri Athletic Club. Representative Cori Bush, D-MO-1, had a representative attend. The speaker at this meeting was Deputy Sector Commander, Upper Mississippi River Sector, U.S. Coast Guard, Daniel Every whose talk was informative.

Craig shared a way of getting emails to local chapter members. On the narfe.org site in the Officer portal, copy the column that has the email addresses.

2nd CDL Linda Kurz reported that she has arranged for a NARFE advocacy meeting on May 3rd with staff of Senators Hawley and Smith. She has not heard back from Representative Wagner's office regarding a like meeting. The debt ceiling is expected to stop any forward movement on legislative initiatives and the FY 24 budget that benefits federal employees and retirees.

3rd CDL Tricia Barrett sent introductory letters to House Representatives in her congressional district. She has enrolled for LEGCon.

Alzheimer's Coordinator Lois Nowlin's reports were previously distributed. Contributions appear to be on target for the collection goal of \$16 million as of December 31, 2025. Region V is second out of 10 regions in contributions. Missouri is fourth of the states within our region. The new drug, Leqembi (Lecanemab), shows some promise in slowing Alzheimer's progress for those in the early stages. Medicare has not approved this drug which is needed to extend the lives of those living with Alzheimer's. Also, there's a TeamWalk coming up later this year. The dates vary by location. The St. Louis walk is October 28th. To learn more and sign up if interested, the link is alz.org/narfewalks.org. The Missouri Federation walk team has been started under the name, NARFE MO Federation. Lois expressed thanks to those who have donated.

NARFE-PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams' report was previously distributed. The current numbers are in the report which show that collections are down. This may be because of lower membership in

NARFE. The collection amounts from Region V and from Missouri are down about 25% which is a bit better than the national percentage of about 38%. Two disbursements went to Minnesota congresswomen. Requests for Missouri Representatives Emmanuel Cleaver and Cori Bush are being pursued.

Newsletter Editor Mary Lamping reported that the latest issue of the quarterly newspaper has not yet been received. She last heard from the publisher on April 14th. She received a digital copy of the newspaper which is now available on the MO NARFE website. Emerson reported that he spoke with the Colorado Federation contact, identified at the January quarterly meeting as using the same newspaper publisher, who had no knowledge about the push to publish only digitally. Emerson will send out an email to Missouri NARFE members that the digital copy is available on the MO NARFE website.

Public Relations Officer/Webmaster Michele Brown stated Leslie McCormick is willing to take over the MO NARFE website eventually. Michele plans to orient Leslie this fall.

Service Officer Will Cooper stands ready to help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I - Delay in printing the MO NARFE Quarterly Newsletter. This was discussed earlier in Mary's newsletter report and is tabled for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

I- In person annual Missouri Federation conference 2024. Marcy and Kay volunteered for time and place for the annual conference.

The FEB meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Next FEB meeting: July 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

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