



**NARFE**  
**MISSOURI**  
**FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB)**  
**MINUTES OF THE FIRST QUARTER MEETING**  
**APRIL 22, 2021**  
*(Held via the online platform Zoom.)*

This particular meeting was open to all Federation members via Zoom as it coincided with the annual State Conference that followed the board meeting.

President Emerson Kretzer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A moment of silent reflection immediately followed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited led by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sherry Haskins.

Secretary Gary Andrew called the roll. All board members were present with the exception of Mary Lamping, Stephen Price and Ronny Lenzy. Stephen and Ronny later joined the meeting in progress.

Treasurer Marcy Nelson's reports (narrative, spreadsheet and proposed budget) were previously distributed. Marcy advised that the audit for the previous fiscal year was completed.

There were three motions put to the board and all were seconded:

*MOTION to accept audit was approved; MOTION to accept Treasurer's Report was approved;  
MOTION to accept the proposed budget was passed.*

Region V Field Vice-President Cindy Renee` Blythe tabled her report so that she could present it at the State Conference. However, she reminded the Federation and in turn the Chapters to file their 990-N tax form by May 15.

The reports by President Emerson Kretzer, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/National Legislative Chair Sherry Haskins and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Immediate Past President/Membership Chair/FEEA Coordinator Laura Cowart were previously distributed. More detail of their reports can be found in the Secretary's summary of the State Conference.

1<sup>st</sup> CDL Craig Pettibone's report was previously distributed. He has been in touch with Cori Bush's office attempting to verify her presence at our State Conference.

2<sup>nd</sup> CDL Linda Kurz's report was previously distributed. Linda invited Ann Wagner to the conference, but Congresswoman Wagner advised that she was not available.

3<sup>rd</sup> CDL/State Legislative Chair Stephen Price's report was previously distributed.

4<sup>th</sup> CDL Maxine Rodriguez's report was previously distributed.

5<sup>th</sup> CDL Joanne Collins' report was previously distributed.

6<sup>th</sup> CDL Joseph Manno's report was previously distributed. Joe contacted Congressman Graves' office with regard to attending our State Conference. Joe has accepted a position as the Region V representative for the Strategic Planning Committee according to Region V VP Cindy Renee Blythe.

7<sup>th</sup> CDL Paul Mosbaugh did not submit a written report, but states that Congressman Long's office has been contacted about joining our State Conference.

8<sup>th</sup> CDL Walter Cowart's report was previously distributed. Walter informed the Board that Congressman Smith's Chief of Staff said that he had a conflict and would not be at the virtual conference. He also said that he intends to run for the junior senate seat in 2022.

Alzheimer's Coordinator Lois Nowlin's report was previously distributed.

NARFE-PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams' report was previously distributed. He encouraged members to contribute to NARFE-PAC to help get the word out on NARFE-related legislation and issues.

Public Relations/Webmaster Michele Brown reminded the board that someone should instruct conference attendees to go to the monarfe.org website to fill out the evaluation. Sherry said she would do that.

Service Officer Ronny Lenzy's report was previously distributed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1- 2022 State Conference – The conference is poised to be held at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield, MO on May 4-5.  
*MOTION: To approve Springfield (Chapter 11) as the host site for the 2022 State Conference. The motion was seconded and approved.*
- 2- Liability Insurance for Federation and Chapters – The cost for insurance is \$100 per year for each entity for one million dollars of coverage. The Board agreed that the Federation's liability insurance would cover next year's conference since the conference is a Federation event. Cindy will verify with NARFE HQ.  
*MOTION: To renew the liability insurance for the Federation. The motion was seconded and approved.*
- 3- Fiscal 2021 Budget – Due to the pandemic, the Federation's expenses were lower in 2020-21. The Conference Planning Committee briefly discussed using funds to subsidize the registration

fees for a few members (perhaps the first 50 or 100 members to register). This issue will be discussed more at the next board meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS/COMMENTARIES

Emerson suggested that the Federation pay the membership dues for the first year for new members in 2021. This recruitment tool was used last year though with a lower than expected result. There would be no budget complications in doing so.

Linda expressed that the use of the General Consent method of voting on an issue without a board meeting was unacceptable. One of her concerns was that the Secretary (who sends out the motion) would not know who received or didn't receive the email. Cindy suggested using an application in Outlook. Michele suggested that the program being used for the conference evaluation could be used. The issue was tabled until the next board meeting as recommended by Sherry.

A discussion about upcoming board meetings arose. Laura suggested that the board meet in Springfield for the October meeting so that facilities at the hotel to be used at next year's conference could be surveyed. Responses from the board appeared positive, but a final acceptance will be talked about at the July meeting.

*MOTION : Call to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 A.m. The motion was seconded and carried.*

(Shortly after this board meeting, the State Conference convened at 10:30 a.m.)

**Next FEB meeting: Online via Zoom on July 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

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