



NARFE
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FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB)
MINUTES OF THE 2019-2020 THIRD QUARTER MEETING
January 30, 2020*
Baymont Inn & Suites, Jefferson City, Missouri

** Note: Due to inclement weather on January 23, 2020, the FEB postponed the third quarter meeting to January 30, 2020.*

President Laura Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked for a moment of silent reflection.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Immediate Past President Robert Hagedorn.

Secretary Sherry Haskins called the roll. Absent: 1st Congressional District Leader (CDL) Craig Pettibone (excused), 3rd CDL Mary Ann Stegeman (excused), 4th CDL Maxine Rodriguez (excused), 5th CDL Joanne Collins (excused), 7th CDL Paul Mosbaugh (excused), NARFE PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams (excused), Newsletter Editor Mary Lamping (excused). Guest: 2020-2022 Secretary Nominee Gary Andrew.

2nd CDL Linda Kurz moved that the October FEB minutes, which were previously distributed, be approved. Seconded. Carried.

Linda Kurz moved that Treasurer Marcy Nelson's report, which was previously distributed, be filed for audit. Seconded. Carried. Marcy noted that higher CD rates were available from the bank holding the Federation's CD. Linda moved to allow Marcy to re-invest the CD, upon maturity, at the best rate possible, not to exceed an 18-month term. Seconded. Carried.

Region V Field VP Cindy Renee' Blythe's report was previously distributed. In addition, Cindy mentioned that webinars will be conducted in February and March for chapter and federation officers on updates to the AMS-MX system.

President Laura Cowart's report was previously distributed.

1st VP/National Legislative Coordinator (interim) and Immediate Past President/FEEA Coordinator Robert Hagedorn's report was previously distributed.

2nd VP/Membership Coordinator Emerson Kretzer's report was previously distributed. President Cowart noted that she had received a report of members recruited during the 2019 membership drive (September through December) from NARFE headquarters.

1st CDL Craig Pettibone's report was previously distributed.

2nd CDL Linda Kurz's report was previously distributed.

3rd CDL Mary Ann Stegeman: No report.

4th CDL Maxine Rodriguez's report was previously distributed.

5th CDL Joanne Collins' report was previously distributed.

7th CDL (interim) Paul Mosbaugh: No report.

8th CDL (interim) Walter Cowart's report was previously distributed.

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

State Legislative Coordinator Stephen Price reported that no legislation was pending affecting Federal employees or retirees.

NARFE PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams' report was previously distributed.

Newsletter Editor Mary Lamping: No report.

Public Relations Coordinator/Webmaster Michele Brown reported that the 2020-2022 Elected Officer votes were ready for tabulation. President Cowart assigned non-nominated Board members as tabulators. (See #1 under New Business.) Also, Michele noted that conference registration is now available online via the www.monarfe.org website, and that she will alert members via the NES (NARFE Email System). (See #6 under New Business.) She further noted that the NES email list that she can access includes Missouri chapter members but does not appear to include National Only members residing in Missouri. Region V Field VP Cindy Renee' Blythe will look into this.

Service Officer (interim) Ronny Lenzy's report was previously distributed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Policy Manual revisions: Following a discussion by the Board of proposed revisions, *Emerson Kretzer moved to approve the revised Federation Policy Manual, as amended. Seconded. Carried.*

2. Appointed Officers for the 2020-2022 term: Following Board review of the Appointed Officer nominations, *Emerson Kretzer moved to approve appointment of the nominated*

individuals (i.e., the current office holders). Seconded. Carried. The officers will be sworn in at the 2020 Federation Conference.

3. Committee Chairs and Members for the 2020 State Conference: Following Board review of the list of committee chair and member volunteers, the Board ratified President Cowart's appointment of the individuals. Sherry Haskins will notify the committee chairs and members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elected Officers for the 2020-2022 term: Michele Brown reported that 80 ballots were received (46 via regular mail and 34 via email). As noted by Michele and Region V Field VP Cindy Renee' Blythe, the 80 votes reflected 2.14 % of the Federation membership, which exceeded the 1% threshold required by the Federation Bylaws. Michele, Robert Hagedorn and Ronny Lenzy tabulated the votes. Election results: President – Emerson Kretzer, 1st Vice President (VP) – Sherry Haskins, 2nd VP – Laura Cowart, Secretary – Gary Andrew, Treasurer – Marcy Nelson, 1st Congressional District Leader (CDL) – Craig Pettibone, 2nd CDL – Linda Kurz, 3rd CDL – Mary Ann Stegeman, 4th CDL – Maxine Rodriguez, 5th CDL Joanne Collins, 6th CDL – Joseph Manno, 7th CDL – Paul Mosbaugh, 8th CDL – Walter Cowart. The officers will be sworn in at the 2020 Federation Conference.

2. Chapter 787/Kirksville closing: President Cowart reported that she had sent all documentation required to close Chapter 787/Kirksville to NARFE National Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn Hensley on January 22, 2020.

3. Chapter membership list and zip code + 4: President Cowart noted that, on January 2, 2020, she had emailed chapter presidents requesting that they review their membership lists in the AMS-MX system and notify her of any inaccuracies. She also asked that they provide the full 9-digit zip code (if not already listed) for all members. The information was requested by NARFE headquarters, and is to be provided to Region V Field VP Cindy Renee' Blythe and the Region V Configuration Advisory Board (CAB).

4. California State Federation proposals to amend National Bylaws: The Board discussed two proposals that the California State Federation submitted to NARFE headquarters to modify Articles III and V of the National Bylaws. The California Federation President emailed NARFE Federation Presidents in December, asking for their support for the proposals. (The first proposal regarding Article III is intended to clarify Voting Member privileges at the Federation and Chapter levels. The second proposal modifying Article V would require that there be a business session held at the National Conference for the purpose of discussion and debate before a ballot vote is held on amendments to bylaws and standing rules. It would also allow a time for candidates for National office to address conference attendees. Balloting would occur after the conference.) Following discussion of the proposals by the Board, *Robert Hagedorn moved that the FEB not respond to the California Federation's email soliciting support for their proposed amendments to Articles III and V of the National Bylaws. Seconded. Carried.*

5. Call for Federation Trainees: President Cowart recommended running the Call in the spring, summer, fall, and winter Federation newsletters, as well as continuously on the www.monarfe.org website.

6. Conference registration on the MONARFE website: As noted above, Michele Brown stated that conference registration is now available online via the www.monarfe.org website.

7. Federation newsletter concerns: President Cowart reported that an individual had contacted her regarding their concerns about an employee of the newsletter publisher. The Board recommended no response, as advised by Region V Field VP Cindy Renee' Blythe.

8. Other:

- *Sherry Haskins moved that Secretary-Elect Gary Andrew be approved as a trainee under the Federation Mentoring Program. Seconded. Carried.*

- President Cowart and Sherry Haskins noted that they have not been receiving notifications of chapter F-7 (Officer Roster) updates via the AMS-MX system. Region V Field VP Cindy Renee' Blythe will look into this.

- *Linda Kurz moved that the FEB purchase a tablecloth with the new NARFE logo from ShopNARFE on the www.narfe.org website for \$144. Seconded. Carried.*

- *Emerson Kretzer moved that the FEB purchase a full-page ad in the 2020 Conference program booklet for \$70. Seconded. Carried.*

- A booster list was passed around to the Board members to support the 2020 State Conference (as has been the policy of the Federation). The booster list will be published in the conference program booklet.

Robert Hagedorn moved to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Seconded. Carried.

Next FEB meeting: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65803, 8:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

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