

NARFE
MISSOURI
FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEB)
MINUTES OF THE 2018-2019 SECOND QUARTER MEETING
October 25, 2018
Baymont Inn & Suites, Jefferson City, Missouri

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.

Secretary Sherry Haskins called the roll. Absent: 2nd VP Emerson Kretzer; 8th CDL Virginia Crafford; Service Officer Melvin Sanders.

Robert Hagedorn moved that the July FEB minutes, which were previously distributed, be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Treasurer Marcy Nelson's report, which was previously distributed, was filed for audit. Marcy noted that President Cowart had sent letters to the five organizations that received improperly donated funds by a chapter that has since closed. Marcy received a refund of \$500 from one of the organizations, deposited it in the Federation account, and forwarded a check for \$500 to MO State Chapter 1843 (to which the closed chapter's members were transferred). (As stated in the July FEB minutes, the Board will not take further action to recoup the remaining funds.)

Region V VP Carol Ek's report was previously distributed.

President Laura Cowart's report was previously distributed.

1st VP/ Legislative Coordinator (National) Gregory Campbell's report was previously distributed. In addition, Greg noted that NARFE's 2019 Legislative Training Conference will be held in March 10 – 13 in Alexandria, VA.

2nd VP/Membership Coordinator Emerson Kretzer's report was previously distributed.

Immediate Past President/FEEA Coordinator Robert Hagedorn's report was previously distributed. In addition, Bob mentioned that he, Marcy, and 5th CDL Joanne Collins have been invited by the Shawnee Mission (KS) Chapter President Louise Lloyd to attend a meeting with the Executive Director of the Kansas City metropolitan area (MO and KS) Federal Executive Board. The NARFE delegation hopes to rebuild bridges with area agencies, including pre-retirement seminar points-of-contact. Three to four multi-agency KC metro seminars are held per year, with approximately 150 participants per seminar.

1st CDL Craig Pettibone's report was previously distributed. Craig encouraged all CDLs to ask legislators to utilize video conferencing (as Rep. Clay does), in addition to in-person meetings, to increase interactions with constituents.

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

3rd CDL Mary Ann Stegeman's report was previously distributed.

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

5th CDL Joanne Collins' report was previously distributed.

6th CDL Joseph Manno's report was previously distributed.

7th CDL Walter Cowart's report was previously distributed.

8th CDL Virginia Crafford: No report.

Legislative Coordinator (State) Stephen Price noted that pre-filing of bills begins December 1, and that he will monitor submissions to determine if any are NARFE-related.

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

NARFE PAC Coordinator Elbert Williams' report was previously distributed. Elbert handed out a chart of Missouri PAC contributor goals and the status of each chapter toward meeting the goals.

Newsletter Editor Mary Lamping will work with President Cowart to ensure "National Only" NARFE members who reside in Missouri receive the Federation newsletter (in addition to Missouri chapter members).

Public Relations Coordinator/Webmaster Michele Brown shared Federation website (www.monarfe.org) usage analytics with the Board.

Service Officer Melvin Sanders: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Formalizing process for decisions related to PAC contributions: Immediate Past President Bob Hagedorn noted that he has not yet received a response to his letter to Jessica Klement, Director of the NARFE Legislative Department.

(Bob was the author of a Missouri Federation resolution sent to NARFE headquarters on 3/27/17 (and subsequently dismissed) regarding this issue. The resolution proposed that the headquarters NARFE PAC decision process related to donations to candidates be revised to add a two week time requirement for the NARFE PAC Board to decide and respond to applications submitted

and vetted at the Federation level. In addition, where there was disagreement between the Federation and the NARFE PAC Board, that the Federation President or PAC Coordinator, Regional Field Vice President, and NARFE PAC Board meet in arbitration to re-vote the question among the attendees.)

Bob plans to wait to wait until the new members of the headquarters leadership team are in place to follow-up. (The NARFE PAC Board consists of the national President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Legislative Director.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of up to \$1000 (as done in the past) to reimburse the Federation President for costs to attend the annual Federation Presidents meeting: *Linda Kurz moved that the Federation President be reimbursed up to \$1000 for costs to attend the annual Federation Presidents meeting. Seconded. Carried.*

2. Policy Manual allowances section review: Linda volunteered to draft, for Board review, updates to the Federation Policy Manual to reflect item 1 above.

3. 2019 Legislative Training Conference: *Joseph Manno moved that the Federation 1st VP/Legislative Coordinator (National) be reimbursed up to \$1000 for costs to attend the annual Legislative Training Conference. Seconded. Carried.* Linda will include this allowance in her Policy Manual draft update as well.

4. 2019 Missouri Federation Conference: Conference Planning Committee (host chapter) member Marcy Nelson provided a status update. The conference will be held April 24 -25 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO. A block of rooms has been reserved, menus have been selected, and agenda preparation is continuing (including scheduling speakers/presenters). The room rate will be \$99 plus tax. Registration and banquet costs will be comparable to 2018, i.e., approximately \$50 and \$60, respectively.

5. Sherry Haskins noted that she had not received any Conference Committee Member nominations or proposed Bylaws Amendments or Resolutions (as requested per the “calls” in the Fall newsletter). Joseph Manno asked that Board members solicit volunteers for the Committees (for consideration at the January FEB meeting).

6. Michele Brown noted that the Conference registration website renewal (\$149) is due November 9. *Gregory Campbell moved that the Conference registration website be renewed each year. Seconded. Carried.*

Robert Hagedorn moved for adjournment at 1:18 p.m. Seconded. Carried.

Sherry Haskins, Missouri Federation Secretary

Next FEB meeting: Baymont Inn & Suites, Jefferson City, 9:30 a.m., on January 24, 2019.