



NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON STATE FEDERAL OF CHAPTERS EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2011

The Executive and Advisory Boards of the WSFC met at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma, at 8:30 AM. In attendance were:

EXECUTIVE BOARD: President Sandra Cagle, Vice-President Richard Wilson, Secretary Paul Shell, Treasurer/2011 Convention Chair Arlene Patton, District I VP Teri Sannar, District II VP Quentin Gates, District III VP Bonnie Seesholtz, District IV VP William H. Powers, District V VP Steve Anderson and Region IX VP Lanny Ross.

ADVISORY BOARD: Federation Reporter Editor Mary Binder, Finance Chair Mike Ferri, National Legislative Chair Mike Teefy, Membership Chair Frances Titus, Webmaster and Public Relations Chair Sam Cagle, Alzheimer's Chair Ray Patterson and NARFE-PAC Chair Don Binder.

Opening and Officer Reports

Sandy did the flag salute and introductions.

Minutes - Quentin moved that the March minutes, with 2 words changed, be approved. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Arlene has had positive responses to the annual billing process. Handouts discussed: draft convention agenda, per capita change, financial statement report and Policies & Procedures Manual Expense change (attached to original minutes, herein noted only as “attached”). Steve moved for approval of the P&P changes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Lanny made his report (attached). Of note, was the locality pay issue, COLA at -.042, Rich is on the National Retention Committee and “Protect American's Heartbeat”.

DVP Reports

Reports from the DVPs are attached. Members must remember to update their emails and change to retired from AFE. Lanny said chapters can contact members and send a block of email updates to national to get them on GEMS.

Committee Chairs

Committee chair reports are attached. In addition,

Budget: Discussion made as to \$650 being not enough for the Service Center and a donation for Kathy Thigpen. Current national opinion - don't send money for Kathy as it is not an appropriate use for our funds. Arlene motioned that the Service Center budget be increased to \$1000 for 2011-12. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Also discussed was the President's travel – Sandy thought it was

currently enough. Teri motioned to put \$1000 in contingencies. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The budget was otherwise approved.

National Legislative: Mike discussed the Legislative Conference and attacks on our benefits. Lanny was asked to contact Dan Adcock to contact federal agency managements so we can go in and promote NARFE at meetings and conventions. We need talking points and rebuttals. Lanny went over the value of the Federal work force and some of the threats.

Newsletter: Mary will work with Paul to resolve some of the address/email problems. Articles – write to who is going to read it. She asked chapters to send newsletters.

Membership: Frances will send membership emails to include DVPs and chapter presidents.

Convention: Arlene – still needs volunteers – contact her. She needs listing of all committees from Sandy. Will newsletter awards continue? Consensus was to stop them. Other topics were training, registration and NARFE 90th Anniversary books.

Unfinished Business

Calendar: Paul presented the new calendar. The format was OK with everyone. Some additional dates were added.

Convention oversight: tabled until after the convention.

Training committee: meeting pending for next Friday – tabled until next time.

Hall of fame: pending until next time.

Position descriptions: Sandy says she has only 2.

New Business

Sandy presented new Federation Standing Rules for Conventions. Arlene motioned to accept and to include a change to rule 5, item 2; rule 1, item 4 and title. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Sandy will amend and reissue.

Federation assistance to chapters to go to the Legislative Conference – The Board felt that it wouldn't make any difference but Paul argued that it supports our primary mission. Consensus was to not do it now but consider it later for budgeting.

DVP term clarification – Steve mentioned there was concern that this currently is a 2-year term. The bylaws show when installed, the term begins immediately.

Biennial convention – Steve also said there was strong sentiment that a biennial convention was the wrong way and an annual one was wanted. This must be changed by bylaw resolution.

Minutes – Rich motioned (with amendment) that a draft set of minutes be sent to the Board with 5 days to respond. If there were material corrections, they will be reissued in draft with changes in red with 5 days to respond. Failure to respond was a tacit yes. After 5 days, they are final and will be issued to the chapters and Board. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Unknown members exercise was discussed. The list from National was disseminated to the appropriated chapters for resolution – up to 6000/month. Some members had been dead for more than 6 years.

Comments

Sandy asked if reinstatements on/after 3/1/11 will be at the old rate. Lanny will find out.

Paul said he is slowly working for a no-paper mail out for conventions. There was only 1 packet issued this year. All else will be by email. We will also use our web site. Next year, very little need be printed. The forms have been redone and are in use and on the web site.

Adjournment: 2:55 PM

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18th in Spokane, 8:30 breakfast.

Paul Shell
Secretary

PENDING ISSUES TABLED

Minimum qualifications for candidates	Next meeting
Position descriptions of officers and committee chairs	Next meeting
Evaluation of retention-attention project	May, 2011
Hall of fame	Next meeting
Strategic plan	Next meeting
Convention Oversight Committee	Next meeting
Training Committee	Next meeting