



## **NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

### **WASHINGTON STATE FEDERAL OF CHAPTERS**

#### **Minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> State Convention**

**May 18 - 19, 2010**

Committee meetings were held the afternoon of Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. During the meetings, Congressman Rick Larsen stopped by for a discussion of our concerns.

May 18th

1. Co-Host Quentin Gates called the convention to order at 9 AM at Holiday Inn, Downtown Everett. Rev. Michael Smith gave the invocation, the Navy Color Guard presented the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance was performed and introductions at the head table were made.
2. Mayor of Everett, Ray Stephanson, welcomed all to his city and presented a proclamation declaring May 18<sup>th</sup> as NARFE Day. Holiday Inn Downtown Everett, Sales Manager Angie Wagner welcomed all to the hotel. WSFC Vice-President Rich Wilson did the response.
3. Co-Host Mike Ferri made numerous announcements. Of note, was a typographical error showing Bob Elmore as running for Secretary. He is running for Vice-President.
4. The keynote speaker was Region IX VP Lanny Ross who “read” National President Baptiste’s speech.
5. WSFC President Sandra Cagle opened the business section at 10:30. Linda Cline presented the credentials report: 19 chapters present with 2 proxies, 85 delegates, 25 delegates-at-large, 19 chapter presidents, 8 WSFC Executive Committee members, 2 past presidents/Vice-presidents, 2 past secretaries/treasurers, 5 alternates, 1 national officer, and 5 visitors/guests. Total at the convention was 121.
6. The agenda was adopted without objection. Ida Sevier presented the rules. Natalie Leath motioned for acceptance. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Secretary Paul Shell did the roll call. Copy of the results is attached. Only one chapter was not represented. He read the Proclamation for Public Service Week from Governor Gregoire. Candidates for national office, Dick Strombotne for President and Martha Leiker for Vice President, were given 5 minutes each for their presentations.

7. Legislative Luncheon speaker was WSFC Legislative Chair, Sam Sevier, who spoke on our problem issues. A short recorded DVD from Congressman Larsen was shown. Questions were taken by Luke Loeffler, Congressman Larsen's aide.

8. A presentation on OPM was done by Sharon K. Appel of OPM Benefits Office Training and Development primarily on OPM's Outreach Program. Information is at [opm.gov/retire](http://opm.gov/retire), [serviceonline.opm.gov](http://serviceonline.opm.gov) and 1-888-767-6738. Fax lines are 724-794-6633 and 724-794-4668.

9. Rex Tauscher gave the Treasurer's report. Ralph Sanders motioned for acceptance. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Autie Bergman gave the audit report (attached). John Cornette motioned for acceptance. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. Arlene Patton presented the bylaws. BL-1 was a complete revision of the bylaws with establishment of standing rules. It was questioned as to the term of the District VPs – it is the same as for the other officers. There was a lot of discussion. Arlene Patton motioned that the temporary provisions included in the bylaws be removed. It was seconded. There was more discussion. Ken Kaul called for the question. It was seconded and passed with 65 yes votes. The debate was closed. As to adoption of the bylaws, the vote was 37 yes – failed.

BL-2 – single dues proposal, Arlene Patton motioned for adoption. It was seconded. After discussion, Lanny Ross called for the question. It was seconded and passed. The vote for BL-2 passed.

BL-3 - Arlene motioned for adoption. It was seconded. Ralph Saunders moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded. Carol Colpitts motioned for rewording, which was seconded. Don Binder called for the question which was seconded and passed. Vote for BL-3 failed. Ralph Saunders motioned to reconsider BL-1, which was seconded. It was open for amendment and passed.

BL-1 – Arlene Patton moved for adoption, effective immediately, which was seconded. Marion Kruger motioned to change the wording from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, where found. It was seconded and passed. BL-1 passed but there was call for the count. Sergeant-at-arms count: 62 yes, 31 no. It passed with exactly 2/3 of the vote.

11. Loretia Cornette gave instructions on balloting. Nancy Crosby presented the officer nominations: Sandra Cagle for President, Robert Elmore and Richard Wilson for Vice-President and Paul Shell for Secretary. Don Binder motioned to accept the Nominations Committee's report. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Past President David Seesholtz did the election for the officers asking 3 times: no other nominations for the 4 officer positions. Allen Driemeier motioned for election of the president and secretary by acclimation. It was seconded and passed. David asked and received 7 nominations (old bylaws) for the nominating committee: Nancy Crosby, Karol Kusunose, Frances Titus, Ida Sevier, Rhonda Sluys, Autie Bergman and David Seesholtz. The election was held followed by the close of the day's business.

During a break during this session, Steve Anderson was appointed acting DVP of District V due to Carl Gallion's illness.

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Prior to the general meeting, there was a President's Breakfast. There were introductions followed by a discussion as to what chapters have done to improve themselves that included rest stops, relocating meeting, surveys, innovative programs, having congressmen attend, Alzheimer's activities, improved newsletters, NARFE logo on city buses and joining a convention bureau. Also discussed was spousal recruiting.

The Memorial Service was led by Richard Wilson.

12. At resumption of the business session, Region IX VP Lanny Ross gave his report. He went over his talking points, a copy of which are attached and are available at narfewa.net.

13. Linda Cline gave the final credentials report – no change from yesterday. Finance Chair Mike Ferri presented the WSFC budget that has been approved by the Board. Arlene Patton played a video and spoke about the 2011 convention in Spokane. Loretia Cornette gave the results of the election: Vice President is Richard Wilson. Voting results: Richard Wilson 176, Bob Elmore 59. [ 2011-12 Federation officers are Sandra Cagle, President; Richard Wilson, Vice President; Paul Shell, Secretary and Rex Tauscher, Treasurer, who has agreed to continue until a replacement has been found.] The Nominating Committee primary members are Nancy Crosby, Karol Kusunose, Rhonda Sluys, Autie Bergman and David Seesholtz. Francis Titus and Ida Sevier will be alternates.

There were 5 break-out sessions (outlines attached).

14. Awards were given out. Newsletter Chair David Seesholtz presented \$50 to 196 NW Cascades for bringing their newsletter up to standards, \$25 to 238 Yakima for most improved. The best newsletter was 1192. There were many blue and red ribbon certificates. NARFE-PAC Chair Don Binder spoke on NARFE-PAC donations and Alzheimer's Chair Teri Sannar on Alzheimer's. Membership Chair John Cornette awarded \$100 to 196 NW Cascades for the greatest total member gain; \$100 to 032 Spokane for largest percentage total gain; \$25 each to 237 Walla Walla and 1192 Tri-Cities (split award) and \$50 to 032 Spokane for most members reinstated. \$75 was awarded to Ken Kaul, 032 Spokane for Top Recruiter. Certificates were given for other categories.

15. An open forum panel for questions and answers was held to include the Executive Board and Region IX VP Lanny Ross. Issues included legislative, PAC, single dues, proxies to the national convention, etc.

16. Courtesy resolution: Richard Wilson motioned that letters be sent to a list of supporters (attached). It was seconded and passed.

17. Co-host Quentin Gates did the benediction and the convention was adjourned by Sandra Cagle at 3 PM.

At the banquet, Capt. Thomas Mascolo, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Everett gave a talk. Region IX VP Lanny Ross installed the new officers: Sandra Cagle, President; Richard Wilson, Vice-President; Paul Shell, Secretary; Rex Tauscher, Treasurer (interim pending finding a new Treasurer); Teri Sannar, District I VP; Quentin Gates, District II VP; Bonnie Seesholtz, District III VP; William Powers, District IV VP; and, Steve Anderson, District V VP.

Paul Shell  
WSFC Secretary