



**WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
Minutes of 2011 Convention and Executive Board Meeting**

May 15, 2011

The Executive Committee met at the Spokane Valley Mirabeau Park Hotel at 4:30 to go over any last minute problems. Committee meetings were held in various rooms of the hotel from 3:00 to 5:00.

May 16, 2011

The Convention Opening Ceremony commenced at 9AM. Convention Chair Arlene Patton welcomed all to the convention. Spokane County Commissioner Mark Richard welcomed the members and presented a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners [attached to original of minutes herein noted as attached]. Mark from the hotel also welcomed us. The invocation was done by Michone Preston, Executive Director of Spokane Habitat for Humanity. The Pledge of Allegiance was done and Colors presented by the Washington Army National Guard. The North Idaho College Chamber Singers sang the National Anthem. The NARFE 90-years history PowerPoint was shown.

National Secretary Elaine Hughes spoke on the Protect America's Heartbeat program, legislative issues, and new things such as eNARFE and NIAG Advisory Council as well as membership-retention and national bylaws revision that are in progress. She read a legislative presentation which were in the delegate's packets and are attached.

President Sandra Cagle called the business session to order at 10:15. John Monteith read the credentials report (123 delegates and guests, report attached). Paul Shell read the roll call of chapters and delegates-at-large as well as a proclamation from Governor Gregoire (also attached).

At the legislative luncheon, a video was shown of Congressman Steny Hoyer taken during the Legislative Conference. There also was a panel of aides from Senators Cantwell and Murray as well as Cong. McMorris-Rodgers. Of interest was an explanation as to how a bill moves through congress. Following that, WSFC Membership Chair Frances Titus facilitated a discussion on recruitment, retention and renewal of memberships.

The afternoon session commenced with the audit report by Mike Ferri (attached). DVP Quentin Gates moved for acceptance; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

George Eads presented the bylaws and resolutions report Proposal #1 (per capita) was motioned to reject by George which was seconded. The resolution failed.

Proposal #2 (per capita), George motioned for rejection. A second was not needed. It failed.

Proposal #3 (return to annual conventions), George motioned to adopt. It was seconded. It failed 44 – yes, 43 – no, following 4 counts.

There was no nominating committee report – no voting this year. Sandra clarified that all officers are eligible for reelection next year. The committee chair now has job descriptions for her committee.

The business session was followed by roundtable discussions for treasurers, web managers/PR, newsletter editors, legislative, NARFE-PAC and Alzheimer's chairs.

There was an evening social 5:30-7:00 PM.

May 17, 2011

The President's Breakfast commenced at 7 AM. Discussions included membership, eChapters, retirement seminars, off-year training and Protect America's Heartbeat. The Memorial Service started at 8:30 AM.

The general business session started at 10:15 with Region IX VP Lanny Ross discussing the state of NARFE that included the debt ceiling, Legislative Conference, GEMS and Protect America's Heartbeat.

John presented the last credentials report (127 delegates and visitors) showing all 22 chapters were represented (attached). Mike Ferri presented the budget (attached). Dave Seesholtz gave a presentation concerning Vancouver's 2012 Convention.

Workshops followed: Roberts Rules of Order, Effective Communication", Using the NARFE websites and How to Get Volunteers, NARFE-PAC and legislative.

The business session resumed after lunch at 1:30. Presentations were given as to NARFE-PAC, Alzheimer's and Membership.

Awards: the greatest net gain in membership was Colville (small), Wenatchee (medium) and Seattle (large). The most reinstated members were Everett (small), NW Cascades (medium) and Bremerton (large). The greatest retention ratio was Everett (small), Tri-Cities (medium) and Spokane (large). The greatest percentage of dues withholding is Yakima. The top recruiter is Ken Kaul of Spokane. As for Alzheimer's, the most donated was from Spokane, the highest per capita was Walla Walla. Sandra Cagle awarded the Service Officer of the Year to Lenny Husa of Spokane. A distinguished member award was given to Sig Preston of Tri-Cities. Bonneville Power was recognized with a superior service award for maintenance of the Service Center. Lanny Ross presented awards to Tri-Cities for 40 years and to Seattle for 60 years. The Edward Jones prize went to Eula Prichard.

Sam Cagle said he has 5 table cloths to use at public events. There were no courtesy resolutions.

The convention was adjourned at 2:25.

There was a no-host social time that included a NARFE 90th anniversary birthday cake. The banquet starting at 7 PM and entertainment by the "Strolling Strings" of East Valley High School and speaker Robby Stern, President of the Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans.

May 18, 2011

The Executive and Advisory Boards met at 8 AM at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. Present were President Sandra Cagle, Vice-President Rich Wilson, Secretary Paul Shell and Treasurer Arlene Patton; Region IX VP Lanny Ross; District 1 VP Teri Sannar, District II VP Quentin Gates, District III VP Bonnie Seesholtz, District IV VP Bill Powers, District V VP Steve Anderson; Federation Reporter Editor Mary Binder, National Legislative Chair Mike Teefy, Membership Chair Frances Titus, PR/Webmaster Sam Cagle and NARFE-PAC Chair Don Binder.

The flag salute was done. Minutes were approved previously by email. Treasurer - no change from the convention report.

Lanny: Elaine enjoyed herself; health care folks should have been invited to the dais; Long Term Care open season starts May 13th or 14th for active folks and is always open for retirees.

DVPs:

Additions to the convention reports: Quentin said District II had 40 attendees at their workshop; Teri said 16 attended the joint district I/V workshop. Bonnie said the Red Lion Hotel is booked, but there is no point person.

Committee Chairs:

Don Binder said he received \$985 in NARFE-PAC donations so far.

PAC/Alzheimer's funds cannot go through chapter funds –Chapter checks cannot be used.

Arlene will look into this and write an article for the Federation Reporter.

Mary Binder said the deadline for Reporter articles is July 7th and for us to focus on convention issues.

Sam said he had 6 table cloths, 5 to go to the DVPs and he will save one. Two of four postal conventions are done and he needs feedback on the results. The program and memorial will be on the website.

Arlene said she had some good feedback on the evaluations.

Unfinished Business:

Convention oversight – the Executive Committee will be looking at the convention guide. We need a standardized set of procedures.

Training Committee – Emails were sent to the chapters to gather their interests. A draft will be at the next board meeting. Sandy is looking at a project such as Region V's "College of Knowledge".

Hall of Fame – Don needs another volunteer. Lois Pace is a possibility.

Membership/Retention – this is covered in the handout (and attached), and generally successful.

Position descriptions – the PDs were sent to Nancy Crosby for next year's recruitment. All 9 positions will be up for election next year. All incumbents are eligible to run once more.

Strategic plan – The Executive Committee will get together and prepare an action plan for the next meeting. Lanny suggested focusing on short term goals due to the current crisis.

New Business:

Paperless policy – Paul passed out a draft of an addition to the Policies and Procedures Manual. This is to be read and will be discussed next time. As an aside, Lanny will check to see who is on GEMS by chapter.

Reimbursements for Federation sponsored/legislative/recruiting events - we need a policy on voluntary attendance at meetings. Arlene will write an addendum to our reimbursement policy. Lanny reminded folks of the availability of funds through the National Secretary's office.

Governance committee is a conscience/advisor to the board. Sandy will work on it. She wants ideas from members.

Policies & Procedures conflicts – we need to review this. She will discuss it with the Executive Committee.

Federation eChapters – Lanny said the board needs to digest the information and a committee to work up a plan. Chapter 2363 has no chapter dues, but Federations can have it. Sandy will email the current information for consideration next time.

Federation Facebook – Sandy wants to look at it this summer. There is a good contact at national: Drusti Naik at 1-571-483-1262.

Paul Shell
Secretary

Next:

La Quinta Inn, Tacoma, 8:30, August 18th.

The Executive Committee is to meet at Sandy's house at 9AM, June 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

PENDING ISSUES TABLED

Hall of Fame	Don Binder	Next meeting
Strategic Plan	Exec Committee	Next meeting
Convention Oversight Committee	Exec Committee	Next meeting
Training Committee	Autie Bergman	Next meeting
Paperless Policy	Board	Next meeting
Reimbursement for volunteer events	Arlene Patton	Next meeting
Governance Committee	Sandra Cagle	Next meeting
P&P Review	Exec Committee	Next meeting
Federation eChapter	Sandra Cagle	Next meeting
Federation Facebook	Sandra Cagle	Meeting after summer