



NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON STATE FEDERAL OF CHAPTERS
EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2009

The Executive and Advisory Boards of the WSFC met at La Quinta at 9:30 AM. In attendance were:

EXECUTIVE BOARD: President Sandra Cagle, Secretary Paul Shell, Treasurer Rex Tauscher, District I VP Robert Elmore, District II VP/2010 Convention Co-chair Quentin Gates, District III VP Bonnie Seesholtz, District IV VP William H. Powers, District V VP Carl B. Gallion

ADVISORY BOARD: Federal Reporter Editor Dave Seesholtz, National Legislative Officer Sam Sevier, State Legislative Officer Allen H. Driemeier, Membership Chair John S. Cornette, Public Relations Chair Sam Cagle, NARFE-PAC Chair Don Binder

Also present was guest, Ida Sevier (236 Secretary)

Opening and Office Reports

Sandy did the flag salute, welcome and had get-acquainted introductions.

Sandy presented numerous issues for further discussion and action including: The FEB being developers for chapter development, using available resources and communicating, evaluating everything, wanting feed-back/input, deciding when/where the Advisory Board meets, and furthering work on the timeline Paul has developed. She wants written reports from all by e-mail at least 2 days before the next meeting. She will be asking for input for the agenda and for all to bring them to the meetings. She wants to use GEMS for communication and is checking if the rest of us can use it. She wants committees of more than a chair and asks that committee member names be given to her by 10/1 with goals and timelines. She strongly believes in bylaws. Sam Sevier said that not all legislative chairs have e-mails. She said to send reports to DVPs and chapter presidents for delivery. Quentin asked that text be in the body of the e-mail rather than as an attachment. Rex asked that we add the nominating committee members to the Roster. Bonnie asked to have her e-mail address removed and send everything regular mail or to call her.

Minutes: Carl moved that the May sets of minutes be approved. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The Executive Board May 16th minutes were tabled. Vote will be by e-mail.

Rex passed out the Treasurer's reports for the periods 7/1/08-6/30/09 and 7/1-31/09 to all attendees. Paul has a \$600 cash fund that will be added to the next report. 990EZ and Secretary of State corporate report was given to Paul for the Secretary's records. Sandy wants to start the budget process for 2010 and will get with Mike Ferri.

A letter dated 7/10/09 was received from Arthur Hathaway resigning his District I DVP position. Bill nominated Bob Elmore as Dist 1 VP. It was seconded and he was elected unanimously.

Dist VP Reports

- 1: Bob discussed congressional visitation/attempts and an AFE workshop on Saturday.
- 2: Carl commented on the success of the Wenatchee picnic that he & Paul attended health care issues, the referendum and conventions.
3. Bonnie discussed the Vancouver picnic and joint meeting with Longview with Cong. Baird's staffer, Kelly Love. Cong. Baird's town hall hosted 2,500 people. Longview continues to piggy-back on Vancouver's newsletter. Last July – the ZAP/NARFE display was in the Vancouver library.
4. Bill discussed their bus ad and a meeting with Ryan Dumm of Cong. Dick's office.
5. Quentin said there were meetings with 3 of 7 chapters, promoting chapter involvement and attended several meetings, one with Rick Larsen.

Committee Reports

Membership: John sent a report last night showing 2007-9 monthly stats which were discussed.

Legislative: Sam sent his report last night also that noted unsuccessful visitations and which chapters must work with representatives and on visitations. Sandy said that chapters need to have one person to be a liaison to congressmen.

PAC: Don passed out the 1st Qtr report and Rothenberg Report.

State: Al said that his report was in the Federal Reporter. There is a \$9b shortfall less \$3b stimulus less \$3b unspent /rainy day funds.

Reporter: Dave suggested that a cash award of \$50 be made to bring newsletters up to standard, judge all newsletters with certificates and a display of newsletters at the convention. He discussed the cost of the Federal Reporter – whether we go mail vs. electronic – but mail-outs can't go below 200 or we pay first class.

PR: Sam said that at least one member from each district organizes displays and orders health fair event kits. He has pens, matching funds and book marks are in the works. He talked of the bus sign campaign in Bremerton and use of snacks/meals for prospective members. Sandy suggested a lunch and learn, noted new pubs (F-18) and a renewed web site.

Unfinished Business

1801 issue– tabled until Rich is here. Rex stated that they are up-to-date in per capita payments.

P&P: Paul is unsure as to what is approved, if anything. Rich may have something. Sandy, Rich & Paul will compare notes for discussion next meeting with a completion target by January.

Leadership 101/retention: Sandy asked for feedback from chapters. Rex – Federation will pay for postcard postage (outside of MAP). There is training on the web site. Paul suggested a statistical evaluation before and after the postcard drive.

2010 Convention: Quentin gave a summary so far - \$100 registration and room (\$20 for registration) that includes hot breakfast and luncheons/banquets. Break even is 175 attendees. Speakers: our senators and the Governor, tentatively. Rex suggested asking the state transportation secretary. Both weekends are at the convention rate.

New Business

Meetings: Sam Sevier suggested the use of telecommunications. Sandy asked about the January meeting being a conference call. Should the Advisory Board attend every meeting? Yes, if there is a benefit. Next meeting: Wed. 8:30 AM 11/18 at La Quinta – full Board.

Advocacy: Sandy said that all should wear NARFE ID/Tee shirt, etc. when meeting the public.

Referendum: Sandy said we should encourage members to participate. It is a coupon in NARFE Magazine, not an absentee_ballot – just to get member feedback. Give the facts. Voting is the same as at a national convention. Rex gave a report on the effect of per capita if it passes.

Resignations: Dale resigned from being the nominating chair; Nancy Crosby is chair now. Steve Anderson resigned – Sam Sevier is now the National Legislative Chair; Bob Wiley is traveling and resigned as Alzheimer’s Chair. Sandy asked for nominations.

MAPS: Rex discussed the \$10 for gift memberships. Some chapters have lower chapter dues. Spokane receives 2/3 of their per capita. Should there be a limit? Many recipients are from out of state. Bob said Spokane has a high retention of gift members. Sandy suggested we need to track gift members to see the actual retention rates. John thought it was around 33%. Should we reward someone for giving something free? Rex thought we needed dues withholding and a spousal incentive.

Service Centers: 2 chapters are getting the bulk of the funds. Rex recommends no restrictions.

Membership/AFEs: Sandy asked that we contact AFE members and have them talk to co-workers. The Federation needs to work up a process to instruct the chapters.

New member post cards: Sandy and Rich are developing them. Many members join through the national web site. The post card tells them who/where we are.

Nominating committee: Sandy says we need to begin now. Paul is to develop a form.

2011 State Convention: Bob gave some details: Dates are 5/16-17. Rooms are Sun-Tues (50 rooms) \$83 government rate at the Mirabeau Park, Spokane. There are no elevators.

Bylaws: Sandy said that if the single dues passes - bylaws need to be amended. She has asked Clark Crouch to draft a new set as the current ones are out of date, restricting and too long. We also need to go to a bi-annual convention in interim years and/or on weekends. Don said to beware of thumbs up/down only options on voting at the convention. We need positive selling. The consensus was for Clark to continue.

Comments and correspondence

Sandy has a Choice Hotels letter of privileges; Mr. Sullivan is running again; she has a list of annuitants and annuities by states and a list by congressional districts of annuities, checks, direct deposit, etc.

Sandy said the Presidents meeting was at Grand Rapids –a nice location. The biggest drawback is airport transportation. There is no coffee making facilities in the new rooms. They talked on retention and approaches to help chapters. Issues for the NEB are more internet communications, recognition of upcoming retirees, Q&A on the membership side of the website, M112/114 should close on the same day, timely update of membership data,..... We need to have chapters review their M114 to clean up chapter records. There were 22 main goals, the main one – recruiting with dues withholding.

Sandy will ask Rich Wilson to be the liaison to the DVPs.

Paul said he will attempt to shorten the minutes as time goes on and will attach reports to the minutes in lieu of a lengthy discussion. The last directory issue was a test with many changes coming in. There will be a new one about the first of September. The F-7 process was discussed. DVPs should emphasize to the chapters during their visits to update it whenever changes occur.

Events – health fairs are coming up.

Adjourned 3:00 PM

Paul Shell
Secretary

Next meeting: November 18th, 8:30 AM, La Quinta