



NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON STATE FEDERAL OF CHAPTERS EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2009

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Region IX VP Lanny Ross, President Sandra Cagle, Secretary Paul Shell, Treasurer Rex Tauscher, District I VP Robert (Bob) 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, Membership Chair John S. Cornette, NARFE-PAC Chair Don Binder, Finance Chair Mike Ferri.

Also present was guest, Elaine Ferri.

Opening and Officer Reports

Sandy did the flag salute and welcome. There was a moment of silence for the passing of past Federation President, Dwight Pace.

Minutes: Carl moved that the August minutes be approved. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Rex presented the Treasurer's report (attached). Bonnie moved for acceptance. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Sandy proposed that we have a year-round audit committee and interim audit. It was tabled for further study.

VP Reports/ Committee Reports

DVP Robert Elmore gave an oral report. Other reports were sent to officers and committee chairs by email prior to the meeting and are attached to the minutes of record.

Reports from the National Legislative Chair, PR Chair, Membership Chair, NARFE-PAC Chair and Newsletter Editor are attached to the minutes and were discussed at the meeting. Sandy reported that The Alzheimer's Chair, Therese Sannar, should get all Alzheimer's donations; State Legislative Chair, Allen Driemeier, had nothing as the state legislature is not in session; and, the Nomination Committee (reported by Nancy) is 'rolling'. Bonnie reported that the Service Officer, Charlie Caughlan, has had no contacts. Mike asked that all newsletters be available on the website. Sandy will check with Sam (webmaster).

Lanny gave a report (attached) that covered national membership, scholarship award winners and various other issues. Of note was the referendum. Ballots must be sent in intact and marked with whole numbers, not an 'x' or check mark. Results of voting should be to national by the end of the year. Implementation, if passed, will take several months. The national convention will be in Grand Rapids MI 8/29-9/2 with a

room rate of \$92. The 2011 legislative conference will be at the same place as last time, Crystal Hyatt, at \$159.

Unfinished Business

Policies and Procedures Manual: Paul recommended that the secretary portion not be in the manual. A revision of the PR section was discussed as well as adding to both the PR and MAP, the chapter president's signature with copies to the applicable DVP and Federation President. Bob Elmore motioned to adopt. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Binders: Paul outlined a plan for all officers and committee chairs to have a binder that contained such things as bylaws, Policies and Procedures Manual, Strategic Plan, etc. in one place. It was tabled for additional information by Sandy and Paul.

2010 convention: Quentin and Mike gave a convention overview including theme, chair status, registration etc. Sandy and Paul will sit in on the next session. Lanny said he will pay half of the President's Breakfast again.

New Business

Budget: Mike discussed the budget. A few changes were made with a revision to be sent out soon. Rex suggested changing 'mandated expense' to training expense and budget \$1500.

Chapter redistribution: This involves Districts 1, 3 and 4 (Federal Way and Auburn). Lanny said that if the referendum passes, some chapters may die as there will be no chapter membership. It was tabled pending the referendum outcome and relook at the issues by an ad hoc committee assigned by Sandy.

Spokane Valley Chapter: Sandy presented a proposal to start a new chapter. It was tabled for Bob Elmore to investigate.

Strategic Plan: Sandy presented the plan revision worked up by her, Rich, Paul and Rex. Officers and committee chairs were to review and recommend changes to Sandy as well as determining if it will need a change in the budget.

Workshop themes: Sandy asked if there should be a centralized theme at workshops. It was tabled to get Rich involved.

Delegate voting: Sandy stated the issue is to do away with the proxy and one member, one vote. It was tabled for Sandy to do some research.

Comments and correspondence

Mike suggested NARFE be represented at all conventions involving federal employees.

Sandy received a thank you letter from the WA Senior Lobby for our donation of \$450.

Sam had a letter to Congressman Dicks about not signing on the Premium Conversion Bill.

Paul asked for clarification on tabled issues:

Chapter 1801 issue is still pending; retention-attention status to be evaluated in 1 year by the membership chair; the membership committee will look into the process to instruct chapters in contacting AFEs.

Adjournment: (for the joint board meeting) 2:10 PM

The Executive Board session commenced at 2:15 PM

Sandy presented the new bylaws and standing rules for review and critique. Comments are to go to Sandy by mid December. It was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2010, possibly in Everett.

Adjourned: 2:40 PM

Paul Shell
Secretary

PENDING ISSUES TABLED

Chapter 1801 status	Next meeting
Evaluation of retention-attention project	May, 2010
Chapter instruction process for AFEs	Next meeting
Year-round audit committee and interim audit	Next meeting
All newsletters be available on the state website	Next meeting
Binders	Next meeting
Chapter redistribution	May 2010, or after
Spokane Valley Chapter startup	Next meeting
Strategic plan	Next meeting
Centralized theme at workshops	Next meeting
Delegate voting	Next meeting
Bylaws and standing rules	Next meeting