



National Active and Retired Federal
Employees
NEBRASKA FEDERATION

Federation Board Minutes, April 30, 2017
Quality Inn & Conference Center, 7838 S US Hwy 281
Grand Island, NE

1. Due to the weather conditions the meeting of the Nebraska Federation Executive Board was a bit unconventional. President Moore called in via cell phone while en route to the Quality Inn and Conference Center, 7838 S US Hwy 281, Grand Island, Nebraska.
2. Members present: Ronald Moore [President], Pamela Swanson [Vice President], Nancy Stenger [Secretary], Janna Cornelius [Treasurer], Arthur Christiansen [District 1 Rep], Roger Eggleston [District 3 Rep], George Swanson [Legislative/Service Chair], Kathleen Wright [Alzheimer's Coordinator], Robert Voboril [Historian], and Carol Ek [Region V Vice President]. A quorum was present.
3. Moore said that we needed to talk about one member/one vote and the bylaws. Moore asked for verification that the Federation is a nonprofit organization and that each Chapter is a nonprofit organization. Ek confirmed. She also stated that nothing had changed with the membership structure and relationship with the Federations and the Chapters. Federations will continue to receive 10% of all membership dues of members in the Federation from headquarters. The per capita fee does not change unless the Federation changes the requirement levied on the chapters. As of today there are 1,566 NARFE members in Nebraska.
4. Moore asked how to set a quorum for voting at Federation general membership meetings. Ek suggested that with the one member/one vote in place that a percentage of 1% of membership could be set to declare a quorum. Ek mentioned that many methods can be used to notify the membership on items that would be voted upon. This decision would be made by the executive board. Cornelius stated that the least expensive way to notify membership would be snail-mail. Decisions would have to be made for deadlines for mailing, deadline for the return of votes, where the votes are sent, etc.
5. There are two resolutions to be voted on at the convention. One is to approve one member/one vote and the other is to obtain approval for the Nebraska executive board to modify the Federation bylaws to conform to National bylaws. A deadline of December 31, 2018 has been set by National to modify the bylaws. The Federation bylaws could be modified and sent to everyone before the May 2018 Federation convention and approved before the convention. Moore stated that each Chapter needs to update their bylaws using the guidelines that were distributed by headquarters.

6. Moore stated that committee meetings on Monday would be important and emphasized the nominating committee, the bylaws committee and the service officer group. Discussion on membership will be a key topic. The membership application dated August 2015 should be destroyed and the new one used which is dated in 2016. The new application is also published in the NARFE magazine every month.

7. Ek announced that a CEO has been hired for NARFE. She felt that this individual will provide continuity for the headquarters when officers change.

8. Next Executive Board Meeting. Tuesday, May 2, 2017 after the Federation of Chapters Convention adjourns.

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy C Stenger
Federation Secretary