



National Active and Retired Federal
Employees
NEBRASKA FEDERATION

Federation Board Minutes, September 9, 2017
Lincoln Highway Diner, North Platte Regional Airport
North Platte, NE

1. The meeting of the Nebraska Federation Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2017 by President Ronald Moore at the Lincoln Highway Diner, North Platte Regional Airport, North Platte, Nebraska.
2. Members present: Ronald Moore [President], Alice Stevens [Vice President/District 2 Rep], Nancy Stenger [Secretary], Janna Cornelius [Treasurer], Arthur Christiansen [District 1 Rep], Beth Fries [District 3 Rep], Robert Voboril [Historian/Alzheimer's], and Carol Ek [Region V Vice President]. A quorum was present.
3. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
4. Motion made by Voboril to accept the minutes of the convention board meetings as published. Seconded by Christiansen. Motion passed.
5. Cornelius distributed the financial statement for the period May 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017. Savings account balance is \$1,509.17. Checking account income totaled \$15,516.73; expenses totaled \$4,035.94; leaving a balance in checking of \$11,480.79. Total operating funds is \$12,989.96. State convention income was \$3,585.00; expense totaled \$3,771.00; net loss of \$186.61. Moore requested the honorarium check he received be voided. Motion made by Stevens to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Voboril. Motion passed.
6. Payment of bills. Moore indicated the advertisement for College of NARFE Knowledge (CONK) [\$50.00], the NARFE Presidents' meeting in Florida [\$1,500.00]; and copies [\$32.22]. Motion made by Voboril to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Christiansen. Motion passed.
7. Moore prepared a report for the Federation Fall Newsletter. He felt that CONK is worthwhile and that members should be encouraged to attend. Moore mentioned a website for the Federation. Stenger asked for confirmation as to whether a website is really wanted. If so, what would the website contain? Moore stated that a website would be useful to ask for nominations, voting, minutes, bylaws, chapters, officers, district reps, committees, CONK, federation conventions. There is no funding approved to support a federation website. Motion made by Cornelius to budget up to \$500 to register and construct a federation website. Seconded by Stevens. Motion passed.

8. Carol Ek, Region V Vice President. Ek remarked that this year's CONK went well. Four NARFE headquarter staff members attended and made presentations and answered questions. Executive Director, Barbara Sido; Grassroots Program Manager, Molly Checksfield; Marketing Director, Bridget Boel; and Federal Benefits Specialist, Al Reeves. Ek will term out for Region V Vice President in November 2018. Information pertaining to individuals seeking the Region V Vice President position will be published in the NARFE magazine in December. Pros and cons were discussed regarding National/Chapter membership and National Only membership; as well as the value of the existence of chapters.

9. Bob Voboril, Alzheimer's Report. He wished to thank Kathleen Wright for her three years of service for doing an excellent job of collecting and reporting funds for Alzheimer's for Nebraska. We have collected \$638.50 since June 1, 2017. According to NARFE records, Nebraska has given \$6,070.80 from July 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. As of September 6, 2017, the United States Senate proposed a \$414 million increase in Alzheimer's research. At an estimated cost of \$259 billion annually—including \$175 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments—Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in the country. In 2017, for every \$100.00 the US government spends on Alzheimer's research, it will spend \$12,500.00 in Medicare and Medicaid costs caring for individuals living with this disease. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research.

10. Art Christiansen, District 1 Rep. Last week Christiansen attended the Omaha Chapter 144 meeting. They discussed the difficulty in recruiting members to serve as officers. Chapter 1370 – Aksarben-Omaha has a similar officer recruitment situation.

11. Alice Stevens, District 2 Rep. Stevens visited all the chapters in her district during January through March. This period of time works best to distribute information after the holidays. Stevens emphasizes membership recruitment at chapter meetings.

12. Beth Fries, District 3 Rep. Fries received an invitation from Chapter 1064 to attend their annual picnic. The chapter had a representative from Representative Adrian Smith's office. Chapter 2110 in North Platte will start publishing a chapter newsletter and sending it via snail mail. She attended CONK and learned quite a bit.

13. Bob Voboril, Historian. Voboril continues to keep records as to what is happening in the Federation. He will "dig into the past" to contribute items for the newsletter.

14. Alice Stevens, Newsletter. Stevens will be sending out a request for items for the October newsletter. Moore would like to have the chapters submit items for the Federation newsletter. Stenger asked if there was any restriction regarding advertisers on Federation website? Ek would check.

15. Ron Moore, Revision of Nebraska Federation Bylaws. Moore provided a draft of changes for review. Attendees went through this draft with proposed changes. The second draft will be reviewed by Moore, Stenger and Cornelius.

16. 2018 Federation of Chapters Conference. The date for the 2018 Federation Conference will be at the Quality Inn on May 7 and 8, 2018. Monday – meet and greet and committee meetings and executive board meeting; Tuesday – conference meeting and training and adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy C Stenger
Federation Secretary