



National Active and Retired Federal
Employees
NEBRASKA FEDERATION

Federation Board Minutes, May 7, 2018
Quality Inn & Conference Center, Grand Island, Grand Island, NE

1. The meeting of the Nebraska Federation Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m., May 7, 2018, by President Ronald Moore at the Quality Inn & Conference Center, Grand Island, 7800 US 281, Grand Island, Nebraska.
2. Members present: Ronald Moore [President], Alice Stevens [Vice President/District 2 Rep], Janna Cornelius [Treasurer], Arthur Christiansen [District 1 Rep], Beth Fries [District 3 Rep], Robert Voboril [Historian/Alzheimer's], Pam Swanson [Membership & NARFE/PAC], George Swanson [Legislative & Service Officer], 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. Cornelius distributed the financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2018. Savings account balance is \$1,510.17. Checking account income totaled \$22,368.81; expenses totaled \$7,840.75; leaving a balance in checking of \$14,528.06. Total operating funds is \$16,038.23. This report will be made available to convention attendees at registration. Motion made by Voboril to accept the financial report. Seconded by Christiansen. Motion passed.
5. Motion made by Voboril to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2018 board meeting as published. Seconded by Cornelius. Motion passed.
6. Swanson, NARFE/PAC and Membership Chair, reported on the challenges in obtaining donations to the PAC. Members do not believe it is necessary to donate. Swanson will have a report on membership to present during the convention.
7. Swanson, Legislative and Service Officer, reported that we still have a congress that is not doing much of anything. When the Nebraska legislature is in session there is a free weekly newsletter published and everyone should have a subscription to keep up on the bills that are proposed and acted upon. Swanson reported that as Service Officer he receives calls for assistance and speak with people at health fairs.
8. Bob Voboril, Alzheimer's and Historian. Alzheimer's donations are down considerably from last year. We will recognize chapters with certificates who have made significant donations. Four chapters have donated items for the silent auction.

9. Stevens, Vice President/Federation Newsletter, stated that there were more submissions for the spring Federation Newsletter. Ek forwarded the newsletter through the NES to 284 chapter members; 94 opened it and 190 did not open it; and 395 were mailed to national members; 157 were opened and 238 were not opened; so more of the national members opened the email than chapter members. Nebraska has 936 chapter members and 565 national members. Cornelius noted that roughly one-third are receiving the newsletter via email and it appears that a lot of people do not care about the newsletter because they are receiving the magazine. The magazine would be answering all their questions. Ek stated that the newsletter has had a good start and can be improved upon with time.

10. Ek, Region V Vice President, will have a detailed report during the convention. Moore asked about the candidates for the Region V Vice President. Ek stated the candidates are Cindy Blythe from Kansas and John Schmidt from Minnesota. Moore stated that Schmidt sent him fliers to distribute at the convention as well as a video. Moore did not receive any campaign materials from Blythe.

11. Moore asked if Cornelius needed any assistance. Cornelius stated that Fries helped her earlier and would draft help as needed. Cornelius stated that there were sheets at the end of each table for individuals to write down verbiage for proposed changes to the bylaws.

12. Ek noted some concerns with items in the draft bylaws. The items were minor and would be presented during the afternoon session during the bylaws review.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy C Stenger
Federation Secretary