



National Active and Retired Federal  
Employees  
**NEBRASKA FEDERATION**

Federation Board Minutes, May 8, 2019  
Quality Inn & Conference Center, Grand Island, Grand Island, NE

1. The meeting of the Nebraska Federation Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m., May 8, 2019, 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], Nancy Stenger [Secretary], Janna Cornelius [Treasurer], Beth Fries [District 3 Rep], Robert Voboril [Historian/Alzheimer's], and Cindy Blythe [Region V Vice President]. A quorum was present.
  3. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
  4. There were no minutes for the January 15, 2019 Go-To-Meeting call.
  5. Cornelius distributed the financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2019. Savings account balance is \$2,254.31. Checking account income totaled \$24,428.38; expenses totaled \$7,370.69; leaving a balance in checking of \$17,057.69. Total operating funds is \$19,312.00. Motion made by Voboril to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Stevens. Motion passed.
  6. Stevens, Vice President/Newsletter Editor. Stevens reported on her attendance at the Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. She attended the Nebraska Breakfast. She spoke with Representative Smith and Fortenberry. She had appointments with Senator Fischer and Sasse which resulted in speaking with their staffers. All were attentive. Overall the conference was worth attending. Stevens has received items for the next newsletter from Voboril and Fries. Blythe will resend her item for the newsletter. Moore will send something to her next week.
  7. Blythe, Region V Vice President. Stated she has attended Missouri, Kansas, and North Dakota conference. She has attended a Minnesota Executive Board meeting where the board decided to hold biennial conferences instead of annual. She will be interested in the results of the Nebraska conference. Discussed pros and cons of an annual conference versus biennial conference. Mentioned possible topics for conference: financial [TSP], estate planning, retirement process, social security.
- Blythe is committee chair for the building utilization committee. The NARFE headquarters building is not fully utilized/occupied. Options are on the table as to what to do with the building. NARFE is working on a re-branding program...trying to put a different face on the organization. One item is to change the organization's logo.
8. Voboril, Alzheimer's/Historian, stated that within Region V, Nebraska is the lowest contributing Federation by about \$400, then Minnesota. Nebraska collected \$2,327.00 this

year. He will mail certificates to the highest contributing chapter and highest contributing individual member. Blythe stated that Region V still ranks number two in Alzheimer's donations.

9. Blythe will contact Chadron chapter to check on the status of the chapter membership.

10. Voboril moved that \$500.00 be approved to pay for website promotion and security. Stevens seconded. Motion passed.

11. Fries, District 3 Representative, stated that the weather has not been conducive for traveling to visit the chapters in her region. The new projector works well. The National Association of Credit Specialists (NACS) is hosting an annual conference the end of June in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

12. Discussed the pros and cons of the requirement for a membership chair and committee. It was suggested that the chapter minutes could be published in the local paper in the social section and to mention the program topic and the date, time, and location of the next meeting as a draw for possible new members. Moore recommended that chapters that are struggling to obtain and/or retain officers have a one hour business meeting quarterly and the other months have a program and social interaction.

13. The state and federal Legislative Chair needs to have a report at the 2020 federation conference. No committee meetings are required.

14. Cornelius recommended that the federation pay half of the cost of the conference and this would lower the cost for attendees to attend the conference. Main expenses for the conference will be cost of food, speakers, meeting space and accommodations. Possible topics for speakers for the conference: medical, social security, end of life decisions, financial planning, retirement planning, etc. Moore will contact the president of Chapter 0199 to discuss planning status of the 2020 conference.

15. Moore will contact Roger Eggleston to request he be a member of the nominating committee. Moore will compose a piece for the federation newsletter to announce the need for nominations/volunteers federation officers.

16. Recommendation made to offer chapters funds to host a booth/table at conventions/conferences in order to promote NARFE and membership in NARFE.

17. Next meeting tentatively scheduled in October.

18. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy C Stenger  
Federation Secretary