



National Active and Retired Federal
Employees
NEBRASKA FEDERATION

Federation Board Minutes, October 3, 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., October 3, 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], Arthur Christiansen [District 1 Rep], Dennis Kamprath [District 2], Beth Fries [District 3 Rep], and 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. Motion made by Voboril to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2019 board meeting as published. Seconded by Stevens. Motion passed.
5. Cornelius distributed the financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2019. Savings account balance is \$2,255.07. Checking account income totaled \$25,805.92; expenses totaled \$10,507.15; leaving a balance in checking of \$15,298.77. Total operating funds is \$17,553.84. Motion made by Voboril to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Christiansen. Motion passed.
6. Stevens, Vice President/Newsletter Editor. Stevens is receiving good feedback about the newsletter. More items are needed for the newsletter to make it more informative. Distribution has been made to chapter presidents. Blythe stated that chapter presidents are responsible for distributing information to their chapter members. Blythe recommended the chapter secretaries be included in the distribution of the newsletter. Newsletter should also be distributed to the national only members. Moore would need to send the newsletter to national only members.
7. Blythe, Region V Vice President. CONK went well. There were 88 registrants. Exit surveys had excellent to good comments. She plans to have CONK in 2021 if she is re-elected as Region V Vice President. A comment was made to have officer training at CONK. All the items in the referendum voting passed. Blythe had been in contact with Charles Skripsky, 1370 Chapter President. Members of the closing Omaha

Chapter 0144 are welcome to transfer their membership to 1370. Members of Omaha Chapter 0144 would need to be contacted to be given the option of transferring to Chapter 1370 or becoming national only members.

8. Moore, President. Moore attended the Federation President's meeting in Arizona. It was a good meeting. One topic that was addressed was rebranding of NARFE. A sixty second video has been produced to define NARFE as the go to for questions about benefits for active and retired federal employees. Blythe stated it is a YouTube video. To get to the video do a search for "NARFE branding YouTube". What came out of the President's meeting is that Nebraska is not the only Federation losing chapters.

9. Voboril, Alzheimer's/Historian. Voboril represented Nebraska at CONK. Blythe invited Voboril to speak about the Nebraska Federation. Donations from chapters total \$810.00 to date. He will send another letter to chapter presidents requesting donations. Donations usually do not come in until later in November. Motion made by Stenger to reimburse Voboril for his expenses to attend CONK. Seconded by Kamprath. Motion passed.

10. Stenger, Network Coordinator. Will need to update officer rosters after chapters hold elections. Will post information on the May Federation Conference as soon as it is available.

11. Christiansen, District 1 Representative. Christiansen reported that Omaha Chapter 0144 will close by the end of 2019. The chapter is unable to fill the officer positions. He plans to attend the last chapter meeting in November. Lincoln Capitol City Chapter 0199 has a president, secretary and treasurer. No vice president. Blythe stated that a president, secretary, treasurer, and/or secretary/treasurer are required to keep a chapter active.

12. Kamprath, District 2 Representative. Kamprath attended Hastings Chapter 0362 September meeting. The chapter has a nice meeting site and had an interesting program on Civil War medicine. The Grand Island Chapter 1509 is doing okay. We have some good officers.

13. Fries, District 3 Representative. Fries will be attending Panhandle Chapter 2110 meeting later in the month. A suggestion has been made by some members of Chapter 2110 in North Platte, to have the Federation Conference in April instead of May since there are always several conflicts with graduations. Federation bylaws do not designate when the conference would be held.

14. Moore led a discussion on the process needed for nomination and election for federation officers. Roger Eggleston and Stenger consented to be on the Nominating Committee. Cornelius consented to chair the Teller Committee. Timeline set to call for nominations to be sent out in November; nominations close by January 15, 2020; send ballots [if necessary] by February 1, 2020; and ballots returned/postmarked by March 1, 2020.

15. Possible topics for speakers for the conference...elder law/estate planning, social security, Medicare, trust, wills, retirement planning, and end of life decisions. Discussed registration fees for the conference and possible speakers from NARFE.

16. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy C Stenger
Federation Secretary