

National Active and Retired Federal Employees

NEBRASKA FEDERATION

Federation Board Minutes, February 6, 2020 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., February 6, 2020, 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], Harold Klaege [President, Chapter 0199, Capitol City, Lincoln], Roger Eggleston [President, Chapter 2110, North Platte], and Cindy Blythe [Region V Vice President]. A quorum was present.
- 3. Meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Motion made by Voboril to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2019 board meeting as published. Seconded by Fries. Motion passed.
- 5. Cornelius distributed the financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2019. Savings account balance is \$2,255.83. Checking account income totaled \$27,176.12; expenses totaled \$12,351.43; leaving a balance in checking of \$14,824.69. Total operating funds is \$17,080.52. Motion made by Voboril to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Fries. Motion passed.
- 6. Stevens, Vice President/Newsletter Editor. Stevens will request input for the winter newsletter on February 20 so that it will be out by the end of February. Klaege requested the conference registration be sent with the newsletter. He will have the registration form and a draft agenda available in a week. Moore will send the newsletter and conference registration to all Nebraska NARFE email addresses that are in the database.
- 7. Blythe, Region V Vice President. Headquarters announced AMS [automated management system] training which is the new reports module. There will be separate training for federation and chapter officers. She recommended registering for all the training opportunities. The training sessions will be taped and available as webinars. The next national board meeting is in March. One item on the agenda is to discuss the vendor that is working on the AMS. There is a federation president's meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona in August in conjunction with FedCON. Registration is open for FedCON. Blythe reviewed some of the items that will appear on the national ballot.

- 8. Voboril, Alzheimer's/Historian. Voboril distributed a report on donations received since the last convention. All chapters have donated. The target for donations is \$3,500 by the May conference. On the national level Alzheimer's has issued approximately 80 research grants. In addition to the increase in the funding received from the federal government budget, NARFE members continue to be generous with donations. Voboril will plan to have a history display at the federation conference.
- 9. Fries, District 3 Representative. Fries attended Panhandle Chapter 1064 annual meeting. The BlueCross/BlueShield representative provided an update on benefits. She is working with the North Platte Chapter 2110 toward showing some of the webinars at the chapter meetings. She believes more focus is needed as a recruitment tool for active employees to show the efforts NARFE has accomplished for active FERS employees.
- 10. Stenger, Nominating Committee. Call for nominations for federation officers occurred on December 2019 by email and snail mail. No response. A second email was sent out on January 9, 2020. Deadline for response was January 15, 2020. A slate of federation officers was nominated. Those nominated were contacted as to whether they would serve. Three of the nominees declined. A slate of officers who would serve was compiled. Those elected by acclamation to serve for two years are: President Ron Moore [Chapter 1064 Panhandle]; Vice President Harold Klaege [Chapter 0199 Capitol City Lincoln]; Secretary Beth Fries [Chapter 2110 North Platte]; Treasurer Roger Eggleston [Chapter 2110 North Platte]. Induction of new officers will be conducted at the Federation Conference in Lincoln on May 15, 2020.
- 11. Discussion ensued regarding topics and possible speakers for the conference. Conference will be held May 14-15, 2020, at the Holiday Inn Lincoln Southwest, 2500 Tamarin Ridge Road, Lincoln, NE 68512, (402) 421-1893. Room rate is \$94.00 plus tax (approximate cost \$109.74). Hotel Block Code to obtain NARFE rate is "NARFE". Room rate covers, Wednesday through Friday night. Meals will be served at the hotel. Conference space has been reserved.

Annual meeting requirements for the conference are a president's report, a secretary's report and a treasurer's report. Program presentations will include healthcare providers, Alzheimer's presentation, NARFE-PAC, memorial service, financial planning, estate planning, service benefits, a Nebraska state representative, and Region V Vice President. Registration for the conference will include meals. Motion made by Stevens to pay for the NARFE Executive Director's transportation expenses. Seconded by Voboril. Motion passed. Motion made by Stenger setting a \$25.00 registration fee [meals included]. Seconded by Voboril. Motion passed. Motion made by Fries to pay hotel and mileage for Region V NARFE-PAC coordinator. Seconded by Voboril. Motion passed.

Tentative agenda: Thursday...Registration between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies with color guard and introduction of officers and guests. Attendance report. Standing rules will be published in program/report booklet. NARFE-PAC, Alzheimer's, Executive Director, memorial service. Friday...service benefits, federal employee benefits, financial planning, estate planning, Region V Vice President.

Klaege will prepare an itinerary and forward for review and comments.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Nancy C Stenger Federation Secretary