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Alice Stevens, Editor

Notes from the President

I hope you all are having a great summer. Outdoors is getting a little toasty these days but it hasn't stopped me from traveling and enjoying family. With all that, I did have time to review the NARFE National Convention, Resolutions. I thought I would give you my opinion of the resolutions and how I plan to vote with the proxy votes assigned to me.

I will reject any and all attempts to restrict the ability of the National Executive Board (NEB) or future Board of Directors (BD) to establish or eliminate a region (s). As printed in the convention resolution book. I will reject any resolution dealing with reducing the number of regions. As I see it, they are amendment resolutions 16-12, 16-13, 16-14, 16-15, 16-16 and 16-18, 16-19, 16-20. The convention bylaws committee may combine the submitted resolutions dealing with the number of regions into two convention resolutions.

I am not in favor of number 16-01. This resolution advocates increasing NARFE membership by expanding the eligibility requirements to allow current or former spouses, any children (natural and adopted) who are entitled to survivor benefits from any federal civilian retirement program, as well as any legally appointed caregiver or custodian of an eligible person to become a NARFE member. I see how this could be helpful but I do not see children or care givers participating in NARFE. Service Officer help has never been limiting before and should not need a bylaw change.

I recommend adopting Article 16-02. This resolution opens NARFE membership to retired U.S. military personnel. This is designed to increase NARFE membership and allow retired military access to civilian advocacy and increased congressional influence.

I will vote against Article 16-03. I do not agree with opening membership up to anyone. This resolution purports to provide a national definition of a "Social Membership." I reject 16-04. This appears to be another wording for 16-1. I reject Article 16-05 and Article 16-06 as well.

I also reject Article 16-07. This takes the decision making abilities that members have away from them. I recommend voting against Article 16-08 and Article 16-09. I also am opposed to Article 16-10. This takes away funding of Federations. I reject 16-11. Term limits provide an incentive and necessity for new persons to run for office. I will reject amendment 16-17 as well.

I will vote to adopt 16-21. NARFE members need to have an opportunity to review the agenda in advance. I would think that resolution 16-22 is not necessary. The only confidential meeting that should be allowed is the discussion of private personnel issues regarding individual employees or staff members. All other topics involve the association goals, mission, and other NARFE business should be available for witness by any NARFE member. Issues of audience disturbances, behavior, and interruptions can be handled at the time as well as permission for an audience member to speak to the board.

I am in favor of 16-23. This resolution would require the NEB meeting minutes to reflect each member's vote on any issue taken up at the meeting whether "Yea, Nay, or Abstain." This policy should be extended to any issue, not just policy, and consensus declarations should not be allowed. It is essential that we know how our elected members vote on every subject.

I am firmly opposed to 16-24 One-Member-One-Vote comes with a very large number of issues. Computer internet connectivity is spotty as best in several states/Regions. The NARFE membership in the Midwest, depend on their Federation/Chapters/Region Vice-President to inform them of important issues and keep them abreast of the legislative progress. These same members are very well represented by their Federation at National Conventions. If this Amendment is adopted, East and West cost members will control everything that is important to NARFE. Chapters will not be in the NARFE structure as it is now. (1 vote per 50 chapter members)

I will reject 16-25 Region Vice-presidents should be fairly compensated for the work and hours that they spend away from family. Why not have an

approved budget. VPs should again provide a budget to be approved and follow it.

Resolutions 16-26 is not needed with strong chapters and regions. The will accomplish more in keeping our legislatures apprised of NARFE issues.

Resolution 16-27 I believe is a local problem or state issue that would be addressed by chapters. I do not see the purpose for this resolution.

I will approve resolutions 16-28 through 16-33. I will wait for the convention to address 16-34 to 16-48.

If you have any concerns or questions feel free to contact me at (308) 672-3626 or email me at rmoore6@charter.net.

I will keep you informed.

Ronald W. Moore
Nebraska Federation President

Notes from the Alzheimer's Chairman

Many thanks to the chapters that contributed baskets for the May 2016 State Convention held in North Platte. The results are as follows:

CHAPTER	BASKET/ITEM	BID
Omaha 144	Garden Basket	47.00
Lincoln 199	Tupperware Set	23.00
	Tea & Scone Basket	20.00
Hastings 362	Candy Bouquet	26.00
Norfolk 1239	Emergency Kit	25.00
Omaha 1370	Candles & Cups Basket	17.00
	Snacks & Spices Basket	35.00
	Tree Oil Painting	27.00
	Smoothie Blender	30.00

Grand Island 1509	Snack Basket	25.00
Columbus 1902	Wine & Cheese Basket	25.00
	Chapter Donation Check	35.00
North Platte NE	Fruit & Snack Basket	13.00
	Individual Check Donation	30.00
	Total Raised	\$378.00

Kathy Wright
Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator

Notes from the District #2 Representative

District #2 was very well represented at the State Convention in North Platte in May. Thanks to all who took the time to attend.

Alice Stevens
District #2 Representative

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