

SC Federation of NARFE
June 14, 2017
Seawells Restaurant, Columbia, South Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Robert Shear.

Mr. Morgan Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shear noted that it was Flag Day; he read an excerpt from a speech given by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1942.

The members attending the meeting introduced themselves.

Mr. Harry Brown announced that a quorum was present.

President Shear read a letter from NARFE National President Richard Thiessen congratulating Larry Shaff for being selected as the South Carolina Service Officer of the Year.

Treasurer Kathy Hensley gave the end-of-the-year report for the Federation. She noted that having two state conventions in one calendar year led to higher-than normal expenses. She noted that the Federation will be receiving \$873.29 as the Federation's 25% share of the 2017 state convention profits.

Ms. Hensley noted the proposed budget will see additional funds for national members in South Carolina that are not chapter members. She noted that 10% of the \$40 annual membership dues goes to local chapters and 20% of the dues goes to the state federation.

In a discussion of the chapter liability insurance, Ms. Hare indicated that smaller chapters may have a problem paying the insurance premiums. Ms. Hensley replied that those chapters could apply for chapter support funds to assist with this problem.

Mr. Joe McCarty indicated there was a shortage of \$2700 due to the AV session expenses at the convention and the cost of the food for the convention lunch of the Executive Board.

A discussion of the process of obtaining chapter support funds for recruiting effort for members. The Federation needs two months prior notice to approve the funds and will need a follow-up report on the efforts. These funds can be used to pay for registration fees for the convention for new members.

A discussion was held concerning the possibility of mailing the newsletter electronically to members rather than a paper copy through the USPS. It was decided that there are too many members with incorrect or no email addresses to make this worthwhile.

Ms. Hensley mentioned that chapters were asked for information concerning the chapter bank accounts. She feels that National will be looking at each chapter.

Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the budget; Mr. Huiseman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The minutes of the March 27, 2017, Executive Board meeting were reviewed. Mr. Painter made a motion to accept the minutes; Ms. Gillentine seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

Ms. Robbie Ann White gave a report on the changes that needed to be made to the bylaws at the state federation and chapter levels. These changes are due to the one member/one vote idea and the optional chapter membership. The national secretary/treasurer is the approving authority for the state federation's bylaws.

Copies of the proposed state federation bylaws were distributed and reviewed. Several changes were proposed, discussed, and adopted. Mr. Painter made a motion to accept the bylaws with the approved changes; Ms. Gillentine seconded the motion. The motion was approved. It was noted that the bylaws should be electronically forwarded to the Region III Vice President Clarence Robinson for informational purposes and to the National Secretary/Treasurer for approval.

A template for chapter bylaws was distributed to all attendees. It was recommended that chapters adapt this template for their individual chapters. Once the changes have been made, each chapter should approve the changes. The new bylaws should then be forwarded to the Federation and Mr. Robinson. The bylaws should also be sent to the National Secretary/Treasurer for approval.

President Shear distributed and updated Executive Board roster. Ms. Hensley made a motion to approve the appointments to the roster; Mr. Huiseman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

It was announced that Myrtle Beach will host the 2018 State Convention. The dates will be March 26-28, 2018, at the Hilton Beach Resort Hotel. Mr. Shear announced that Jessica Klement, Bridget Bael, and Charis Farrell will give presentations from the national office. Ms. Barbara Sido, the new Executive Director of NARFE, will be Banquet Speaker. Mr. Hill will be chairperson of the Judy Kemp Award committee; Ms. Keepers will be the chairperson of the nominating committee. Mr. Shear announced the Board is looking for a volunteer chapter for the 2019 convention.

Mr. Shear indicated that individual officer reports will be placed on line.

Ms. Olivia Williams presented certificates to the Florence chapter for its efforts in raising funds for Alzheimer's.

Mr. John Geiger reported that Representative Mark Sanford is on the Congressional Budget Committee and Senator Lindsay Graham is on the Senate Committee.

Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Huiseman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Currie, Secretary

Attachments