

**SC Federation of NARFE**  
**September 28, 2017**  
**Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am by President Robert Shear.

After a brief discussion, it was announced that a quorum was present.

Mr. Shear led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence and reminded us to think of Puerto Rico. Following this, he reminded everyone to keep NARFE's FEEA disaster relief needs in mind.

Mr. Shear welcomed everyone. The members attending the session introduced themselves.

Ms. Kathleen Hensley gave the treasurer's report as of August 31, 2017. After presenting the figures for the revised budget, Mr. Ernest Williams asked if the increase in the amount of the 10% reimbursement was due to the increase in the national-only membership. Ms. Hensley indicated that it was. The treasurer's report and revised budget were approved.

Ms. Hensley distributed the requests for reimbursement forms to members attending the meeting. She reminded everyone that mileage reimbursement was limited to \$100.00.

The 2018 SC Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach again. Mr. Shear indicated that they are hoping to obtain sponsorships from large corporations to help defray some of the costs. He is looking for volunteers to contact firms for a point of contact. During the discussion, it was noted that there may be budgetary restrictions on firms donating and that we should send out requests as soon as possible to allow potential sponsors to budget for the event. It was also suggested that we could ask for sponsorship of meals and/or coffee breaks during the conference.

Mr. Shear raised the federation's checkbook balance. He proposed using some of the state funds to help members attend the 2018 conference. He indicated that the current registration fee was \$75; the hotel rate will be about \$104 plus tax/night. It was suggested reducing the registration fee for first-time attendees. Ms. Hensley indicated that having different registration amounts would make it very confusing. It was also suggested to give a "block grant" of money to chapters and letting the chapters decide how they want to spend it.

Ms. Hensley made a motion to form a committee to explore the ideas presented. Mr. Joe McCarty, Mr. Bob Huisman, and Mr. Harry Brown volunteered to be on the committee. They will evaluate ways to use \$2000 to increase membership attendance at the 2018 conference. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Williams reported that the NARFE PAC wants to raise \$1.5 million for the current election cycle (1/1/2017-12/31/201). For South Carolina, this would mean a goal of \$15,861. Ms. Robbie Ann White suggested rounding this off to \$16,000. Mr. Williams made a motion to set this as our goal; Mr. McCarty seconded the motion. The motion was passed. It was suggested that we have a PAC and FEEA display at the conference and that we highlight these causes at the chapter level as well.

Mr. Shear announced that Jessica Klement and Bridget Boel will be speakers at the conference and will be using “go-to-meeting” technology to give their presentations. Ms. Barbara Sido, the new Executive Director for NARFE, will be our banquet speaker.

It was mentioned that coffee breaks were requested by attendees at last year’s conference. They are currently not in the proposal for the conference. We will also need additional IT support and a laptop to work with the hotel’s IT department to enable the “go-to-meeting” presentations.

The election of the new federation officers was officers. The procedural guidelines indicate that the Nominating Committee comes up with the slate by December 2017. This slate is sent out to all members. There will be a one-page ballot in the January newsletter that will be sent to everyone’s mailing address. The ballots will need to be mailed back within 30 days. Ms. White indicated that there will need to be a teller committee to count the ballots and announce the results at the 2018 conference. Mr. Shear indicated that the teller committee will need three people to receive the ballots and provide the tally. Ms. Pat Whitely volunteered to be the chair of the committee. Mr. Frank Painter and Mr. Gail Peapples will also be on the committee.

It was noted that there are no entrée choices for the national conference’s banquet menu. It was suggested that we do this for our state conference as well. This would make it easier and cheaper for the hotel to provide the meal. Mr. McCarty recommended leaving this decision to the conference committee.

It was announced that we are hoping for at least 100 attendees at the conference as well as 100 room nights. The hotel is offering members the same rate for earlier and later days if any member would like to extend their stay at the hotel.

Mr. Shear asked chapters to consider hosting the 2019 conference. Hilton Head indicated that it would be too expensive to host the conference at their location. Ms. Hensley announced that NARFE is sponsoring a competition for new members. National is awarding a \$10 finders fee for new members through the end of the year. It was suggested that we could post letters at libraries and senior centers explaining the goals of the organization and inviting potential members to attend.

Mr. Morgan Hill will be the chairperson of the Judy Kemp Award committee.

Mr. Painter asked that all members be given Ms. Baptiste’s address and encouraged to contribute to the FEEA fund.

Ms. Olivia Williams asked that we consider going more to honor deceased members at the conference

Mr. Peapples asked if other chapters were experiencing difficulties with the NARFE Credit Union and chapter accounts.

Ms. Williams announced that the new goal for the “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” is \$100,000.

Mr. Ray Jensen has completed the audit of the federation financial accounts and reported that the books are in excellent shape.

Our next meeting will be at the conference in Myrtle Beach in March 2018

Mr. Painter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Currie, Secretary