



**Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters
61st Annual Post-Convention Meeting
Ramada Inn Downtown Topeka KS
Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

President Blythe called the meeting to order at 10:23 am in the Mansion Dining Room at the Ramada Inn Downtown, Topeka, Kansas.

Roll call of members was taken by Gwen Ketter, Secretary:

Present: Cindy Renee` Blythe, Federation President
Elizabeth Bornman, 1st Vice-President
Rita Dawson, 2nd Vice President
Gwen Ketter, Secretary
Louis Bornman, Area 1 Vice President & National Legislative Chair
Judy Etter, Area 1A Vice President & Membership Chair
Sylvia Riepen, Area 2 Vice President
Gary Kilgore, Area 2A Vice President
John Ourada, Area 3 Vice President
Gene Algrim, Area 4 Vice President
Ronald Katt, Area 5 Vice President
Joanne Miller, Alzheimer's Chair
James F. Miller, State Legislative Chair
James E. Dodd, NARFE-Net / Historian
Harold Klaege, Area 3 Vice President & Service Officer
Carol R. Ek, Region V Vice-President
Tom Huntzinger, NARFE PAC Chair

Not Present:

Rebecca Rodgers, Treasurer
Robert Cranmer, Immediate Past President
Charles Waknitz, Area 6 Vice President Elect

Gwen will order name tags for the newly elected officers.

Federation Travel Expense – President Cindy Renee' Blythe addressed the mileage issue for newly elected Federation Board members. Cindy advised that the voucher form to submit was on the Kansas NARFE website. Cindy indicated that the newly elected officers are entitled to be reimbursed for the mileage (\$.40 per mile) in traveling to their homes, toll fees and lunch en-route back home, if not provided by the Federation. Cindy also addressed submitting claims for other convention expenses (\$100 for officers attending) and that voucher forms needed to be submitted at least quarterly. Send your Vouchers to Rebecca Rodgers.

June Executive Board Meeting: Executive Board Meeting will be held in Topeka at Aldersgate on June 6th at 9:00 am. Jim Miller will check on the meal and let Cindy know.

2017 State convention - we will be discussing this at the June Meeting. Think about a convention location. Judy asked if we have to hold the convention at a hotel and Carol stated that it is best to hold the meeting at the same place where people are staying to cut down on loss of attendance. In order to hold the convention in a smaller location we would have to adjust the format. Cindy stated the Convention Business is directed by the bylaws. No where is it written about having specific meetings. Right now Sunday is not drawing many people to attend. We need to give thoughts about the 2017 meeting at the Executive Board meeting in June. We do know that Credentials need to be assigned to a specific person for the convention.

Tom Huntzinger stated that PAC donations doubled from last year's total.

The executive committee discussed several issues about the convention format and things that we might want to change in future conventions.

Carol Ek reminded us to do due diligence on keeping informed about what the National Office is doing through Strategic Planning. If you have an issue that you address to the committee, please copy Carol so she is kept informed on your opinions. They are looking at doing away with mandatory chapter membership. National Office will stop collecting dues for chapter membership and local chapters will have to collect their own. Right now recruited members pay \$40 - committee members believe the membership is dropping because of chapter dues. Committee members want to dissolve the Federation and have a Congressional District Leader (CDL) in each state. They feel each state needs a PAC Chair, Treasurer and CDL. The CDLs would then elect a Leader amongst them to be the liaison with the National Organization.

In other words NARFE as we know it will be gone - as Jim Dodd says NARFE will become an AARP.

Cindy wants us to look with our local chapters at the FON Report or Strategic Planning Report proposals. We need to let our voices be heard. As we have heard a lot this weekend - Silence is acceptance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gwendolyn Ketter

Secretary, Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters