

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS



NARFE IS THE CHAMPION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Executive Board Meeting
Jackson, Mississippi
June 7, 2001

President, Viola Harrison, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Sun-N-Sand Motel in Jackson, MS.

Randall Johnson gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.

Past President, Mary Sindors, swore in two new representatives who were not at the State Convention held in Gulfport in May 2001. They were:

Tucker Russell, District 1
William Litwiller, District 5

The President made a few opening remarks. Her main goal for this next year will be to increase membership. She wants to have a committee in every district and the State Membership Chairman will be in charge of this. Her second goal is the Leadership Training Programs in three sections of the State which will give members a choice of attending in their area. She will appoint a task force to come up with training. The February meeting at the AG Museum was outstanding. The speakers were the best and those in charge must be complimented on a great meeting. She also wants to continue the NARFE Newsletter. It keeps us in touch with chairmen, members, and all the news that is important to us. The Alzheimer's Research project has been very successful in the State and we want to continue. The new Chairman has chaired this program before and will do a great job. She looks forward to working with all.

The President asked each person in attendance to stand and introduce themselves, their title, and what they hoped to accomplish during the next year. This was done.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2001, Executive Committee. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was distributed. As the Treasurer was not present, and no corrections were noted, the report was placed on file.

The President announced the Chairmanship of the Committees except for a few that she had not been able to reach. A list is attached.

Tom Price discussed that the Miss. State Alzheimer's Association has expressed an interest in presentation to this body. A lengthy discussion followed and it was the consensus of opinion that the organization apparently wants help in organizing their chapters and also that they wanted money. The money that we raise is sent to National for

Alzheimer's research and we will not be sending money to the State organization. Tom will find out a little more about this.

The Past President, Mary Sindors, addressed the fact that there is no money in the budget for reimbursement for this meeting. The Treasurer has recommended that we approve a motion authorizing the Treasurer to expend funds not-to-exceed the June 7 meeting and a check will be mailed to participants at a later date. A motion was made and seconded to continue the budget for 2001 to 2002 as it was for the past year. Motion carried. Participants were advised to turn in their expense sheets and the Treasurer will send out checks at a later time. The Treasurer will prepare a budget for next year and present at the October meeting.

The President asked if everyone had read the minutes of the convention and if anyone had any corrections. Mr. Tom Price commended the Secretary for keeping detailed notes and getting them out at an appropriate time. The President commented that her plan was to have the minutes prepared within a few days and sent out to all the chapters. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the State Convention be approved as written. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Alzheimer's Chairman, Tom Price, presented his report. His hope is to have 100% participation from all chapters. He felt that this was the only record that we could beat from last year. He asked John Clark to make a report for last year since he was the Acting Chairman. The latest information is that we have passed the \$4 million goal by \$24,219.83. The new goal is \$5 million by 2005. At the rate we are going, we will have the \$5 million a long time before 2005.

District 2 Representative, Opal Anderson-Smith, presented her report. She attended two meetings at the Vicksburg chapter. That chapter had 23% participation at their February meeting. The Chair of the Calling Committee and committee members were congratulated for doing such a good job. They have been offered an office with a computer with free Internet access and they are asking for volunteers to staff this office. She expressed disappointment that neither the Greenville nor Grenada Chapters attended the Convention after many calls to these chapters.

District 3 Representative, Milo Burnham, presented his report. He commented that next year we would have three training sessions because the one training session held in February was not believe to be successful. He did participate in the training session by presenting a program on the Service Benefit Plan. As a result of that he was invited to present a program on the Service Benefit Plan at a training session in District 1 in Corinth in May. He also visited the Boyd-Oliver Chapter in March.

2nd Vice President, Noel Sumrall, gave his report on his recent Washington trip. He presented his report to the Convention and had nothing further to report. He really enjoyed the second Legislative Conference he had been to which is held every two years right after the National Convention. Tom Davis, District 8, Virginia representative in Congress spoke and he supports us on most issues. He has introduced some our programs to Congress as bills. They broke up into four groups and they were very informative. Joe Scarborough, R-Fla, Chairman of the House Civil Service Subcommittee will be resigning from Congress in September and will probably be replaced by Ron Lewis, R-KY. Scarborough's major accomplishments were passage last year of measures creating the upcoming Federal

long-term care program and addressing the problem of employees being enrolled in the wrong retirement system. He has also conducted oversight of benefit programs, in particular the Federal Employees Health Benefits program. It was felt that the Senate shift to Democrats being in the majority should have relatively little impact on how the main committee handles Federal employee and retiree issues since the committee has a history of bi-partisanship on civil service issues. Several possible shifts of chairmanships were discussed among them were Governmental Affairs panel's Subcommittee on Federal Services, Government Management Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, and the Treasury-Postal Subcommittee.

NARFE/FEEA Disaster and Scholarship Funds Chairman, Helen Thomas, gave her report. She stated that there will be five \$1000.00 scholarships given in each region in 2001. She urged each District Representative to promote the NARFE Scholarship Fund to gain memberships. She thinks it is a good tool to use and would like to see a NARFE/FEEA Scholarship and Disaster Fund person in each chapter. There was a scholarship given last year to a grandchild of a member in the Hattiesburg chapter.

Old business:

Past President, Mary G. Sinderson, discussed the voting procedures from the past convention. For the second year, there were standing rules for the convention which was a learning experience for all of us. Last year, a committee was appointed to draft the standing rules and they were approved. There were a couple of areas in which the Past President had some grave reservations and which have been addressed in letters by Tom Price, Nancy Litwiller, from the Hattiesburg chapter, and also in the report from the convention from the Hattiesburg chapter. Our bylaws state that each chapter shall have 1 vote per 10 members. A plan had been devised whereby there would have been a role call and one person from each chapter would give the votes for and/or against an action. But the standing rules stated that only those members present could vote on any matter brought before the convention for the first time. The chapters were disenfranchised because the report on the nominating committee was presented to the convention for the first time and not to the chapters prior to the convention. Also there were nominations from the floor which could not have been presented to the chapters prior to the convention. All of the proxies were lost. The Past President has been asked by the President to chair the Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee for the next convention. Rules must follow the Bylaws. This committee will be composed of Dave Myers, Tom Price and Tom Loftin in addition to Mary Sinderson. They will be looking very carefully at various areas of voting, the bylaws, and the standing rules for the past two years, they will be coming up with resolutions as far as bylaws are concerned.

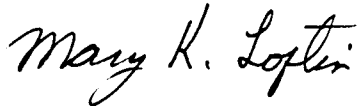
The meeting was adjourned for lunch until 12:30 p.m.

The Past-President continued with a discussion regarding the Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee. The Committee will meet in July and just before or just after the October 11 meeting. There will be something for consideration at the February meeting and as soon after the Executive Board acts, the recommendations will go out to the chapters for consideration before the convention. There followed a long discussion regarding voting, secret ballots, votes for past federation officers, etc. The President mentioned that there would be a Region 3 Conference October 1-3, 2001, in Columbus, GA. The next board meeting will be October 11 in Jackson. The Secretary was appointed to locate a new place to meet for this meeting.

John Clark read from the roster from last year had a document called Policies for Fiscal Year 2001 "Host Chapters may encourage and authorize chapter members to attend business meetings of the Federation Convention only when the chapter has 100% of their authorized delegates paid at the convention." The current bylaws say, "Any member in good standing and his or her guests may attend the business meetings and the banquet but is not entitled to a vote. He stated when the Policy Statement is done for the next convention, the two paragraphs beginning "Host chapter may only send..." Should be deleted. He will give the information to the Secretary.

The Past President thanked all of the past officers and committee chairmen and all of those who helped her.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



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