

MISSISSIPPI STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS, INC. NARFE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 1998
SUN AND SAND MOTEL, JACKSON, MS.

President Jack Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:30 A. M. In the absence of Chaplain Jim Yonge, John Koons gave the invocation. Sergeant-at-Arms David Myers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board accepted the minutes of the June 11, 1998, executive board meeting as written. Present for the meeting:

Jack H. Thomas, President
Helen M. Nixon, First Vice President
Helen Thomas, Secretary
Aubrey W. Milstead, District 1
Joseph P. Perry, District 2
John A. Koons, District 3
Randall Johnson, District 4
John Clark, Alzheimer's
David H. Myers, Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms

In the absence of Treasurer Roy Stewart, President Thomas gave the written report the treasurer had sent. The summary for 6/12/98 through 9/29/98 is:

State Federation Funds	\$ 8,874.19
National 10% Funds	8,167.26
Total Cash on hand 9/29/98	\$17,041.45

The Mississippi NARFE Convention Fund Report is as follows:

Balance on 6/11/98	\$1,892.05
Total Disbursements	1,692.05
Total Convention Cash on Hand 9/29/98	200.00

His reports are on file in their entirety.

President Jack Thomas gave an overview on the National Convention held in Orlando, FL, on September 13 through 17, 1998. He named the new national officers elected at the convention, discussed increasing membership, and reminded everyone that November is Alzheimer's month. His full report is attached to the original minutes.

Second Vice President Mary Sindors was unable to attend the meeting due to the hurricane on the coast. She mailed her report on constitution and bylaws to the President and President Thomas read the report to the board. This report is dealing with transfer of records and materials to incoming officers in a timely manner and policies for record keeping. At this time this information was only for critique and suggestions. The complete report is attached to the original minutes.

President Jack Thomas reported on federal legislation relating to FEHBP-MSAs. He discussed Senate bill #2330 which is opposed by NARFE because it does include some MSA provisions. This legislation needs to be observed very closely.

Alzheimer's Chair John Clark reported on all contributions for Alzheimer's for the State of Mississippi for 1997-98, was \$17,562.71. He had corresponded with all chapters asking each chapter to increase their giving to Alzheimer's by \$100.00 in order to reach a goal of \$20,000.00 for 1998-99. He reported that some chapters had already sent in more money for this year than they had given in 1997-98. He also reminded everyone that all Alzheimer's donations should be sent to him as the State Chair and not to National.

Several suggestions were discussed for donations for Alzheimer's. John Clark gave the idea of giving a donation to Alzheimer's and the chapter then sending a Christmas card to the person of the choice of the giver of the donation. Jack Thomas told about making garbage racks and selling them with the profit going to Alzheimer's and having a beanie baby raffle in November. John Koons told about his chapter having a quilt raffle with a consolation prize of \$100 savings bond, having a garage sale.

First Vice President Helen Nixon reported on sending letters to Senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran on older persons having to pay the universal and carrier line fees of \$1.78 on their telephones. They had replied. Senator Cochran had sponsored the bill. A letter was also sent to Roger Wicker on the same subject. No state legislation was reported.

Helen Nixon reported that Bill McLaughlin was in charge of the Mississippi Federation Convention to be held in Hattiesburg in the year 2000.

Aubrey W. Milstead, District 1 Representative, gave his report and stated that he plans to Jacinto Chapter, November 19, to install officers and to attend the N.E. Mississippi (Tupelo) Chapter meeting on December 14, to install officers.

He reported the District 1 Training Seminar will be held on Monday, January 4, 1999, at the Downtown Inn on North Lamar in Oxford. The meeting will begin at 9:30 A. M. and conclude at 2:30 P.M.

Joe Perry, District 2 Representative, reported that Greenwood Chapter No. 1702 is in the process of being closed out. He reported on the final meeting of the chapter with President Thomas and

Helen Thomas, Federation Secretary, and one member from the Greenwood Chapter. The chapter agreed to close the chapter and assign the members to the nearest chapter. President Thomas presided over the meeting and is in the process of making the final recommendations to National.

Joe Perry reported that Greenville, Vicksburg, and Grenada Chapters had given \$395.00 to Alzheimer's. The district has about 385 members with about 25% of members attending meetings. He reported that Vicksburg Chapter sent four (4) delegates to the National Convention and Proxy votes were sent for Grenada, Greenville and Greenwood chapters.

Joe Perry stated that Clarksdale does not pay state dues. It was noted there was a need to check on the Tupelo Chapter to determine if their state dues had been paid.

John Koons, District 3 Representative, noted that he had mailed a letter to each chapter President in June advising them of his selection as their district representative. He advised that he would like to meet with each chapter during the current year. He reported that he and President Thomas had met with the Macon chapter in July and they had sixteen members present. He and President Thomas are scheduled to meet with the Boyd Oliver chapter on October 29. He is scheduled to visit East Central on November 5.

Randall Johnson, District 4 Representative, reported that Copiah County Chapter #2239 has been closed. Strong River Chapter 1572 has contributed more to Alzheimer's in the last two months than all of last year's total. He and his wife visited North Jackson Chapter 1572 on September 29. He gave a report on the National Convention and presented NARFE Distinguished Service Awards to those who were unable to be present at the Federation Convention. He also gave a report on the National Convention at his home chapter, South Jackson Chapter 247. He stressed Alzheimer's Fund.

It was announced by John Koons that the Boyd Oliver Chapter 2021 will now meet on the second Wednesday at 11:00 A. M. at the Hitching Rail in Carthage at the intersection of Highway 25 and 35. There will not be a December meeting.

There was much discussion concerning all the internal workings in the national office of NARFE. Some of the things discussed was slow response time if any response, wrong chapters assigned to people, not changing officer records along with other matters. With the election of new officers it was agreed that perhaps we would begin to see some changes there.

President Thomas noted a letter from the Senior Market Expo requesting the Mississippi Federation's participation in the 1999 Expo. The cost has increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per table plus an additional charge for electrical outlets. Helen Nixon made the motion that the Federation not participate in the Senior Expo. The motion was seconded and passed.

John Clark, Alzheimer's Chair, had written to President Thomas concerning awards for chapters that give a large amount of money and at least \$10.00 per member. David Myers made the motion to give a certificate and cash award of \$100.00 to the three chapters this year to be awarded at the District Training Sessions. In the future the cost should not exceed \$500.00. In the future use all the funds up to April 30 to determine the future award winners and these to be awarded at the Federation Convention. Motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was the criteria would be that the chapters would give at least \$1,000.00 and \$10.00 per member to Alzheimer's to be eligible for an award. Also the chapters this year would be the three chapters John Clark named in his letter consisting of Lowndes County Chapter 1388, Hattiesburg Chapter 670, and Starkville Chapter 968.

Randall Johnson suggested it would be good if ideas for chapters to generate funds for Alzheimer's. It was suggested maybe the district representatives could get ideas in their districts and report these.

The motion was made by Joe Perry for David Myers to purchase **A ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, REVISED** for the Mississippi and be reimbursed for the cost by the Federation. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Thomas brought to everyone's attention the GEICO Award and discussed this award. He stated that Jack Kean was getting information out to each chapter on this award.

The following dates and places were announced for the district training:

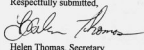
January 4, 1999	Oxford, Downtown Inn, District 1
January 5, 1999	Grenada Holiday Inn, District 2
January 6, 1999	Lake Tiak-O-Kata, District 3
January 7, 1999	Jackson, Sun and Sand, District 4
January 8, 1999	To Be Announced, District 5

All reports are on file in their entirety with the original minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Benediction was given by Jack Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Thomas, Secretary
Mississippi Federation