

**NARFE TENNESSEE FEDERATION BOARD MEETING
Jackson, Tennessee**

April 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Carey Frazier, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on April 20, 2009, and led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced David Snell, Director of Retirement Benefit Services Department, and Gene Carpenter, Sevierville Chapter, host for next year's Convention. Carey also recognized Paul Carew, our Region X Vice-President.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY SECRETARY

Vivian Fivecoat, Secretary, did a roll call. The following Executive Board Members and visitors were present at roll call:

Carey Frazier, President
John Shannon, 1st Vice-President
Larry Cunningham, 2nd Vice-President
John Wells, 3rd Vice-President
Vivian Fivecoat, Secretary
Marie Anglin, Treasurer
Matt Bauer, Legislative Chairman
J. C. Whitney, Membership Chairman
John T. Hicks, Immediate Past President
Glenda Huff, Financial Secretary
Glenn Turner, NARFE PAC Chairman
Max Coats, Newsletter Editor
Lynda LeMay, Recording Secretary
Ronnie Collins, Network Coordinator

Paul Carew, Region X Vice-President
David Snell, National Director of Retirement Benefit Services Department
Gene Carpenter, Sevierville Chapter

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Carey Frazier moved that the minutes of the previous meeting of February 19-20, 2009, not be read because everyone received a copy of the final minutes, and they were reviewed and approved. J. C. Whitney made the motion, and Glenn Turner seconded the motion.

Carey Frazier, Federation President, suggested reading of individual reports of officers be waived as they will be given at the Convention site. It was so agreed.

REPORT FROM DAVID SNELL, DIRECTOR OF RETIREMENT BENEFIT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

David Snell, National Director of Retirement Benefit Services Department, spoke on the importance of the Service Department. The first National Recognition Award Program for Service Officers has been awarded. A blog has been created where Service Officers can post news and information relevant to all Service Officers – SOBB (Service Officer Bulletin Board), phone number (703) 838-7760 and email RETBENEFITS@NARFE.ORG.

David Snell added that the NARFE F-100, “Be Prepared for Life’s Events,” is a good reference pamphlet to be used as a guide to apply for survivor benefits.

Mr. Snell’s presentation at the Convention can be referred to for further information.

PAUL CAREW, REGION X VICE-PRESIDENT

Paul Carew, Region X Vice-President, spoke about the proposed referendum on unified dues, our Legislative successes, and NARFE’s future.

Mr. Carew said he supported Mr. Snell’s suggestion that we have Service Officers, and that unified dues were on schedule for the Convention.

Paul Carew’s presentation at the Convention can be referred to for further information.

GENE CARPENTER, SEVIERVILLE CHAPTER

Gene Carpenter, Sevierville Chapter, spoke on the plans for the 2010 Convention. The following has been accomplished for the Convention in 2010. It is to be held April 2010 at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, Oak Tree Lodge, Parkway between Sevierville and Pigeon Forge. They have a meeting room. Lodging cost will be \$45 for single during a week day, and \$55 during a weekend. A room with a king-sized bed is \$55 Monday-Friday, and \$75 for the weekend.

There will be a banquet at a maximum cost of \$25. We would like to welcome everyone to the Convention in 2010.

JOHN SHANNON PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT AT THE SITE OF THE CONVENTION

MATT BAUER PROVIDED A REPORT OF THE FEDERATION LEGISLATIVE CHAIRPERSON (ATTACHED).

Carey Frazier said he attended the Legislative Training in Arlington, Virginia, at his own expense. The high point was hearing Headquarters reports. Carey was very impressed with the talks given by Dan Aycok and Jill Crissman. Both were excellent. He was of the complete opinion that NARFE Headquarters is doing everything possible to make good things happen. Attending Legislative Training was a very positive experience.

J. C. WHITNEY PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON (ATTACHED).

Two chapters have been identified that are not showing up on the website, Donelson and Music City Chapter. Investigation should be done to find out why these two Chapters are not on the website.

Tennessee lost 29 members the month of March, our total now is 4,468 members. NARFE lost 2,672 members for the month of March. John Shannon asked how many potential members of NARFE there were in the state of Tennessee. The National magazine puts out potential members once per year, and felt that we should be contacting those people. Carey Frazier said we need someone to contact these potential members.

J. C. Whitney said that he went through every M-112 for the month of March. Out of the 29 losses, 11 were deceased, 14 were transferred to another Chapter, which only leaves 4 that could have been contacted.

Vivian Fivecoat suggested that FED WEEK is a good place to see how many retirees there are in the Federal government. Carey Frazier said this is a mailing sent out by OPM. Vivian Fivecoat added that Fort Campbell has a lot of avenues.

J. C. Whitney said if we don't start working on retention, we are going to continue going downhill on our membership totals.

Carey Frazier said that J. C. Whitney is very involved and thanked him for his work.

VIVIAN FIVECOAT, FEDERATION SECRETARY, REFERRED HER REPORT UNTIL THE NEXT DAY AT THE CONVENTION.

MARIE ANGLIN, TREASURER, PRESENTED THE TREASURY BUDGET REPORTS (ATTACHED).

This is a quarterly report.

January 1 \$27,995.45
National Dues Rebate 10% - \$2,697.24
Per Capita Dues - \$14,654.00

When the budget is done in August, Marie asked everyone to think about what you want to do with it.

The Legislative expenses were not included because expense reports were not received until April 1, and it takes time for it to get around.

In addition to the total expenses, the Legislative Training will show \$6,948.21.

RONNIE COLLINS DID NOT HAVE A REPORT OF THE NETWORK COORDINATOR.

GLENN TURNER PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE NARFE PAC CHAIRPERSON (ATTACHED).

A memorandum was received from NARFE Headquarters on PAC receipts and disbursements, January 1-March 31, 2009. Region X contributions for January-March are \$7,644.00. We have PAC pins that will be given to anyone who contributes at least \$20 to NARFE-PAC.

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Carey Frazier said tomorrow will be a busy day. There are three contested positions on the Federation Board and six resolutions to be voted on as to changing the bylaws of our State Constitution. We may or may not have a Board meeting afterwards. Carey thanked all the Board members for their work this past year and thanked both David Snell and Paul Carew for being present.

No more business came before the Board, and the Board meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Minutes Prepared by
Lynda LeMay, Recording Secretary

Legislative Report:

1. On August 19, 2008 I visited the NARFE Cookeville Chapter in Cookeville, TN and attended their monthly chapter meeting.
2. On August 13, 2008 I visited the NARFE Hendersonville Chapter in Hendersonville, TN and attended the monthly chapter meeting.
3. This past August was "Meet Your Candidates" month. A meeting was held with Jim Cooper of the 5th Congressional District. NARFE members were present from Nashville, Donelson, Murfreesboro, Dickson and Clarksville. Another meeting was held with Randy Morris who ran against Marsha Blackburn of the 7th Congressional District. NARFE members present were from the Nashville and Clarksville chapters.
4. The 30th Biennial National Convention was held September 7-12 in Louisville, Ky. Delegates approved NARFE's Legislative Program for the 111th Congress (2009-2010), which reaffirms the association's commitment to preserving the earned economic and health security of federal annuitants and workers and support legislation which would allow federal and military retirees to pay for their share of health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars and legislation which would repeal or reform the unfair and arbitrary Social Security Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).
5. A Legislative Training Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. March 7 -9, 2009. Six NARFE members attended the training from the 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th Congressional Districts. Their newly acquired knowledge will be shared with their respective chapter members.

Matt Bauer
Federation Legislative Chairperson

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TN FED MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS TAKEN 15 Apr 09

1) 24 - 25 Feb 09 - Attended the regular NARFE Monthly Meeting of Chapter 78, Memphis, on Tuesday, 24 Feb 09. I attended this meeting along with President Carey Frazier plus six local NARFE Members. On Wednesday, 25 Feb 09, Carey and I conducted a Recruitment Seminar at the Bankruptcy Court Building; downtown Memphis. This seminar was attended by 17 local people, in and around Memphis, and also was connected via teleconferencing to Jackson, Tn. (at the Bankruptcy Building there).

2) Wrote a paper entitled "What is NARFE and What Does it do For You". The purpose of the paper is to explain a little more about NARFE and how the TN Federation is set up in conjunction with NARFE National. I envision it being read at regular NARFE Monthly Meeting, occasionally, especially when there are new members and/or guests in attendance. I e-mailed a copy to all TN Fed Officers and Chapter Presidents and received some very complementary responses. (Copy can be provided).

3) Answered the infamous "White Paper" that was sent out by NARFE Hq as a referendum to establish one common dues of \$40.00. My e-mail provided a break down of all 38 Tn Chapters and how much their dues would be increased if the referendum were enacted. Mr. John Clements, Director of Membership Development answered this first e-mail. I replied to his answer and did not receive any further answers. (Copies of e-mails can be provided).

4) Accepted the position of Membership Committee Chairperson for the TN State Convention on 20 - 21 April as appointed by President Carey Frazier. Contacted all 10 people that were assigned to the Committee and prepared 15 sets of Membership Handouts for all that may attend.

5) Identified two Chapters that do not show up when a chapter search by state is done via the NARFE Website. These two chapters are Donelson, 1576, and Music City, 2353. I sent two e-mails attempting to find out why they did not appear but as of this writing I still have not received an answer, and they STILL do not appear when a chapter search is done by state. (Copies of e-mails can be provided).

6) Membership Totals: We lost 29 members for the month of March and that

leaves us a grand total of 4468 members here in Tennessee. NARFE National reported a loss of 4,010 members for the first three months of 2009 (Jan, Feb, and Mar). For the same three months in 2008, they reported losses of 3,672 members. I believe we're going in the wrong direction.

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Tennessee Federation Financial Report

Quarter Ending March 31, 2009
By Marie Anglin, Treasurer

Beginning Balance - Checking Account 1/1/2009 \$ 27,995.45

REVENUES

National Dues Rebate - 10% Fund	\$	14,654.60	<i>2,697.24</i>
Interest in Checking	\$	0.83	
Per Capita Dues	\$	2,697.24	<i>14,654.00</i>

Total Revenue \$ 17,352.07

Total To Be Accounted For

LESS EXPENSES:

Vouchers	\$	5,475.99	
Newsletter Expenses	\$	1,552.61	
Blue Table Coverings (for displays)	\$	458.20	
Meeting Room Expense	\$	172.13	
Weida White Award	\$	41.72	

Total Disbursed \$ 7,700.65

Ending Cash Balance - Checking Account- 3/31/2009 \$ 37,646.87

CD's US Bank			
Account Ending-5601	\$	3,321.44	
Account Ending-4540	\$	3,308.71	
Interest Earned on CD's not matured	\$	109.30	
Total Assets	\$	44,386.32	

April 16, 2009

SUBJECT: PAC Report

TO: Members of the NARFE Tennessee Federation Executive Board

Chapter 1719, Crossville is once again the recipient of the Leo Potts PAC award with a per capita contribution of \$7.92. Next was chapter 2133, Franklin County with a per capita contribution of \$6.63. Next was chapter 1576, Donelson with a per capita contribution of \$6.38.

Congratulations to these chapters for their support of our NARFE Political Action Committee. This award recognizes the chapter in Tennessee that has contributed the most per capita to our NARFE-PAC fund for the previous year.

This award is in memory of Leo Potts who was a member of the Donelson chapter and was our NARFE-PAC coordinator for many years.

For the period January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009 contributions have totaled \$52,570.26. In Tennessee 26 chapters have contributed \$997.00 for the 1st quarter of this year. Region X (KY, NC, TN, VA, & WV) has contributed \$7,644.00.

We have the new NARFE-PAC pins for 2009-2010 and will be given to anyone who contributes at least \$20.00 to our NARFE-PAC. Of course we will be happy to accept any amount. We will have a table set up at this convention to accept contributions.

Please support our NARFE-PAC and help get the word out that giving helps protect our earned benefits. With all of the economic upheaval and budget deficits our country faces it becomes ever more important that we maintain our political stature on Capitol Hill.

Glenn Turner
NARFE-PAC Coordinator