



TENNESSEE FEDERATION

FEDERATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR September 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order by president Baker at 0138 pm. This was a virtual meeting held via ZOOM.

Roll Call by Secretary Powers:

• President	A. Wayne Baker	Present
• First Vice-President	Billy (BJ) Godwin	Present
• Second Vice-President	vacant	n/a
• Third Vice-President	vacant	n/a
• Secretary	Timothy Powers	Present
• Treasurer	Norris Alderson	Present
• Legislative Chairman	vacant	n/a
• Membership Chairman	Rhonda Mooney	Present
• Immediate Past President	Ed Evans	Absent
• Alzheimer's Chairman	vacant	n/a
• NARFE-PAC Chairman	vacant	n/a
• Newsletter Editor	vacant	n/a
• Network Coordinator	Ronnie Collins	Absent
• Service Officer	vacant	n/a
• State Legislative Officer	vacant	n/a
• Public Relations Officer	vacant	n/a
• Special Project Officer	vacant	n/a

Others Present: Region X vice president (RVP) Bill Shackelford

President Baker stated the purpose of this meeting is to decide what we are going to talk about next week at the joint Federation board and chapter presidents meeting which is the future of the federation.

President Baker reported 9 of 21 chapters have responded on query on the status and health of their chapters.

Discussion of the Federation annual meeting followed. After input for board members, President Baker decided that a virtual meeting is the only feasible way to hold the meeting. Participation may be extremely limited, and scope of meeting should be scaled back.

The federation bylaws require an annual meeting. President Baker commented virtual seems to be way to go. After a discussion of experiences of chapters and other federations, President Baker declared Zoom is our only choice now.

President Baker lamented lack of members willing to serve as federation officers. He received feedback from one of the chapter presidents who said lack of a newsletter was the problem. Another suggested we pay a newsletter editor. President Baker will seek solution to this.

The situation of Crossville Cumberland county chapter was discussed. The chapter claims they have closed, but we have not received any paperwork. President Baker will get in touch with the chapter to determine what to do.

It was stated that members without computer access can phone into the meeting and participate.

President Baker committed to prepare and distribute the agenda for the joint meeting.

President Baker stated one item for the agenda is his proposal to take all to national membership in Tennessee. Another item for discussion is the federation meeting next year. Chapter presidents will also be asked to encourage members to help the federation.

Membership Chair Mooney recalled that one purpose of the joint meeting was to ask the presidents what the federation could do to help them out.

President Baker will compile survey results and determine if any should be agenda items.

RVP Shackelford suggested we provide a summary of events and changes to the federation since the last federation meeting in 2019.

Treasurer Alderson asked how we obtain federation officers with national only members.

Membership chair Mooney questioned the idea of closing all chapters. According to her we still have many good and active chapters. She asked for the advantage of closing all chapters and questioned the reason for closing a good chapter. RVP Shackelford commented we would not have to close if we can get members involved. He said we must find chapter members to do outreach. Discussion followed on Wayne's proposal of closing all chapters.

RVP Shackelford offered to use his Zoom account to hold meetings with congressmen.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.