

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:20 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Attending: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Gary Hagedorn; Carolyn Reeploeg; Anne Ross; Mable Rutt; Nancy Schreckhise; Verneice Skinner; Larry Williams.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**03/04/09** Rod Coler Center and its services. Dr. Madhu Sahai is the scheduled speaker. (Nancy)

**04/01/09** Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers. (Johanna has confirmed this program.)

**05/06/09** Need a program.

**06/03/09** Report on the May Federation convention.

**Future program ideas** – Other program options under consideration (brought forward/new):

Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park (Mable said this is a new concept for the area – one-stop care; Medicare accepted.)

Social Security/Medicare and interface with health-care plans (Carl/Johanna)

U.S. Army Umatilla Chemical Depot's weapons disposal program update (Mary Binder)

American Cancer Society

Area senior housing options (New: Verneice volunteered to coordinate this for a Fall 2009 meeting.)

Long-term care ombudsman program (Carl)

Tri-Cities Wine Society or wine industry representatives (Mary Binder)

Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau and its programs (Mary Binder)

Recycling programs – update on what can/cannot be recycled (Mary Binder)

**OFFICERS**

**President** – Nancy distributed an updated officer/chair roster.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice president** – No additional report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president** – No additional report.

**Secretary** – Responding to President Nancy's question, Mary said she'd double check on the F-7 report updates.

**Treasurer** – President Nancy said she is struggling with the report. It is not clear how to allocate dues received monthly from National and how the 2-year and 3-year obligations are figured. Verneice explained there is a difference in how dues are paid from National vs. how the state per capita tax impacts the obligations. There is a real need to clarify and understand this process so that the treasurer's report is accurate. The bank balance is correct but the obligations are confusing.

**District Vice president** – Carl reported the Spring District Workshop will be April 3, Red Lion Hotel, Wenatchee. It will follow the April 2 Federation Executive Committee meeting, also in Wenatchee. Carl said he is hoping to have a repeat of last year's successful workshop so is looking for input as to what should be included. He will have a meeting outline in March, but will have the basic information for the March/April Chapter newsletter. The Chapter has allocated \$200 for the workshop; therefore, the cost to members attending is for the meal. Distance is about 110 miles and Carl suggested attendees consider carpooling.

**COMMITTEES**

**Alzheimer's** – Bill reported \$20 was received today for Alzheimer's.

**Hospitality** – No additional report.

**Legislative** – No additional report.

**Membership** – No additional report.

**NARFE-PAC** – Mary and Carl discussed that while NARFE HQ provides a report on the monies collected for NARFE-PAC, there is no specific information on where the money is spent, e.g., during the recent elections. Mary said she hoped to get more information at the March legislative workshop.

**Newsletter** – President Nancy reported that the newsletter is costing more than budgeted due to the increase in publication frequency (six vs. four times/year). Printing is free but labels, postage, etc., for 400 newsletters is about \$65. She requested and the Board approved an additional \$200 for the newsletter budget.

Articles/input for the March April Chapter newsletter are due to Mary Binder not later than Feb. 13. Mary, Nancy and Johanna will work on the newsletter; target distribution is late February.

**Public Relations** – Gary said he would do the March meeting announcement for the *Tri-City Herald*.  
**Service Officers/Callers** – Nancy Schreckhise said the callers “thank-you lunch” is scheduled for Feb. 25 at Anthony’s. All but one caller can attend. She and Mary Goldie will do something special for the one who cannot attend.

**Sunshine Committee** – Anne reported that she has referred several people to the Service Officers and Service Center. Anne, Nancy Schreckhise and other Board members discussed the importance of surviving spouses/family members having the OPM number to call when a member dies. The discussion also included having this available at such places as retirement centers and nursing homes. The Board further discussed having a meeting program on numbers and paperwork to have, procedures to follow, etc., when/if something happens to a member.

**Website** – Nancy requested that Larry review the Web site and remove obsolete information, e.g., the reference to Executive Board meetings being at Alterra. There will also be a reminder to members in the next Chapter newsletter to check the Web site for announcements and other information.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership Outreach Letter** – President Nancy said she would get addresses to Gary for other Federal agencies. Gary said he would draft a letter. Per Nancy, in the past, sending letters to get agencies interested in NARFE for their employees has had very limited results. The Board discussed various issues, including getting the attention/interest of current employees. A challenge is how best to reach them and get them to see the relevance of NARFE for them now and in the future. Gary said various options are highlighted in the NARFE PR handbook, e.g., advertising campaign with matching funds; entertainment book coupons; letters; a booth at seniors day events, etc.

**State Convention** – The Chapter has budgeted \$1200 for the May Federation convention, i.e., to help offset costs for Chapter attendees. President Nancy and Secretary Mary have information and registration forms. Registration forms need to be in triplicate – one for the member to present when registering at the convention and two for Mary. One stays with Chapter records; the other goes with the secretary’s Chapter certification of members attending. Currently, the Chapter is allocated 14 delegates, which includes all categories, e.g., regular, delegates-at-large, etc. Carl and Anne discussed contacting Estelle Bellefeuille to see if she is planning to attend. Nancy reminded the Board that Clark Crouch is still a Chapter member. \$13 was collected today for “booster” participation. The Board approved spending \$60 for a half-page Chapter ad in the convention program. The ad is due April 15. All Board members were asked to think creatively – what do we want the ad to convey. Mary highlighted upcoming suspense dates for when information is due to the Wenatchee Chapter or Federation secretary.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Riverton Retirement Center** – President Nancy said she’d been contacted by a Riverton representative who said the center was interested in sponsoring a lunch/program for the Chapter. The Board discussed the proposal and decided not to accept the offer as it potentially opens the door for similar, never-ending such offers. The consensus was there are other ways the Board can provide members information about retirement center options in the area.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 2:30 p.m.

**Prepared by:**  
*Mary Alice Binder*  
*Secretary*