



WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS (WSFC)
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the WSFC State Convention May 14-16, 2012, Vancouver WA

May 14, 2012: Audit, Bylaws/Resolutions and Ballots and Tellers Committees met.

May 15, 2012: The WSFC Convention opening ceremonies commenced at 9 AM with call to order by President Sandra Cagle, Welcome by Vancouver President Mike Teefy, Invocation by Rev. Juli Reinholz, presentation of colors by the Prairie High School Jr. ROTC, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem sung by Laurie Campbell-Leslie. Mayor Tim Leavitt welcomed all to Vancouver and Paul Thorn welcomed all to Red Lion at the Quay. Mike Teefy introduced congressional representatives Pam Piper, Katie Whitaker and Kimberly Blake and all read letters from the congresswoman and senators. David Seesholtz presented a DVD showing the sights of the area. Richard Cassidy (as Teddy Roosevelt) talked on “Protect, Preserve and Inspire”. There was a DVD keynote message from NARFE President Beaudoin as well as the other three national officers. Lanny Ross, Region IX VP also spoke (attached to the original minutes).

President Cagle called the business session to order at 10:30, introduced the Executive Board including the three new DVPs and gave certificates to retiring DVPs Bonnie Seesholtz, Teri Sannar and Steve Anderson. Marcy von Husen, Credentials Chair, gave the first report. The program agenda was motioned for acceptance by Mike Teefy, seconded and passed. Secretary Paul Shell did the roll call of chapters and read a letter of welcome from Governor Chris Gregoire. Charlie Caughlan did the housekeeping report. President Cagle spoke on the state of the Federation.

Audit Committee Chair, Karol Kusunose, gave the audit report (attached to original). Bylaws Chair Don Binder reported that there were no bylaws or resolutions. Nominations Committee Chair Nancy Crosby reported the candidates: Sandra Cagle for President, Rich Wilson for Vice President and Arlene Patton for Treasurer. There were no nominees for Secretary. Past President David Seesholtz chaired the elections. After asking three times for each position, there were no further nominations. The three nominees were elected by acclamation.

Lanny Ross presented 60-year anniversary certificates to chapters 131, 163, 181, 193, 196, 237, 238, 239. The Region Service Officer award went to Chapter 1006, Ralph Angulo. He also presented a distinguished service award to Sandra Cagle. Lanny Ross swore in Sandra Cagle President, Rich Wilson VP, Arlene Patton Treasurer, Dist I VP Frances Titus, District II VP Quentin Gates, District III Ray Brunson, District IV VP William Powers and District V VP Nancy Crosby for the 2012-14 term. The session was adjourned at 11:15.

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At the Legislative Luncheon, National Legislative Director Julie Tagen spoke on the possible effects of legislation pending to include FEHBP. A lame duck session is possible to address sequestration, tax cuts, etc. There will be more in the NARFE Magazine.

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Resuming the session, Rick Anderson, Senior Policy Coordinator for Washington Non-profits, discussed grass roots advocacy including techniques, defining the problems, tools, relationships and trust, target cycle and

learning goals. Following Rick, Don Binder, State NARFE-PAC Chair, discussed PAC and Gen Bogaslowski talked of Alzheimer's (attached to the original minutes).

The general session was adjourned for the day at 3:30.

The Executive Board convened at 7PM for DVP orientation which was completed at 9:15.

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The next day, May 16th, the President's Breakfast was held at 8AM. Introductions were made as well as concerns and successes noted. Multiple issues were discussed such as budget development, building coalitions, decreased attendance and aging, etc. Lanny spoke on e chapters, OPM access and deaths/reinstatement statistics. Sandy spoke of the chain of responsibility, the National Convention, etc.

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The memorial service began at 8:30 AM.

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The business session resumed at 9:50 AM with reports from Marcy, the final credentials report; Arlene, the budget; and Sandy, the National Convention and next state convention. Dave Seesholtz presented the vendors (Pacific NW Federal, Kaiser Permanente, Holiday Retirement, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Social Security).

A recruiting and retention workshop with a performance by the "Not Ready for Prime Time Players" was given to all at 10:30 followed by Activity Module training given to chapter presidents and membership chairs. The session was adjourned at 12:35.

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On reconvening at 1:45, Don Binder presented PAC awards for contributions to 1192, 131 and 32; Ray Patterson, the Alzheimer award (attached to the original minutes); Francis Titus, the membership awards for net gain (193 small chapter, 196 medium size chapter and 43 for large chapter), greatest reinstatement (small 856, medium 196, large 32), percentage of dues withholding (small 238, 239 medium, 131 large) and greatest number of recruits (Ken Kaul of chapter 32); and, Sandra Cagle the Service Officer Award to Ralph Angulo.

Mike Teefy gave the closing comments. There were no courtesy resolutions.

The convention adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Minutes of the Executive and Advisory Board meeting, May 17, 2012

The Executive and Advisory Boards met at the Red Lion Inn at 8 AM. In attendance were President Sandra Cagle, Vice-President Rich Wilson, Secretary Paul Shell and Treasurer Arlene Patton, District I VP/Membership Chair Frances Titus, District II VP Quentin Gates, District III VP Ray Brunson, District IV VP Bill Powers, District V VP Nancy Crosby, Legislative Chair (National) Mike Teefy, Newsletter Editor Mary Binder, NARFE-PAC Chair Don Binder, PR Chair Sam Cagle and Alzheimer's Chair Ray Patterson.

The minutes were previously approved by email.

Arlene gave the Treasurer's Report. She asked how far back can old expenses be claimed. She will revise the P&P for attachment to these minutes for approval. GSA/IRS mileage rate is \$.555 – do we change? Bill Powers motioned to let it remain at \$.50 through the year. It was seconded and approved.

Sam discussed the MAPS and PR plan as a chapter sent in a bill for a program that needed prior approval, including ads. Rich motioned that it be denied with an explanation. It was seconded and approved. Mary asked that samples of plans be made available.

Reports not covered in our newsletter: Don said he collected \$750 plus 4 sustaining members. Quentin said he had no plans for a 2013 workshop.

Unfinished Business

Training survey – There were 109 responses from a total of 129 members who attended the district workshops. Most wanted it in the spring, 1 day, in Ellensburg, catered. 59 said they would come, 20 interested in helping. Sandra is looking at the Quality Inn in Ellensburg and La Quinta in Tacoma.

2014 convention – District IV has ongoing site selection.

2012 convention – Paul needs notes kept on lessons learned for the convention book update.

New Business

The Board needs to look for a new secretary and membership chair. They must be computer capable. Membership may be broken down into recruiting and retention.

Advisory Board: Sandy will be contact each person concerning continuing in their position.

Executive Board retreat: It depends on cost as to inclusion of the Advisory Board. It will possibly be held August, 2 days, at La Quinta. Items for discussion include bylaws, MAP/PR process, recruiting incentives, electronic media, Federation Reporter.

Next Board meeting: November 15, 2012, then April or May in conjunction with spring training, then November.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Paul Shell
Secretary

PENDING ISSUES TABLED

Policies and Procedures Manual Update	Arlene	June, 2012
Convention Planning Guide Update	Paul	June, 2012
Federation Facebook	Sandy	Next meeting