



## **National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association**

### **CHAPTER 228 (AUSTIN BLUEBONNET) BYLAWS 2017**

#### **ARTICLE I – Objective**

**Section 1.** The objectives of this chapter is to support and work toward the objectives of NARFE, as set forth in the National Bylaws. In furtherance of these objectives, this chapter shall operate in unity with policies established by the Association's national conventions and National Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The chapter shall not enter into activities, arrangements or agreements that conflict with programs or activities of the association or its bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE II – MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The regular meetings of the chapter shall be held on the third Thursday of each month, except July and August, unless said meeting is omitted by previous chapter vote, or by action of the chapter executive committee, with due and reasonable notice to members.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the Chapter President, or upon written request by ten (10) of the chapter members. The written request must state the nature of the business for the meeting.

**Section 3.** A quorum shall consist of ten (10) chapter members, if a quorum is not met the meeting can be adjourn to a future day, provided due notice is given.

## ARTICLE III – OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** The officers of the chapter shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

The chapter may by resolution require the Treasurer to give bond for the faithful performance of his or her duties. The expense of obtaining the bond shall be paid from Chapter funds.

**Section 2.** There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the elected chapter officers and they shall exercise such functions as the chapter may prescribe. Quorum for an Executive Committee shall consist of two (2) officers.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall preside at chapter meetings in the absence of the President.

**Section 4** The Membership Committee shall consist of every member of this chapter and it shall be their duty to urge all federal employees, annuitants and their spouses in this area to join the association and the chapter.

**Section 5** There shall be a Legislative Committee to keep abreast of the legislative matters concerning federal employees and annuitants, to make recommendations to the National Association (Current Field and Chapter Officers Manual). The Committee Chairman shall report to the membership on current legislative matters, on the proposals and actions of the US Congress and State Legislation. Members shall be urged to contact their representatives by calls, NARFE e-mail prepared letters, and letter writing concerning legislation affecting the membership.

**Section 6.** There may be other committees as established by the President to address issues of NARFE.

**Section 7.** A Service Officer may be appointed by the President to assist members and surviving spouses who need help with forms, claims, reports, etc., in connection with insurance, taxes, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.

**Section 8.** The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee for an annual audit or at any change of Treasurer, which ever comes first.

**Section 9.** Nominations for Officers will be made from the floor at the October meeting of even numbered years. The slate of officers will be provided at the November meeting at which time the membership will vote on new officers. All chapter members

are eligible to vote in person at the November meeting or by requesting a paper ballot to be submitted to the President before the November meeting.

The new officers will be sworn in at the December meeting of even numbered years.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERS & SOCIAL MEMBERS**

**Section 1.** A member is an eligible federal employee (active or retired), or a spouse who has paid National and Chapter dues in compliance with National Policy. A member has full voting privilege.

A social member pays only the local share of the dues and does not vote. However, a social member may serve on any committees.

#### **ARTICLE V – DUES**

**Section 1.** The National Association determines the dues for NARFE membership. Chapters determine the dues for members of the local chapter. Chapter 0228 has determined that their chapter dues shall be \$8.00 per year.

A social member pays dues of \$4.00 per year to the Chapter Treasurer.

Dues payments and gifts or contributions to NARFE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

**Section 2.** Dues shall be payable in advance in accordance with payment plans set by National (1 year, 2 year, 3 year, dues withholding , etc). National and Chapter dues will be billed by and payable to the National Office in Washington DC.

As members of the Texas Federation, the chapter shall remit to the Federation Per Capita Dues based on rates and terms set by the Federation.

#### **ARTICLE VI – FLORAL/CARD OFFERINGS**

**Section 1.** Memorial or floral gifts shall only be sent to the funerals of persons who are members.

**Section 2.** Cards may be sent to ill persons who are members of the Chapter.

## ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** Amendments to these by laws may be enacted by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, provided due notice has been given prior to voting.

**Section 2.** Amendments shall be approved at National Headquarters before becoming effective.

## ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

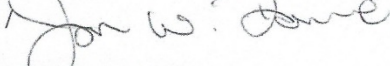
**Section 1.** “ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED,” shall be the authority in all question of parliamentary law not covered by these bylaws.

Patrick O’Neil  
Chapter Secretary

Signed / Patrick O’Neil

Dated:

APPROVED at National Headquarters

Signed   
National Secretary/Treasurer

Dated: 3/15/18