

NARFE Chapter 0763
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2025

President Harold Kehr called the meeting to order at Dixie's Dine at noon. We held a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. 11 members and 2 guests were present.

Harold briefly talked about how a Chapter in NARFE came about and how their area was formed: NARFE started as a National program in 1921 and after membership increased to the point where the workload was too much Federations (State) areas were formed and again after that workload became too much Chapters were established. The area for a Chapter was established using what is called Local Service Area (LSA-zip code) and zip codes assigned to each Chapter.

He also talked about how the Idaho Falls Chapter now covers approximately 50% of the State. Our area has grown due to the closing of the Pocatello and Twin Falls Chapters closing and the assignment of their LSA's in whole or part assigned to Idaho Falls.

He updated the membership numbers our Chapter for the period 10/1/2024-2/28/2025 as follows:

Chapter Members: A net increase of 14 with a total of 16 new--7 during open season (10/1-12/31) and 9 After 1/20/2025 (2 did not renew)

National Only Members in Area: A net increase of 3 with a total of 8 new—3 during open season (10/1-12/31) and 5 after 1/20/2025 (5 did not renew)

Harold and Don Shadley reported that they had received the WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) back pay as a result of the signing on 1/5/2025 of the Social Security Fairness Act by then President Biden. Don said it was taking upwards of 2 months to get an appointment (you have to go in person) with Social Security to apply for spousal benefits if you had not already done so.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP certificate for being a NARFE member for 20 years was awarded to Don Shadley.

Dr. Doug Barnard of Eagle Rock Dental Care was our speaker today and gave us an interesting talk on the importance of good dental hygiene and our overall health.

Last meeting minutes and treasures report were passed around for review and correction.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. Our next meeting is April 2, 2025.

