

## NARFE CHAPTER 1927 BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2025

Vice President, Mike Madges, opened the meeting by welcoming Chapter leaders Joyce Skinner, Sue Garcia, Mike Ryan and Nick Steiner.

Mike Madges asked for a Moment of Silence for the fallen heroes who fought for our freedom. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike also mentioned that the Ohio statehouse is considering passing a new law that requires the Pledge of Allegiance to be said each day in all schools in Ohio.

The January 16 Board Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### **Officer/Committee Reports:**

Treasurer's Report – Mike reported for Treasurer Scott Graham that the dues money from National that we weren't receiving on a regular basis due to the AMS update continues to flow back to the Chapter. As of 2/28/2025, we received \$214.52 in additional dues and had no disbursements. Our current treasury balance as of 2/28/25 is \$1,894.17.

### **New Business/Old Business Updates:**

#### **“No Ordinary Time” Ad Campaign:**

Mike informed attendees concerning an ad campaign entitled “No Ordinary Time” which was authorized by the state's NARFE Federation on March 17, 2025. The ad appears on the backside of our April – May Newsletter dated Friday, April 4, that was recently sent to all members.

The campaign's initial effort will occur via advertising in the Dayton Daily News. The campaign will encompass both a print and digital component. The print component will consist of a quarter-page color ad (with QR code) placed on ten consecutive Sundays (March 23 – May 25). The digital component will consist of a series of three front-page ads (to include a banner ad) on two weekdays each week between March 26 – May 7. The ads can be viewed by accessing the paper's website: [daytondailynews.com](http://daytondailynews.com). “Hits” on the digital ads will be captured and reported back to the Federation monthly. Although the cost for these ads is substantial (\$11,700), the hope is that the ads will increase NARFE membership while letting all currently affected federal employees know that they are not alone in coping with the administration's relentless attacks on federal jobs and benefits. NARFE is the **only** organization solely dedicated to protecting and preserving the benefits of all federal workers and retirees.

#### **Update on the Ohio Federation website:**

Mike Ryan (Chapter & Ohio Federation webmaster) reported that the upgraded Ohio Federation website was recently approved for publication by the NARFE Microsite

Working Group and would be forwarded to the administrative point of contact at NARFE HQs for final publication approval. Mike expects the site to be available for use within a week or two.

### **NARFE Ohio Federation 2025 Conference, May 2 & 3:**

Mike Madges reminded attendees of the upcoming 2025 NARFE Ohio Federation Conference, Friday and Saturday May 2 & 3. An Executive session will occur on Friday and an all-member session (both Chapter & National members) on Saturday. The meeting will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites, 1000 Comfort Plaza in Bellville, Ohio 44813. The Quality Inn is located across the street from the Der Dutchman Restaurant. The Saturday session will run from 9 AM to 4 PM. Your \$30 registration fee includes a morning pastry/beverage and lunch. **Checks can be made out to NARFE Ohio Federation and can be brought to our April 4 Chapter meeting; or mailed to Joyce Skinner, 405 Henrich Dr, Kettering, OH 45429. Checks must be received on or before April 15.** National staff members John Hatton, NARFE Staff Vice President and Nora MacDonald, Director of Member Engagement will address the Conference. You are encouraged to attend this event and learn about our Association's activities during this chaotic and threatening time for the federal community. Bellville Ohio is just a two-hour trip from the greater Dayton area.

### **Chapter Meeting Speakers:**

Mike Madges mentioned that we are always looking for speakers with interesting topics for our Chapter meetings. He stated that we will need a speaker for both our June and August Chapter meetings. Our October meeting speaker will talk about Taxes and Long-Term Care and the end-of-year meetings will be our usual benefit speakers from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Aetna. If you have any ideas for speakers, please contact Mike Madges at 937-475-4145.

### **Chapter Procedures: Review and Discussion Update:**

At our last Board meeting we discussed that we were doing an overall review of our Chapter procedures. Mike stated that he will continue to host our Chapter meetings. Our new President, Joyce Skinner, will be involved in sending out the request for newsletter articles, reviewing the input, and forwarding the submissions to our Net Coordinator & Editor, Mike Ryan for formatting the articles into our newsletter template. Once the content and formatting has been established, production of the newsletter occurs. At present Joyce and Mike are learning the production and mailing processes under the guidance of past-President Mike Webb. The Chapter uses a small-business mailing program offered by the Post Office which substantially reduces our mailing costs. Mike Madges requested another volunteer to become familiar with the production/mailing procedures. Nick Steiner expressed a willingness to learn these procedures along with Joyce and Mike.

Mike Madges also reminded attendees not to miss our April 4 Chapter meeting featuring speaker Ryan Lippe, a consumer educator from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. He will be speaking on how to recognize and protect ourselves against computer scams, particularly those aimed at older adults. He will also inform us on how to reduce our risk of identity theft. Please plan to join us at this interesting and informative Chapter meeting!

**Please do not forget to leave a tip for our MCL servers!**

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chapter Secretary Sue Garcia