

NARFE Oklahoma Federation Executive Board Meeting  
May 3, 2025, 11 AM  
St. Lukes Methodist Church, 900 N. Sooners Rd., Edmond, OK

A brief Executive Board Meeting was held immediately following the 2025 State Conference.

**Present:** Pam Burnett, Betty Reitz, George Wiland, Randy Freeland, Johnny Hanlon, Ron Vick, Jerry Walker, Karen Hackett, James Gillispie, Wanda Walker, JoAnn Dungan, James Olden, De Wood, Willa Olden, and guests Mike Woods, Bill Shackelford (National NARFE President), Linda Wiland, Ken Dungan, and Melba Gillispie. NOTE: This was a quorum of voting members.

**President's opening remarks** – Pamela Burnett

She reminded all that a lunch at Charleston's Restaurant with President Shackelford was available for all that wish to attend.

**Secretary Minutes from March 21, 2025** – Randy Freeland

The minutes of the previous Ex. Board Meeting were sent to the members on March 30, 2025 for comments/corrections. None were received, so they were sent to Nancy Stanphill to post to the State NARFE Website on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They were posted to the website on April 10, 2025. A motion was made by Karen Hackett and seconded by George Wiland to approve the minutes, as posted to the website. The motion passed unanimously.

**Filling Vacant Officers and Comm. Chairs** – Group

President Burnett stressed the need for a new District IV Vice-President. Please provide potential candidates to her and she will appoint a new VP, with Executive Board approval

**Treasurer Report and Budget 2023-2025** – Johnny Hanlon

He passed out an additional Treasurer's Report (#5) that was much more detailed with Profit & Loss Details, by chapter and federation officers, from June 2023 through April 2025. It too will be available for audit with documents #1 through #4 shared at the State Conference. Johnny mentioned he would add a line item in the budget for De Wood, as the NARFE/PAC Coordinator. One chapter (#1787 Mayes County/Pryor) has not paid their Per Capita Dues for the last two years. Ron Vick, District 2 VP, promised to follow-up on that. Also, Chapter 946 (Mid/Del/Midwest City) has not paid this year's Per Capita Dues. Absent a Region IV VP, President Pam Burnett promised to follow-up with Billie Ripple on that item.

Karen Hackett made a motion, seconded by Randy Freeland, that we approve the Treasurer Report and Budget 2023-2025 for audit. Motion approved unanimously.

**Region VI 'Additional' Updates** – Marshall Richards

Former Region VI VP and his wife (Linda) needed to leave early for a previous engagement. He told other officers he had nothing more to report other than what he shared at the State Conference on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Other Business** – Pamela Burnett

Karen Hackett mentioned that the History of NARFE used in the Conference Program Book, needs to be updated, especially the section on WEP/GPO. Randy Freeland offered to work with Nancy Stanphill on the easiest way to do that.

A discussion was held on the large banner for our State Conference and individual **banners** for chapters to use. Zip banners were mentioned as a possibility. Johnny Hanlon had purchased our last State Federation banner and agreed to check back with that vendor about availability and cost.

Karen also shared a wish that FERS Annuities be exempt from State Income Tax. The group was receptive to the idea, but want to discuss this at a future meeting when all have a little more time to research the issue.

President Burnett shared an email from Charles Stanphill about recruiting Active Federal Employees that work for the VA in Florida and if the \$48 Oklahoma Federation Incentive might apply to them. After discussion by the group, a motion was made by Karen Hackett, seconded by George Wiland, to allow this to happen as long as the Active Federal Employee agrees to enroll in any Oklahoma Chapter, including Chapter 2351 (Sooner Cowboy/Statewide Chapter). The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that our current incentives expire on May 31<sup>st</sup> and need to be modified and approved by then, if we wish to continue offering them. Randy agreed to see what we hear from President Shackelford concerning Dues Withholding as an initial membership for retirees. This was discussed at the end of the Federation Conference. Randy will revise and send out a new draft for Incentives within the next couple of weeks.

### **Next Meeting Location/Lunch, etc.**

Pam mentioned the possibility of meeting somewhere in Stroud, Oklahoma to make our next Ex. Board Meeting more accessible to the entire board. A question was raised if we might meet again at the church (St. Luke's Methodist Church) in Edmond and if they might provide lunch like they did for the State Conference. The group was very receptive to that and Karen Hackett and Pam agreed to pursue that as an option. The suggested next meeting date was Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 10:00AM. Pam will confirm the time, date and location in the next few weeks.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned as there was no other business to come before the Executive Board.

Submitted by Randy Freeland, Oklahoma Federation Secretary