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the Minnesota Federation of NARFE Members**

President's Message - Earl O. Knutson, October 2019

As the new president of NARFE's Minnesota Federation, I send you all my greetings. I want to thank my predecessor Karen Thygeson for her 4 years at the helm. I've learned a lot from the calm but business-like way she chaired our Executive Board meetings during the 4 years .

My style as president based on some 25 years of holding that position in different volunteer organizations, is to encourage productive discussions among board members. The objective is always to identify the tasks that need addressing and identify those that match the resources (skills, funds, time availability) that we have. I expect to find that that we cannot address every task with vigor, so we'll need to prioritize. I like to seek consensus, but on occasion, I will just look for a majority vote.

So...my plan as president is to draw heavily on the Executive Board, many of whom have years, even decades, of experience in serving active and retired federal employees, through NARFE. (Yes, we serve even those who are not members of our association, although many probably don't know that. We should all take any opportunity to inform our federal brothers and sisters that NARFE is working on their behalf.)

By the way, for the past two years I've been serving as the webmaster of www.narfe.org/mn, and I will continue in this role.