

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2020

Zoom Protocol: Host Nancy Crosby highlighted several protocols for board members, e.g., muting phones; raising hands when wanting to speak, trying not to talk over others. This was the board's first virtual meeting using Zoom.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: President Pat Turner called the virtual meeting to order at 1:12 p.m., and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Members present besides President Pat: Lorie Bennett; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; John Wetterling; Larry Williams. Absent: Faye Vlieger and Darleen Wall.

Officer Reports

President: Pat Turner

- COVID-19 impacts and path forward:
 - Nancy reported that NARFE began a phased reopening in June but had to shut down when a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The new projected reopening date is July 17.
 - Regarding the September 2 chapter meeting, Pat said the Red Lion would like a 30-day notice if we were going to cancel. At this time, she said she thought having the meeting was doubtful. The board discussed the issue and concurred, it was not realistic. The area is still not in "Phase 2" of re-opening and even if we could meet, there may be members who would not feel comfortable attending. The board discussed using Zoom instead for a virtual chapter meeting. There was consensus that this could be a viable option, but members would need to be notified, e.g., through the callers, in the next chapter newsletter, on the chapter's website, through email, etc. Also, in the current July/August chapter newsletter, members were alerted to a potential change and, if so, how they would be notified. Nancy will move forward with arranging for a Zoom chapter meeting for September 2, starting at 11:30 a.m. Mary will check with the ACTF point of contact regarding doing a virtual presentation for the meeting vs. in person as currently scheduled. Liz suggested having a Zoom dry run prior to the meeting.
- Hospitality: There was discussion about the 2021 menu for chapter meetings. The board consensus was to keep with the same menu if the Red Lion concurred. Pat said she would check with the hotel point of contact, Brooke, and get back to the board. **[Note: After the meeting, Pat talked to Brooke. She, too, concurred with keeping the menu the same but it would be the chef's decision, including if the price would remain the same. The chef is expected to return to the hotel but currently is not working due to COVID-19. Brooke said the hotel could remain flexible for the remainder of the year regarding the minimum guarantee in the contract; but, that could change in 2021. Pat also wrote, "Brooke hopes all the details can be worked out for 2021 as they love serving us."]**
- Chapter overhead projector – Carl Gallion, past chapter president and District V vice president, had been storing the chapter's overhead projector (3M 1700 Plus Series). Mary recently picked it up and is now storing it at her house. Nancy proposed donating it to a non-profit organization, e.g., the Boys & Girls Club, vs. an organization that would sell it for profit. The board concurred with Nancy's recommendation. She will pursue finding donation options.

- Pat reminded members to let the board know if they are going to be out of town and/or off their computers for a time. John recently did this and it was very helpful.

Vice President/Acting Service Officer: Nancy Crosby

- Nancy recently purchased a one-year subscription to Zoom – the pro version – that the chapter board was using for today’s meeting. Nancy serves as the host as it is her subscription. She said the cost was around \$119 – a bargain, per Pat. Nancy concurred. Up to 100 participants can be on at one time. **[Note: Total subscription cost, \$130.23 (\$119.92 + \$10.31/tax). See further information under Open Discussion section, this meeting.]**
- Regarding the Service Office:
 - There is still a restriction on who can enter the Federal Building. Pat stated that we would have to get the OK from our building point of contact and then take a 2-hour training session before going to the office. The board concurred with not trying to get into the office at this time.
 - Nancy said that we still have the room and that she has not heard anything indicating that we would lose it.
 - Johanna reported that prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, she had been in the office and purged obsolete forms. She also said she has ordered forms for this year’s health fairs, should we have them.
 - Following up from the May board meeting, Pat asked Larry if the Service Office information on the chapter webpage had been updated. Mary replied that she, Nancy and Larry worked together on this and the page/information has been updated.
- Johanna said she had downloaded the NARFE F-18, which lists all NARFE documents, forms, etc. She noted that several had been updated and asked board members what copies they needed and she would order them – something she has done in the past. Board members said they now download/print what they need.

Treasurer: Liz Bowers

- Liz reported that “we have money,” in particular, that without conferences, the budget was showing a “positive balance of about \$600 for the year.” In June the chapter received \$99.76 from NARFE as the dues settlement covering the initial implementation of the NARFE Association Management System (AMS) when accurate reports were not available. As of the end of June, the chapter had almost \$16,082 in savings and just over \$1,000 in checking. Liz provided summary information to Mary.
- Nancy recapped a discussion during the WSF July 9 executive board meeting about the NARFE reports from the AMS. Several members shared that they do not have confidence in the accuracy of the reports. The consensus was chapter treasurers should be carefully monitoring the reports from month to month.
- Both Nancy and Faye need stamps. Nancy said she has enough for 1 more newsletter but not any special mailings that might need to be done, e.g., for the virtual September 2 meeting. Liz said she can order the stamps online and have quantities sent to both Nancy and Faye.

Secretary: Mary Binder

- Mary shared a lesson learned when trying to update John’s email address for the NARFE F-7 report – as secretary, she cannot update an email address. Rather, the member has to make the change in his/her personal profile. The change will then populate to other reports in the system.
- Reminder – Mary can make business cards for board members. Let her know.

Public Relations/Newsletter: Mary Binder

- July/August chapter newsletter – was finalized and distributed. **[Deadline for articles/input for September/October newsletter is Friday, August 7.]**
- For individuals who have flown from the Tri-Cities in the past 12 months, there is a Pasco Airport Passenger Survey they can complete with questions pertaining to everything from when they are planning to fly again, to concerns they may have regarding flying, to where on an airplane or in an airport they are concerned about being exposed to COVID-19. The survey can be found at: www.flytricity.com/psc-passenger-survey. Mary said it takes about 5 minutes to complete, and the results will help the airport/airlines moving forward.
- The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce is hosting its second virtual monthly meeting Wednesday, July 22, from noon to 1 PM. The program is the annual update from the area mayors on their respective cities. Mary has registered. Contact her if you have questions.
- Senior Times Expo, October 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Southridge Sports & Events Complex.
 - Following up from the May board meeting, Mary contacted the event point of contact, Chad Utecht, regarding the chapter participating as a vendor. He said that at this time it is doubtful there will be an in-person event. Rather, it is expected to be similar to the spring expo. Vendors paid the entrance fee (\$425, if doing just the one expo; \$750, if doing spring and fall) and got a one-quarter page ad in a special supplement to the *Senior Times*. Vendors can provide their own ads or use the publication's inhouse graphic designer – no additional cost. The *Times* goes out to 5,000 people each month with additional copies delivered to most area senior communities.
 - If the fall expo is again not an in-person event, Chad said there is also consideration being given to having some type of "goodie bag" that seniors could pick up at different area locations, e.g., Southridge Complex, Richland Senior Center, a Pasco location. This would give "vendors" a further opportunity to have material given to seniors. The number of bags would coincide with expected event attendance based on past numbers; that is, between 500 and 800.
 - Although supporting this event is not in the chapter's 2020 Outreach Action Plan, Mary proposed submitting an amendment to the WSF board requesting 50-percent matching funds for this event. With other events cancelled, there most likely would not be a significant additional cost to the federation. Further, as with chapters, the federation's expenses have been reduced this year, which, Mary said, should further assist in the board approving an amendment to the chapter's outreach plan.
 - Mary made a motion that the board approve moving forward with participating in the Fall 2020 Senior Times Expo – whether it is an in-person event or a showcase as this past spring – and that she pursue amending the chapter's outreach plan to request 50-percent matching funds from the federation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously
- Pat asked what the subscription cost was for the *Senior Times*. Mary said she would check and include the information in the minutes. **[Note: \$21.67/1 year-11 issues; \$34.70/2 years-22 issues; \$42.30/3 years-33 issues. Subscription form can be found online. Google "Senior Times Newspaper." It is a publication of the *Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business*.]**
- Future board meeting location, Clover Island Inn, Kennewick – Following up from the May board meeting, Mary reported that she spoke with Amber, the Clover Island Inn point of contact. When they/the area receives the OK, she said they would be happy to have the board meet at the facility. Besides the board room, which has a fixed, long table, there is now another option – the Captain's Table room, which is closer to the kitchen, has had sliding barn doors installed to close it off, and has tables that can be reconfigured, e.g., an

open-in the-middle square. There is no charge for the meeting space if members order lunch. Orders can be off the menu. Mary said she and Amber will be staying in touch.

- Table runners – again following up from the May board meeting, Mary reported that at the July 9 WSF board meeting, she asked WSF PR Chairman Sam Cagle if he had an update on purchasing table runners for the WSF chapters who wanted them. He said he had not had time to do any follow up. After the WSF meeting, Mary followed up and sent him additional information, including 2 vendor options. During this chapter board meeting, Mary said an email came in from Sam. She would review it and get back to the board. **[Note: Mary will provide an update during the August board meeting.]**
- Chapter 1192's 50th Anniversary in 2021 – Mary said she wanted to bring this anniversary to the board's attention now for initial awareness. In reviewing chapter records, she found 4 significant chapter dates: May 1970, Meyer Elkins, first president, attended the WSFC convention representing the chapter; October 1970, NARFE issued the chapter its first charter, but it contained spelling errors; March 3, 1971, the chapter had its first meeting; September 1971, the chapter's final charter was issued. As celebrating in 2020 does not seem a viable option, Mary said the March or September 2021 options seem more viable for a celebration. To note, the chapter's 40th anniversary celebration was at its September 2011 meeting.

WSF: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett – The WSF Executive Board met “virtually” July 9, beginning at 9 a.m. Minutes and reports will be posted on the federation website, www.narfewa.org.

- **WSF Past-President Nancy:** Nancy provided information about the fall FEHB Program health fairs. As of the meeting, the health plan providers have made no decisions about the fairs except there will be no summer events, e.g., the July area event in local federal facilities. Options under consideration for the fall events include the regular in-person fairs or virtual events. WSF President Steve Roy is following up with respective points of contact. More to follow.
- **WSF VP Mary:** Mary provided additional highlights from the July 9 board meeting:
 - Both candidates for the Region IX VP position, incumbent Rich Wilson, and Linda Silverio, immediate past president, Oregon federation, provided information about themselves at the meetings. Their statements will be included in the WSF board meeting minutes. Also, the March *narfe* magazine has their candidate statements.
 - Mary re-emphasized what Nancy previously reported – there is little confidence in the accuracy of NARFE reports generated from the AMS. Chapter treasurers and membership chairmen, in particular, need to be closely checking the reports.
 - Most WSF chairmen were willing to continue in their positions. The membership chairman position has been vacant for several years; President Steve is hoping to fill it. Mary again suggested that it could be a co-chaired position with one chair focusing on retention and the other on recruitment. Kathy Brooks, current training coordinator co-chair, does not want to continue in that position. And, Sam Cagle, current public relations and NARFE-PAC chair, has said he will continue but is willing to give up both positions.
 - NARFE's centennial celebration will be June 21, 2021, in DC, and will coincide with the bi-annual legislative training conference. That conference is normally in March but moved to June because of the centennial celebration. The legislative training conference is primarily designed for new members in the legislative and/or NARFE-PAC chairman positions.
 - Dates for 2022 and 2024 NARFE conferences have been announced. Mary said she would include them in these minutes. **[Note: 2021 Legislative Training Conference, July 21-23, Washington, D.C.; FEDcon2022, August 19-24,**

Westin Kierland Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona; FEDcon2024, August 14-22, St. Louis, Missouri.]

- There has been no decision on a 2021 regional training conference. Mary reported that VP Wilson had sent 2 emails to the other federation presidents regarding hosting the training (Alaska, Idaho, Montana and Oregon). One has said no; the others have not replied. Mary said she suggested that the Washington federation proceed with planning just a federation training conference. We could invite the other federations but it is too difficult to rely on them for support.
- The next WSF board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, starting a 9 a.m. It will be a virtual, GoToMeeting.
- **District V VP Mary:** Mary reported that there is still an issue with the Yakima chapter on whether they'll be allowed to meet at Blossom Place, the assisted living facility where the chapter has met for the past year-plus, as there may be restrictions to such meetings as a result of COVID-19. The chapter has limited funds and few meeting options in the area. Other federation chapters may face the same issue with meeting locations.
- **WSF Alzheimer's Chairman Lorie**
 - With no chapter meetings, fundraising is down throughout NARFE. She has only received 1 donation since the pandemic.
 - Lorie provided several summary totals for money raised for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund. For example, through May 31, NARFE had raised \$13,555,233.43 for the fund [since 1985]. From July 1, 2019 through May 31, contributions totaled \$304,952.66, down from \$376,001.75 from July 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. During May alone, this year, contributions were down over \$30K from the previous May.
 - NARFE is encouraging members to register for area Walks to End Alzheimer's. Last year, members raised \$74,811 in support of the walks. While the funds stay local, the contributions count toward NARFE's overall fundraising total.
 - Lorie reminded Larry about a check he was going to send her. Larry said the check was now old, that he would rewrite it and that he would send it to her this week.
 - Larry thanked the board for the WSF Alzheimer's recognition he recently received. The board concurred – it was well deserved! [See May board meeting minutes and July/August chapter newsletter.] Two other WSF members were also recognized – Quentin Gates, Northwest Cascades Chapter 196, and Lorraine Brockerman, Bremerton Chapter 181.

Committees

Legislative: Mary Binder

- On the national scene, a COLA for 2021 currently seems doubtful. Also, a pay raise for current employees appears to be minimal, at best. The House recently did not address a pay raise; the President's recommendation is just over 1 percent.
- At the state level:
 - The League of Women Voters of Benton and Franklin Counties is hosting a candidate forum July 16, 8 p.m., on Northwest Public Radio and KTNW-TV. Races covered will be the U.S. 4th Congressional District; the 16th District Senate; and, Superior Court Judge. A forum from July 9 covered county and PUD races. They can be found on the Pasco and Richland cities websites, along with the League's website, and on YouTube.
 - A recent opinion article in the *Tri-Cities Herald* discussed Governor Inslee still not calling the legislature into special session. A new state budget went into effect July 1 but will need to be adjusted as a result of COVID-19 and its impact. According to the

article, the Governor is waiting to see what additional funding the federal government will be providing the state before calling the legislature into session.

- Mary said she is continuing to receive at least weekly updates from the Washington Policy Center (WPC) on a wide variety of state-related topics. This remains an excellent way to learn about what is happening in the state.

NARFE-PAC: John Wetterling

- As of noon, today, when he checked, John said the 6th quarter NARFE-PAC reports for the 2-year 2019/2020 congressional cycle had not been posted to the NARFE website.
- With no meetings, there have been no donations [other than from sustainers.] Mary reported that she has \$6/cash from the November 2019 chapter meeting that she recently found when going through material. It was from the general collection bowl. She had the money as Bob Stewart, past NARFE-PAC chair, was not able to attend the meeting and John had not yet been appointed to the PAC chair position. John recommended Mary hold onto the money until they could meet.
- John said he is receiving Congressman Dan Newhouse's electronic newsletters but has not been able to attend any of his "virtual" town hall meetings.
- There was a recent GAO report (GAO-20-422, June 2020) on federal pay raises that John said he found interesting. **[Note: Reference NARFE NewsLine, June 23, 2020, "GAO Report Outlines Concerns With Current COLA Calculation Method." The report "suggests ways to improve the 'accuracy, timeliness and relevancy' of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) calculations for federal retirees and Social Security beneficiaries..."]**
- John said he was still getting emails from the federation to his old address. Mary said she would send Linda Wallers, WSF secretary and webmaster, a note with the new address. **[Note: Email sent Tuesday, July 14.]**

Alzheimer's: Larry Williams

- With no chapter meetings, Larry said donations have "dried up." He reinforced what WSF Alzheimer's Chairman Lorie reported above – that COVID-19 has "messed up donations." They are basically flat. He has received nothing since February.
- To date there has been no guidance on the local Walk to End Alzheimer's, scheduled for Sunday, October 11. Larry said he continues to check for information and is planning to have a chapter team [as announced in the chapter newsletter]. He is planning to have signup/registration information in the September/October chapter newsletter, and will post information on the chapter website, www.narfe1192.org, when he receives it.

Webmaster: Larry Williams – no report.

Membership: Johanna Caylor

- Ray White, centenarian, recognition:
 - Johanna had previously proposed the chapter provide a birthday cake for Ray's 100th birthday, July 30. She has been working with Mr. White's daughter regarding options, e.g., a strawberry/chocolate cake from Dairy Queen. Johanna presented 8-inch, 10-inch and 10 x 14-inch sheet cake options to the board. The consensus was the sheet-cake option at \$39.09, which serves 20-24, would be best. Johanna will move forward with ordering the cake and submit the bill to Treasurer Liz. Pat reminded Johanna to check on a DQ senior discount.
 - Johanna said she did get to talk with Mr. White when she dropped off his "distinguished member" recognition material. His hearing and eyesight are challenging but Johanna said he is "so cute."

- Larry asked if there could be additional recognition for Mr. White as this is a good story:
 - Mary, editor, *WSF Federation Reporter*, said she was planning to recognize Mr. White in the upcoming annual newsletter. She asked Johanna if she could coordinate getting a photo/photos of Mr. White, in “JPEG.” Johanna will pursue. Also, if there is additional information the family would like to submit for consideration, other than what was provided for the chapter newsletter, Mary would like that as soon as possible.
 - Nancy will coordinate with NARFE headquarters on getting some type of recognition, e.g., a certificate and/or letter. Mary said that in back/forth emails from Arlene Patton, vice president, Spokane Chapter 32, Arlene wrote that NARFE provided a certificate and letter for that chapter’s centenarian, **[Lester J. Ames]** last year.
- Regarding distinguished member recognitions, Johanna said she only has 2 remaining envelopes to deliver, including for Ernest Amundsen. Johanna asked if anyone knew where he lived in Kennewick. Mary said she did and could deliver the recognition material, if Johanna needed assistance. [Ernest and his wife/member, Mary Ellen, had been attending chapter meetings regularly but in recent months were having health issues so not able to attend.]
- Johanna reminded the board about the previous commitment to reimburse new members their \$10 chapter dues when they renewed for the second year and contacted Johanna/the chapter for the reimbursement. Johanna said there were 9 new members this year. Also, some of the recent new chapter members were now national-only members. Johanna said she was going to contact them about returning to chapter membership.
- During the May board meeting, Pat shared a very positive quote from a new member. Mary asked if Pat could send her the quote and name. At today’s meeting, Johanna asked about the name. Pat said she was not comfortable providing it for several reasons. Pat confirmed for Johanna it was one of the recent new members; Johanna said she thought she knew who it was – an individual she has been recruiting for quite some time.

Sunshine: Faye Vlieger – Faye did not attend the meeting. Pat reported that Faye is under quarantine again, per a July 8 email. Mary said the last “sunshine” report she had received was for the July/August chapter newsletter; however, from recent emails, Mary reported:

- Faye needs stamps (See discussion under Treasurer, above.)
- Faye will send a card to Dot and Bob Stewart. (Per an email from Johanna, they both need prayers. Nancy asked if anyone had an update on Bob. Lorie reported that from Facebook she learned that Bob had been home for a little while (from Spokane-area facility) but took a turn for the worse and, she believes, is back in Spokane. She did not know if he was back in a hospital or a care facility.)
- Johanna had reported that E. Hank Hess recently passed away. He was a “non-voting, national-only member.” There had been email discussions, July 7-9, on whether to send a card. Pat reported that his wife, Joan, had passed away April 24, so no card will be sent.

Caller Coordinator: Darleen Wall – Nancy talked with Darleen prior to the meeting:

- Darleen and her husband are self-quarantining, including having groceries delivered.
- She is still having computer issues.
- She is working on updating the caller’s lists.
- Mary said that Darleen had previously asked if the callers could ask the members they call who have an email address but are receiving a mailed newsletter if they would be OK with just receiving an electronic copy, or the link to the copy on the chapter website. It may help

reduce printing and mailing costs. (Estimated printing/ mailing cost is currently between \$1.50 and \$1.60/per newsletter.) The board concurred with the callers asking the question.

Open Discussion Items:

- Pat commended Nancy for the work she has done with Zoom, including for this board meeting. She proposed, and then made a motion, that the chapter reimburse Nancy for her Zoom membership. (Total: \$130.23. See minutes, Treasurer, above.) Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Nancy said we may need to look at changing our monthly meetings, e.g., possibly quarterly, if there is a drop in members attending; if we have a contract minimum; if the lunch price increases (Liz shared that attendance was down after the increase from \$18 to \$20). Pat will pursue the contract issue with the Red Lion point of contact, emphasizing that we need flexibility. Lorie suggested the callers could query their members about meetings when they make their annual calls in August.
- Johanna announced that member Sig Preston turns 95 on Wednesday.
- Next board meeting – **Monday, August 17, 1 p.m. It will be another virtual meeting.**

2020 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS

- 09/02/20 Arts Center Task Force (ACTF) update from Julie Wiley, fundraising chair** (*confirmed; POC: Mary Binder; Mary will discuss a Zoom presentation with ACTF POC*)
- 10/07/20 C. Mark Smith presentation from his book, *Something Extraordinary*** (*confirmed; POC: Nancy Crosby*)
- 11/04/20 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction, cash/checkbook** (*confirmed; POC: Larry Williams*)
- 12/02/20 Jeff Peterson and his mellow trumpet return for another chapter holiday music program** (*tentative; POC: Liz Bowers; she will send a note to Jeff to confirm*)

2021 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS

- 01/06/21**
- 02/03/21 Jason Mercier, director, Government Reform, Washington Policy Center, will provide a Washington State legislative update** (*confirmed; POC: Mary Binder*)
- 03/03/21**
- 04/07/21 Terry & Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers, return to provide an update on the world of antiques; members bring items (no weapons) for appraisal** (*confirmed; POC: Mary Binder*)
- 05/05/21**
- 06/02/21**
- 09/01/21**
- 10/06/21**
- 11/03/21 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction** (*tentative; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: Larry Williams*)
- 12/01/21 Holiday Music Program**

Adjourn: 3:43 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary

2017 BRAINSTORMING SUGGESTED PROGRAMS – from January 2017 chapter meeting (Mary)

- 1st PNNL and Projects – completed (January 2020, 2013 chapter meetings; POC: Mary Binder)
- 2nd Hanford: Advisory board; Resource Center; EEOICP; Toxic Substances & Worker Health – update (last presentation, February 2011)
- 3rd Benton-Franklin Dal-a-Ride Service (new presentation)
- 4th Manhattan Project National Park – update (last presentation, May 2016, WSF convention)
- 5th Habitat for Humanity – update (last presentation date, unknown; Linda Bauer, point of contact)
- 5th TRIDEC (new presentation)
- 6th Audubon Society (new presentation)
- 6th CBC Observatory (new presentation)
- 6th Richland Citizens Police Academy (new presentation; Cerise Peck, 509.528.0245, point of contact)
- 6th Tri-City Union Gospel Mission (new presentation)
- 6th Uber Services (new presentation)
- 6th Veterans Coalition (new presentation)
- 6th VFW – Veterans' Benefits (new presentation)
- 7th LIGO (new presentation; chapter made a site visit, October 2014)
- 7th The Reach (update; last presentation, January 2012)
- 7th Young Marine Program (new presentation)
- 8th Animal Rescue – program overview; where to make donations (new presentation)
- 8th CBC Planetarium

OTHER POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS – new; brought forward

- Amazon call center, Kennewick – function of the center (POC: Larry Williams)
- Aviation History in the Tri-Cities – presentation by Malin Bergstrom, president, Bergstrom Aircraft, Pasco (Note: Check if this can tie into Pasco Old Airport Tower restoration; POC: Mary Binder)
- Pasco Old Airport Tower – restoration (POC: Mary Binder)
- Franklin County Historical Society – newly remodeled museum (POC: Mary Binder)
- Local/Regional Wine Industry/Wine Programs – WSU/Walla Walla programs; vineyard – how, what, why, where; winemakers – careers, background, successes, etc.; starting a winery (Liz Bowers suggestion)
- Central Basin Audubon Society (POC: Steve Howes)
- Service dogs – training and types of service (POC: Mary Binder)
- WSU Extension Service/Master Gardeners – programs, training (POC: Larry Williams; still pursuing)
- City of Kennewick's "Bridge to Bridge" Redevelopment (POC: Larry Williams)
- Drones – uses and challenges (POC: Larry Williams)
- Port Directors – update on port activities
- CBC's Culinary Arts Program
- Women Helping Women – a women/children-focused program

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS

- Dust Devils – 2020 (POC: Lorie Bennett?)
- White Bluffs/Ringold – history and current status (POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)
- Hanford Reach National Monument (POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)
- MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site (POC: Lorie Bennett; on hold)
- Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory/CBC Planetarium (POCs: Mary Binder, Larry Williams) possibly in 2016; Larry said he has talked with POC Mike Brady regarding a tour
- Lamb Weston – tour (re-contacted; awaiting a reply; POC Lorie)
- WSU Wine Science Center (tour; POC: Mary Binder)
- Registering Voters (Johanna suggestion; she updated the board on the feasibility of doing this as a way to provide NARFE/the chapter exposure; volunteers would be needed; she'll continue to get more information, e.g., would this be feasible before the November elections)
- Moore Mansion tour – Based on input from some chapter members after Brad Peck's May presentation, Larry suggested a tour of the Moore Mansion with a chapter donation to the mansion's restoration fund. Mary said she'd contact Brad to see if this would be possible.
- McNary Wildlife Refuge Tour – POC Lorie Bennett